



The comprehensive resource on domestic violence

Tip Sheet on Linkages Among Forms of Violence

“The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1963)

- Different forms of violence share risk and protective factors.
- Exposure to one form of violence is a risk factor for another form of violence.
- Intervention into one form of violence can be prevention of another.
- Domestic violence and child maltreatment co-occur from 30% to 60% of the time, with a median of 40% overlap.
 - American Psychological Association, 2001
- Slightly more than half of female victims of Intimate Partner Violence live in households with children under age 12.
 - U.S. Department of Justice, 1998
- Child witnessing of domestic violence is a significant and consistent predictor of adolescent perpetration of and victimization of relationship violence.
 - Hotelling & Sugarman, 1986
- Men who were sexually abused as children are more likely to severely abuse their adult partner.
 - Heise, 1998; Saunders, 1995
- In a study of 2,245 children and teens, recent exposure to violence in the home was a significant predictor of the youth’s violence behavior in the community.
 - Song, Singer & Anglin, 1998
- Approximately 20 percent of children from abusive homes commit delinquent acts as juveniles and 25 percent of these go on to commit crimes as adults.
 - Loeber & Stouthamer-Loeber, 1987

“These violent delights have violent ends.”

- William Shakespeare