

Addressing Domestic Violence in the Asian/Pacific Islander Communities

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Domestic Violence as a Health Issue

- 1 out of 3 women report physical or sexual abuse
- 37% of women who went to emergency rooms for violence-related injuries were injured by intimate partners
- Homicide is a leading cause of traumatic death for pregnant and postpartum women
- The costs of intimate partner violence exceed \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health care services.



What is domestic violence?

- Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used by one person, or a group of people, to maintain power and control over someone else. It can happen in romantic or familial relationships. Domestic violence can involve verbal, emotional, psychological, sexual, economic, or physical forms of abuse.

Power and Control Wheel



Barriers to Services



- Isolation
- Fear of immigration repercussions
- Lack of linguistic and culturally appropriate resources

DVRP: Breaking Down Barriers to Health

- Providing multilingual, individualized services
- Raising awareness about domestic violence on community level
- Building cultural competency of service providers

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