

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Presentation

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What is domestic violence?

- ▶ Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner.
 - ▶ Physical
 - ▶ Sexual
 - ▶ Emotional
 - ▶ Technological
 - ▶ Financial / Economic

Who is affected by domestic violence?

- ▶ Every race
- ▶ Every gender
- ▶ Every age
- ▶ Every religion
- ▶ Every sexual orientation
- ▶ Every socioeconomic status

1 in 3 women and 1 in 9 men

have experienced some form of physical violence from an intimate partner

On a typical day in the United States, **20,000** phone calls are made to Domestic Violence Hotlines alone. This statistic does not include calls made to 911.

Children



1 in 15 children in the US witness domestic violence within their families

Impacts mental health

Increases risk that child will repeat unhealthy patterns in their own adult relationships

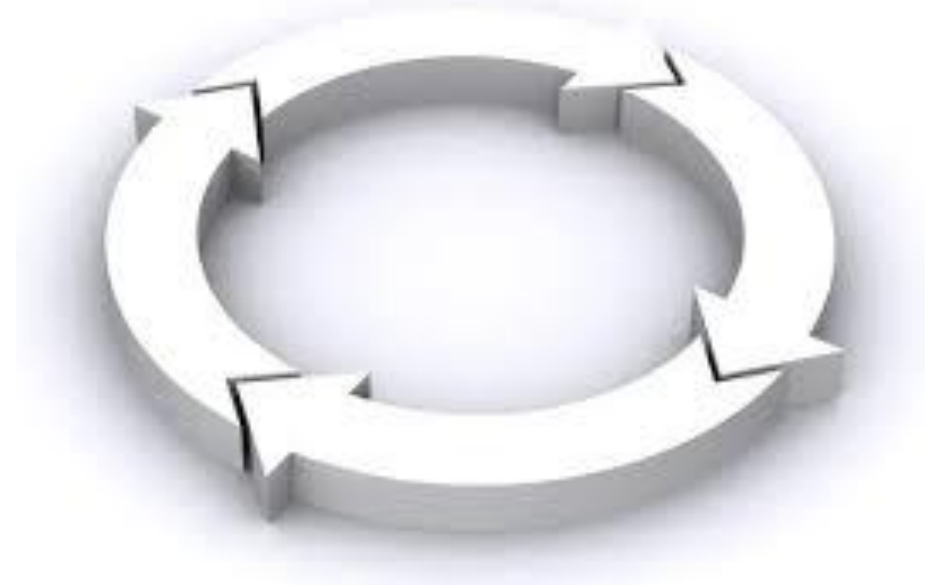
Risk of Homicides

- ▶ Between 2010 and 2020, Domestic Violence accounted for 20% of homicides in New York City
- ▶ The risk of DV homicide increases by:
 - ▶ **750%** when someone has been strangled by their intimate partner
 - ▶ **500%** when a firearm is present in the home

Spreading awareness = preventing violence, including homicides

Cycle of Abuse

- ▶ Explosion
- ▶ Honeymoon
- ▶ Tension building



Goal: provide education, support, and resources to break the cycle before violence escalates

How do we support survivors?

Queens Family Justice Center



- 126-02 82 Avenue, Kew Gardens
- 718-575-4545
- Subway: E and F to Kew Gardens-Union Turnpike
Bus: Q10, Q37, Q46, and Q60
- Open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm
- *No appointment necessary*

What to expect when you come to the Queens Family Justice Center?



**Arab-American Family
Support Center**



A one stop shop for domestic violence survivors.

Family Justice Center Partner Agencies: Meeting the Needs of All Survivors



**Mount
Sinai**

Sexual Assault and
Violence Intervention
Program



Restore



dayone

LOVE SHOULD ALWAYS BE SAFE



barrier free living

What services are available at the Queens FJC?

- ▶ Safety planning
- ▶ Applying for public benefits, shelter, housing, and other support services
- ▶ Mental health and counseling for survivors for survivors and their children
- ▶ Information on job training programs
- ▶ Referrals to education programs, including ESL
- ▶ Legal help for orders of protection, custody, visitation, child support, divorce, housing, and immigration
- ▶ Connecting to law enforcement- NYPD and District Attorneys
- ▶ Free childcare while survivor receives FJC services

Family Justice Center Partner Agencies: Providing Culturally Competent Services

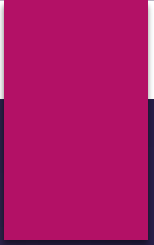


What happens if someone is arrested for Domestic Violence in Queens County?

- ▶ Case evaluated by Intake Bureau
- ▶ Defendant arraigned before a judge. An order of protection is issued.
- ▶ Case assigned to a specially trained ADA from the Domestic Violence Bureau.
- ▶ ADA will holistically review case, interview survivor, refer to services at FJC, with a #1 priority of ensuring safety
- ▶ ADA will determine appropriate plea, often including a program, in an attempt to break cycle and keep family safe.
- ▶ Case will be called in a special Domestic Violence Court

Resources & Phone Numbers

- ▶ Queens DA's Office DV Helpline: 718-286-4410
- ▶ Queens DA's Office Crime Victim Advocates Program: 718-286-6812
- ▶ Queens DA's Office DV Bureau Mainline: 718-286-6550
- ▶ NYC DV Hotline: 1 (800) 621-HOPE (4673)
- ▶ NYC DV Hotline Text Number: 233733
- ▶ If you have access to the internet but cannot make a call, visit <http://safehorizon.org/safechat> Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm
- ▶ Queens Family Justice Center: 718-575-4545
- ▶ www.QueensDA.org
- ▶ **In emergencies, call 911 for first responders.**



Questions?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.