Domestic / Dating Violence and the Campus Response

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Session Goals

Following this session, grantees will:

• Understand the definition, cycle and types of domestic / dating violence
• Understand how knowledge of domestic/dating violence informs the campus response
• Understand key considerations for how to respond to domestic /dating violence on campus

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How Prevalent is Dating / Domestic Violence on Campus?

Prevalence of Dating/ Domestic Violence on Campus

- According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence,
- 21% of college students report having experienced dating violence by a current partner
- 32% reported experiencing dating violence by a previous partner
- 13% of college women report having been forced to have sex with a dating partner
- The majority do not report
What is Dating/Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors and tactics used to inflict power and control over another person.
Domestic Violence - VAWA

- Felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed: (i) by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;  
  - (ii) by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;  
  - (iii) by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;  
  - (iv) by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or  
  - (v) by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

Dating Violence - VAWA

Violence committed by a person:
- (1) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and  
- (2) the existence of such a relationship shall be based on the reporting party’s statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

For the purposes of this definition dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. Dating Violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.
Types of Domestic Violence

What is the Cycle of Violence?

Abuse ➔ Rationalization ➔ Honeymoon ➔ Tension Building ➔ Calm Before the Storm

Knowledge:
Key Things You Should Know

Knowledge: Some Key Things to Know

- Cultural context
- The impact of stigma and domestic violence
- Protective / Peace orders for where you live or where your students live
- Mandatory arrest policy for where you live
- Immigration policy and domestic violence where you live
- Impact of psychological abuse and isolation on help-seeking
- Impact of victim blaming
- The neuroscience of trauma – being trauma-informed for domestic violence

Responses:

Key Response Areas
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- Safety planning
- Lethality Assessment
- Academic Accommodations
- Residential Accommodations
- Shelter / Emergency Housing
- Transportation
- On/Off Campus responses

Key Responses / Response Areas

- Court Accompaniment
- Collaboration with Community Partners/Advocates/Law Enforcement
- Campus Threat Assessment Team
- Judicial Affairs
- Stay Away Orders/Protective Orders
Responding to dating / domestic violence on campus requires specialized knowledge and training, real-time coordination and safety planning, firm knowledge and skill with systems on and off campus, and a trauma- and culturally-informed approach.

Questions & Answers