



Effects of Domestic Violence on Children



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS!

- 6 million women a year are abused , of that 2 to 4 thousand die as a result of their injuries.
- The most dangerous rooms in the home are the kitchen, bathroom and the bedroom. Most fatal domestic violence episodes end in one of these rooms.
- 50% of all girls who grow up with domestic violence in their childhood, grow up to be abused in their adult relationships.
- Every day, seven (7) women die at the hands of their abuser.

SOME OF THE SIGNS OF A POTENTIAL BATTERER

- Criticizes you for little things
- Humiliates you in front of others
- Angers easily when drinking or on drugs
- Discourages your relationships with family and friends

Children in homes where domestic violence occurs are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate of 1500% higher than the national average in the general population.

Over 60% of young men aged eighteen (18) to twenty-two (22) who are incarcerated for homicide are convicted

Domestic Violence is a Crime. No one has the right to threaten or harm another person.

EVERYONE HAS THE HUMAN RIGHT NOT TO BE HIT!

New Start Center is a private, non-profit, charitable organization which began on July 1, 2000 for the purpose of assisting abused women and their children. Our services are available free of charge to all physically or emotionally abused women and their children. Criteria for acceptance and participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap.

Client Services

24 Hour Crisis Line

(337)394-8559

Emergency Shelter

Individual Advocacy

Individual Counseling

Educational/Support Groups

Court Escorts

Transportation

Hospital Escorts

You can support the New Start Center Program by making a *tax-deductible* donation that will aid battered women and their children in securing shelter, counseling and alternatives to violence.

Please make checks payable to:

New Start Center

P.O. Box 504

St. Martinville, LA., 70582

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

_____ I've enclosed a donation.

_____ I would like information on volunteer opportunities.

What is Physical Abuse?

- pushing and shoving
- holding someone to keep them from leaving
- slapping and biting
- kicking and choking
- hitting and punching
- throwing objects
- locking someone out of the house
- abandoning someone in dangerous places
- refusing to help when someone is ill
- subjecting someone to reckless driving
- threatening someone with a weapon
- using a weapon against someone

What is Sexual Abuse?

- telling jokes or making demeaning remarks about sex
- treating women as sex objects
- getting jealously angry, accusing someone of involvement with others
- insisting that someone dress in a more or less sexual way than that person wants to
- minimizing the importance of a woman's feelings about sex
- criticizing someone sexually
- insisting on unwanted and/or uncomfortable touching
- withholding sex and affection
- raping a woman
- forcing particular unwanted sex acts
- publicly showing sexual interest in other women

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