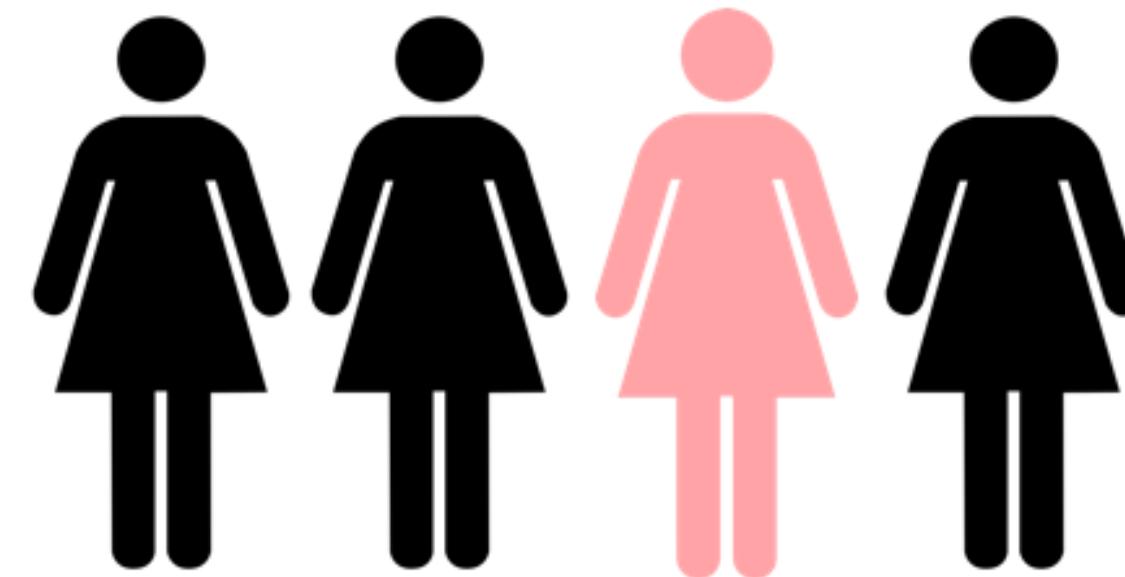


Domestic Violence

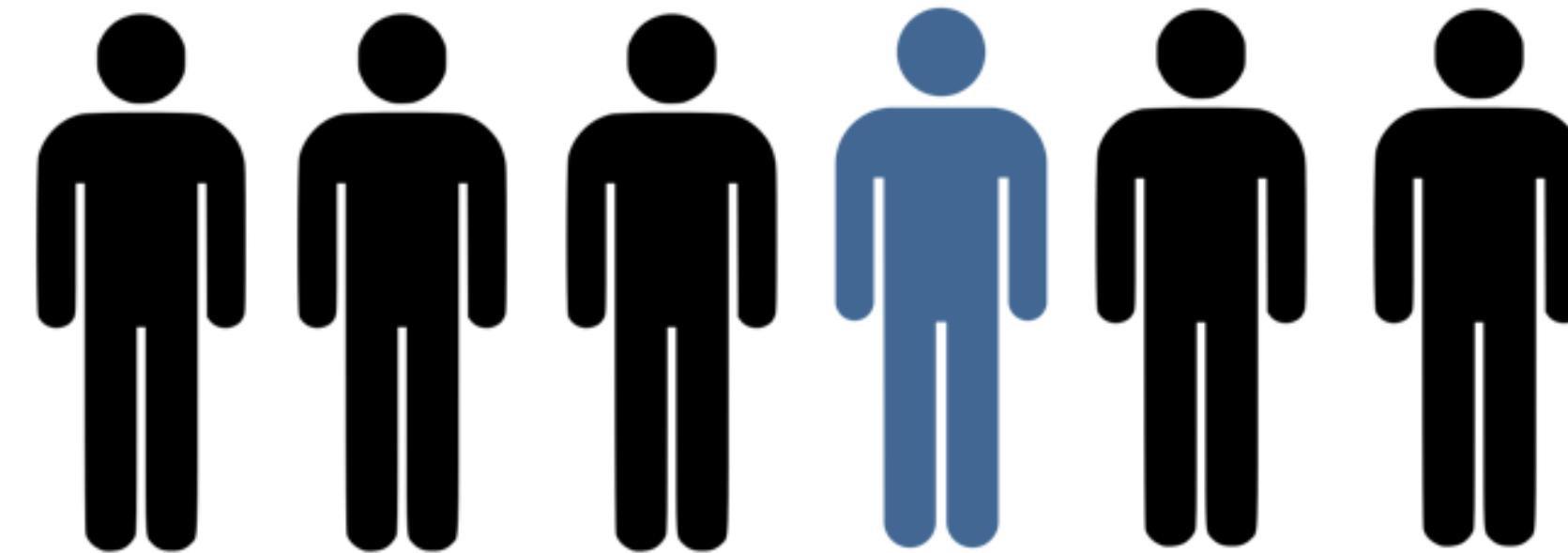
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Client Advocate Safehome

"Violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified.

Violence in any form-physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful; often, it is a crime as well." USCCB, When I Call for Help, 2002.



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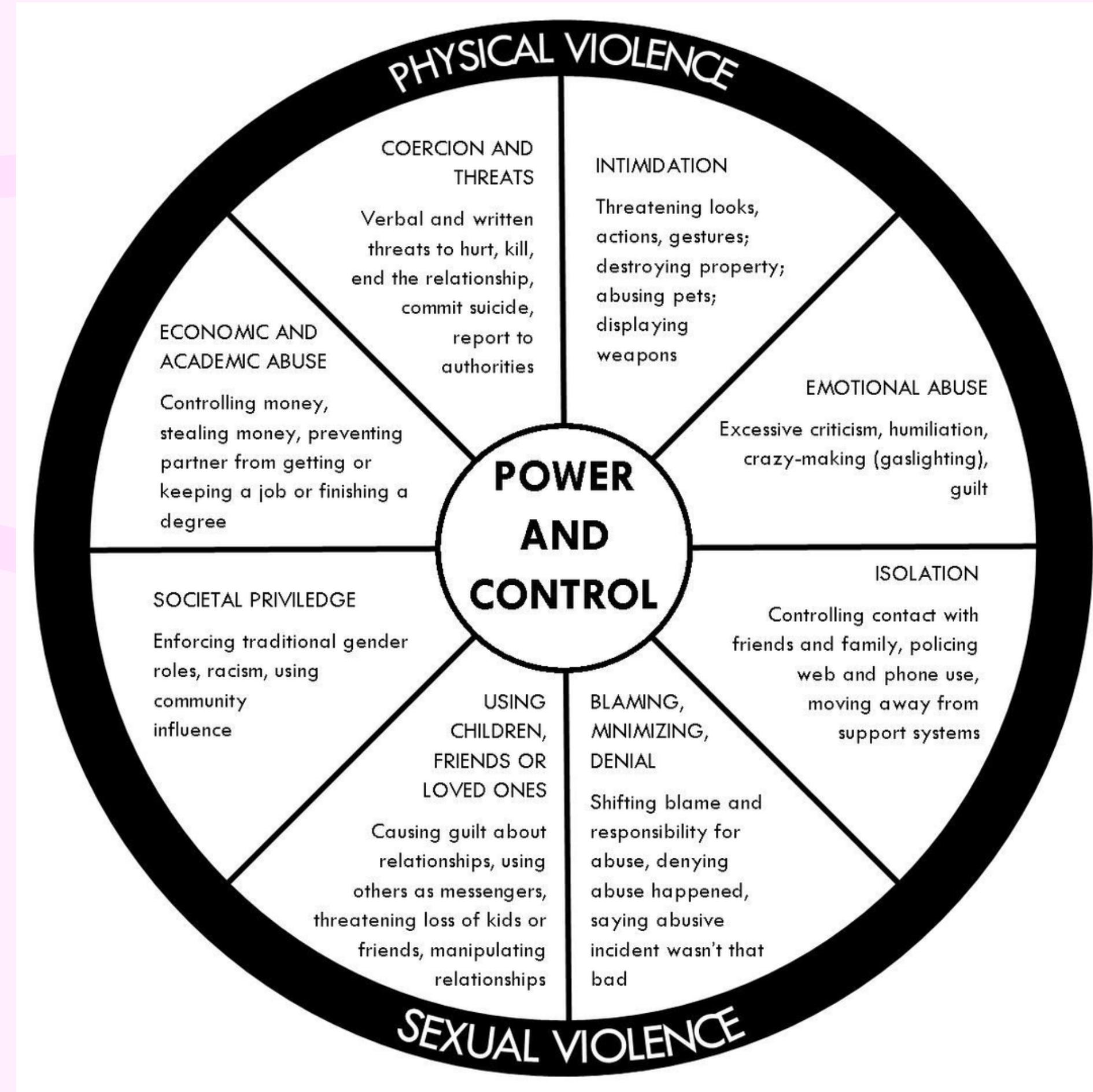


