



Overview

Violence against women is an urgent criminal and public health problem with devastating consequences for women, children, and families.

The need for Domestic Violence education has never been greater.

- **2-4 million women are physically battered each year by their partners.**
- **It is estimated that 21-30% of all women in the United States have been beaten by a partner at least once.**

Historically, however, educational formats on Domestic Violence have not given the needed emphasis on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. This disorder is often a lingering after effect associated with abuse.

- **Every day in America, 72 million women (age range: 18-36) are affected, in varying degrees, by PTSD.**

Some of the symptoms of PTSD include: recurrent nightmares or flashbacks, a feeling of emotional numbness, and a state of nervous arousal that leaves victims feeling constantly jumpy and irritable, unable to relax or feel completely safe.

Additionally, the adverse effects to children involved in this tragic issue have not been in the forefront.

- **Over 180 million children (age range: birth-18) are subjected to Domestic Violence and have mothers with the debilitating**

disorder of PTSD. Many of these children have PTSD.

These problems cost us dearly in economic and human terms. We are dedicated to educating the public about these these issues and ***present timely presentations for today.***

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