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Did you know.....?

“Domestic Violence”

- “Domestic Violence”: (a) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault, between family or household members; (b) sexual assault of one family or household member by another; or (c) stalking (as defined in RCW 9A.46.110 of one family or household member by another family or household member. – *RCW 26.50.010(3)*
- “Family or Household members”: current or former spouses, current or former domestic partners, persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time, adult persons related by blood or marriage, adult persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past, persons sixteen years of age or older who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past and who have or have had a dating relationship, persons sixteen years of age or older with whom a person sixteen years of age or older has or has had a dating relationship, and persons who have a biological or legal parent-child relationship, including stepparents and stepchildren and grandparents and grandchildren. – *RCW 26.50.010(6)*

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner which means that more than 10 million women and men are victims of physical violence annually. Domestic violence is a serious, pervasive and preventable problem that spans across every demographic group of society: every income level, every cultural background, every age bracket and in every city. While most who are victimized are female, many men suffer as victims of domestic violence as well. The devastating effects of domestic violence are most keenly felt by the *(Continued on page 2...)*



"Dating relationship" means a social relationship of a romantic nature. Factors that the court may consider in making this determination include: (a) The length of time the relationship has existed; (b) the nature of the relationship; and (c) the frequency of interaction between the parties. -*RCW 26.50.010(2)*

For a list of Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment programs, go to

www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/domestic-violence/domestic-violence-perpetrator-treatment

For those who are victims of Domestic Violence:

In emergencies, call 911

To contact your local DV advocate In SeaTac: **206-973-4634**

www.cityofseatac.com/index.aspx?page=126

In King County: **1-800-562-6025**

www.kingcounty.gov/depts/jails/re-source-guide/domestic-violence.aspx

Also, the YWCA supports the safety of domestic violence survivors in Seattle and South King County through community advocacy programs, support groups, and housing assistance.

www.ywcaworks.org/dvprograms

For anonymous, confidential help 24/7, call The National Domestic Violence Hotline at **1-800-799-7233**

For additional information, visit www.ncadv.org

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victims of the abuse, but there are also long lasting negative impacts on the children within the home. Some estimates show that one in fifteen children are exposed to domestic violence each year, and ninety percent of those children are actually a witness to the violence.* Children within an abusive home may learn abusive behaviors as coping mechanisms which they may exhibit in their adult relationships later in life. Domestic violence impacts all areas of a person’s life including their physical and mental health, their ability to acquire housing, their ability to focus on their education, their ability to secure and maintain meaningful employment, their ability to maintain a stable home life, their ability to maintain stable, healthy social and family relationships, and their ability to function within their community.

Besides the impact domestic violence has on a person’s physical, mental and emotional health, domestic violence impacts society at large as well. Domestic violence results in lost productivity when employees don’t show up to work. Victims of domestic violence lose a total of 8 million days of paid work each year.* The cost of domestic violence exceeds \$8.3 billion per year.* *(Continued on page 4....)*

-Nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men experienced sexual violence victimization other than rape at some point in their lives.

-Women with a household income of less than \$50,000 have a significantly higher prevalence of domestic violence. *Courtesy, Center for Disease Control*

FACTS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE & STALKING

BY UNDERSTANDING THESE TYPES OF VIOLENCE, WE CAN TAKE ACTION
TO STOP THEM BEFORE THEY START IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

*Intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual
violence, and stalking are widespread*

...impacting millions of Americans each year

20

people per minute

are victims of physical violence
by an intimate partner in the
United States.■



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And between 21-60% of domestic violence victims lose their jobs due to reasons stemming from the abuse.* Substance abuse and juvenile delinquency are also often associated with domestic violence. For more information, visit www.ncadv.org.

There are avenues for treatment and assistance for those who commit or are affected by domestic violence. For those who commit domestic violence acts, there are many counseling agencies and treatment providers with staff who are experienced and trained to help build healthy relationships and to teach new coping mechanisms and more productive, healthy ways to deal with conflict and other difficult issues. Likewise, many agencies offer counseling and treatment for substance abuse which is often, but not always, a part of the underlying issue.

For those who suffer as victims of domestic violence, advocates may be able to provide assistance through the legal system and help to obtain protection orders, access to safe housing and other resources.

*Statistics courtesy of www.ncadv.org; See also, How employment helps female victims of intimate partner violence: A qualitative study. Rothman, Emily F.; Hathaway, Jeanne; Stidsen, Andrea; de Vries, Heather F. Journal of Occupational Health Psychology, Vol 12(2), Apr 2007, 136-143. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/1076-8998.12.2.136>



Source: National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, www.ncdsv.org



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