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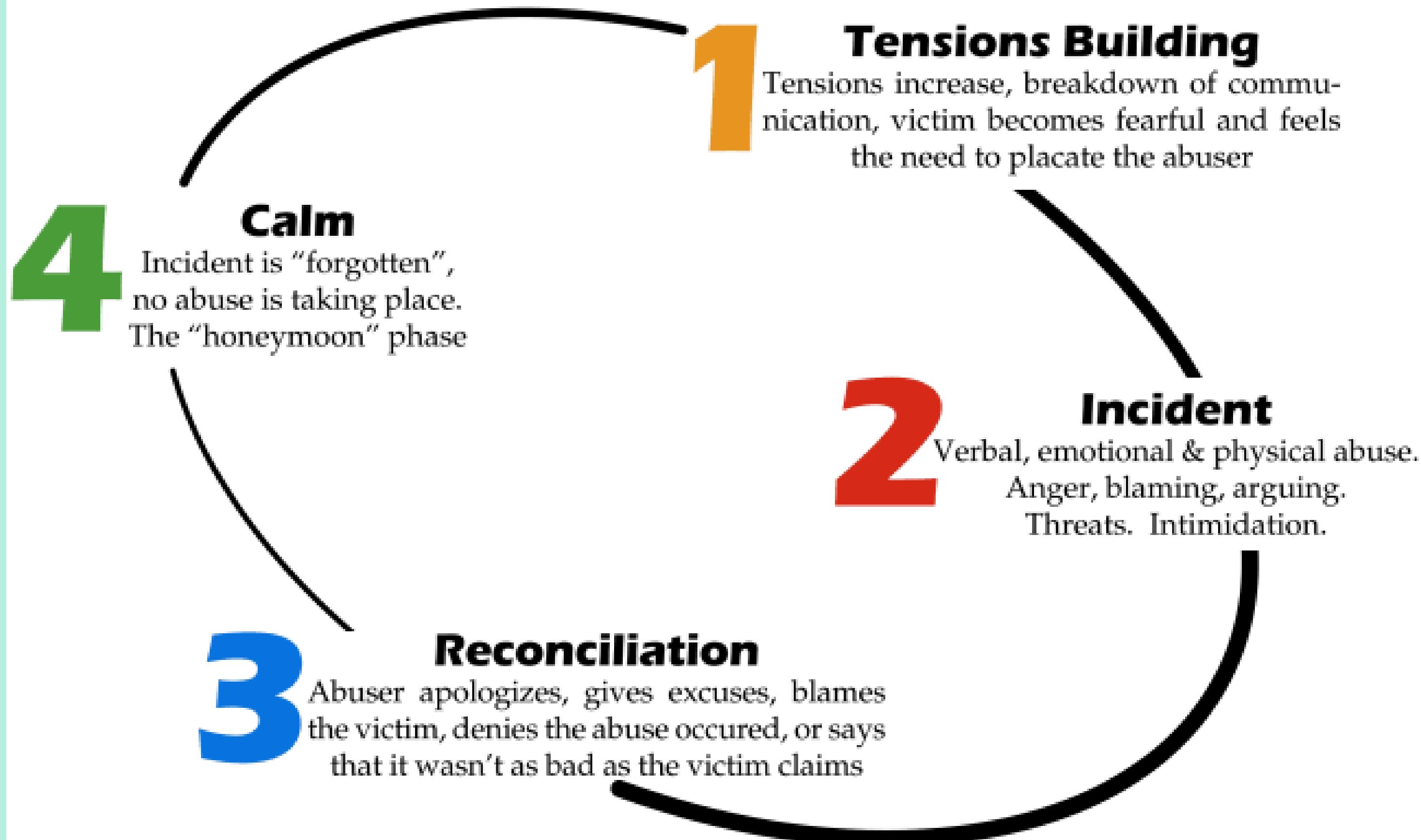


What is it?

Domestic violence is most easily defined as a relationship where one party maintains power and control over the other party by means of abusive tactics.



Cycle of Abuse



Red Flags

- Possessiveness
- Constant checking in of whereabouts
- Keeping pregnant (reproductive coersion)
- Anxiety around being worthy/ not being good enough
- Never goes anywhere without partner
- Isolated
- An abuser may be someone who is very esteemed in the community.
- Uses scripture to punish spouse.

Why Abused Women Stay in Abusive Relationships

She Feels
Emotionally
Trapped



#1

She still
loves the
abuser



#10

She is afraid to
leave because of
lack of money



#9

She May Not
Realize
It's Abuse



#8



She Has
Nowhere
Else to Live

#2

She Doesn't
Want to Break
Up the Family

#3



She Believes
He'll Change

#4

Fear
She Fears
Her Abuser

#5

#6
She Lacks
Support of
Family
and Friends



#7

She Believes
She Provokes It



Ways to Support these families

MARRIAGE COUNSELING IS NOT AN OPTION

Abusers can manipulate the therapist.

Survivors will be unable to freely express what is going on for fear of repercussions.



It's okay to take a break!



Abuser

- This is a person who NEEDS help.
- However, they may not be willing or able to accept it.
- They are also master manipulators.
- This will never be safe unless they are willing to change.
- Many abusers have been victimized in the past.
- This pattern of behavior also may have been observed in parental relationships
- Batterers intervention programs and individual counseling are all good options
- You can not condone their behavior, it is never okay to treat someone cruelly

Survivor

Be Gentle it can take 10 times for a Survivor to leave their abuser.

- Believe what they are experiencing!
- Help them make a plan.
- Get them in touch with an advocate
- Is leaving right now a safe option?
- Make sure they have been medically checked out.
- Should the police get involved?
- What are the barriers to leaving?
- Provide support.
- They may struggle to let go of the relationship





Children

- Listen to them
- Have they also been abused?
- Make sure that they know that abusive behavior is not okay.
- This is a lot of change in their family life right now.
- Make church a safe place.
- Help the family find childcare during this time.
- Kids may experience behavior regression.
- They may also try to victimize the non-abusive parent



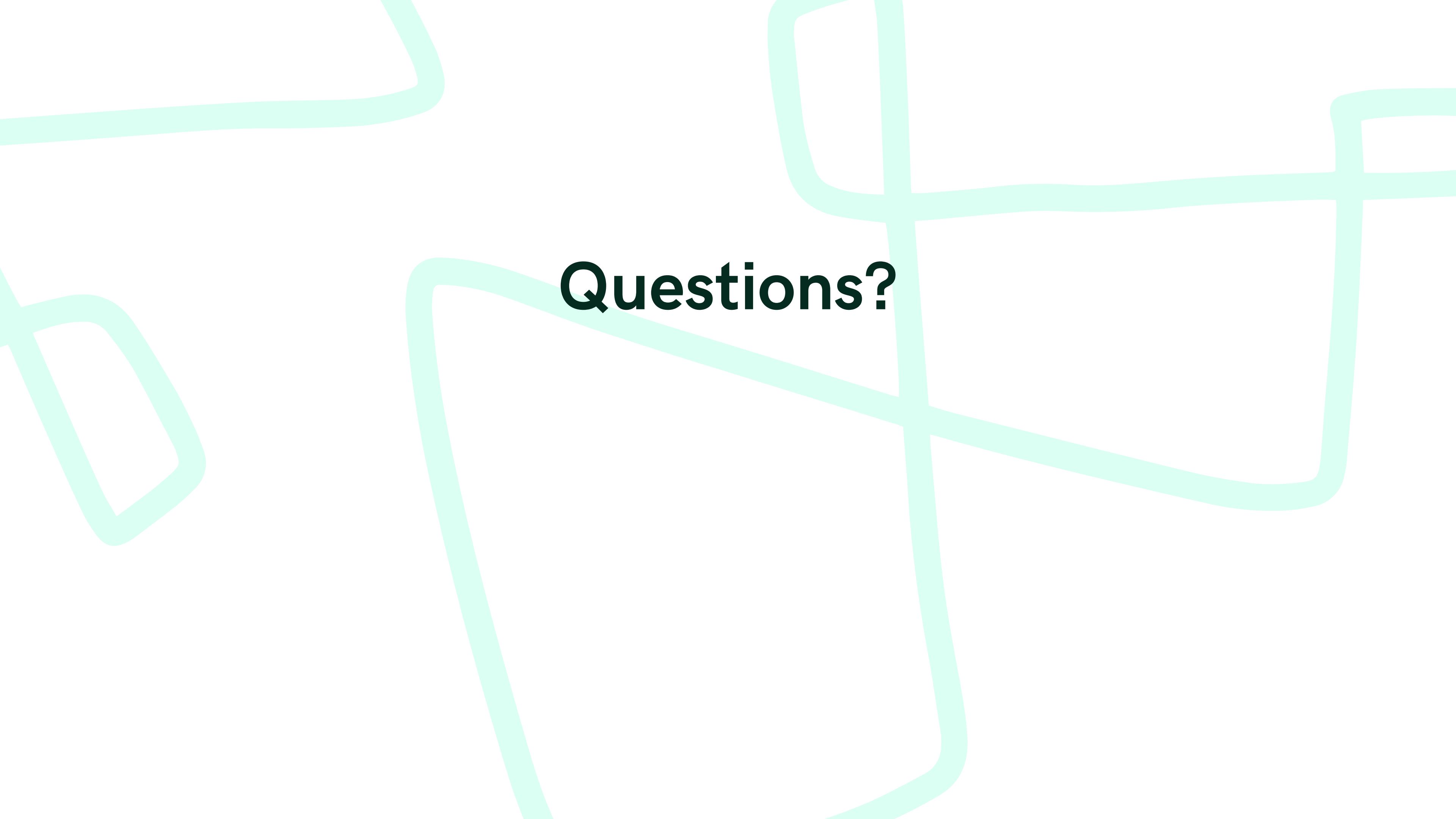
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Domestic Violence
has ripple affects
through the lives of
survivors



Currently Available Community Resources

Rosebrooks	KCMO	816-861-6100
Hope House	Independance/ Lee's Summit	816-461-4673
New House	NE KCMO	816-471-5800
Safe Haven	Northland	816-321-7050
Safehome	Johnson and Miami County	913-262-2868
Joyce Williams	KCK	913-321-0951
MOCSA	KC Metro	816-931-4527



Questions?