



# How to define 'Domestic Violence'?

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- Severity
- Frequency
- Duration
- Relationship
- Assessor's variable
  - Value
  - Experience



# Type of Batterer

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- Holtzworth-Munroe & Stuart's (1994) Typology
  - Family-only
  - Dysphoric / Borderline Personality
  - Anti-social Personality



# Type of Batterer

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- Family Only
  - High Dependency on Partner
  - Low Levels of Impulsivity
  - Poor Communication Skills
  - Family of Origin Violence



# Type of Batterer

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- Dysphoric/ Borderline Personality
  - Parental Rejection
  - Child Abuse (Family of Origin Violence)
  - High Dependency on Partner
  - Poor Communication
  - Poor Social Skills
  - Hostile to Women
  - Low Remorse



# Type of Batterer

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- Anti-social Personality
  - Family of Origin Violence
  - Delinquency
  - Deficits in Communication, Social Skills
  - Violence Viewed as Appropriate Response



# Conceptualization of Domestic Violence

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- Neurobiological Explanation
- Social Learning Theory
- Donald G. Dutton (2000)
  - Abusive Personality
- Structural Family Therapy
- Feminism



# Psychological Impact on the Battered

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- Battered Woman Syndrome
  - Learned Helplessness
  - Depression
  - Cycle of Violence
    - Tension Building
    - Acute Battering Incident
    - Loving Contrition



# Psychological Impact on the Battered

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- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
  - Re-experiencing
    - Memory, Flashback, Nightmare
  - Avoidance
    - Thoughts, Place, People, Activity
  - Increased Arousal
    - Hypervigilant, Sleeping Problem, Concentration Problem





# Psychological Impact on the Battered

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- Parenting
  - Lower Parental Warmth
  - Poor Tolerance for Stress
  - Over Focus on Negative Behavior
  - Higher Control
  - React with Aggression or Withdrawal
  - Role Confusion

# Psychological Impact on Child Victim



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- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
  - Re-experiencing
    - Repetitive play, nightmares, night terrors,
    - Separation Anxiety, Stranger Anxiety
  - Avoidance
    - Spacing out, Phobic behavior, Regressive Behavior, School Refusal, Dissociate
  - Increased Arousal
    - Sleeping Problem, Oppositional, Inattentive to Instructions, Startle Response

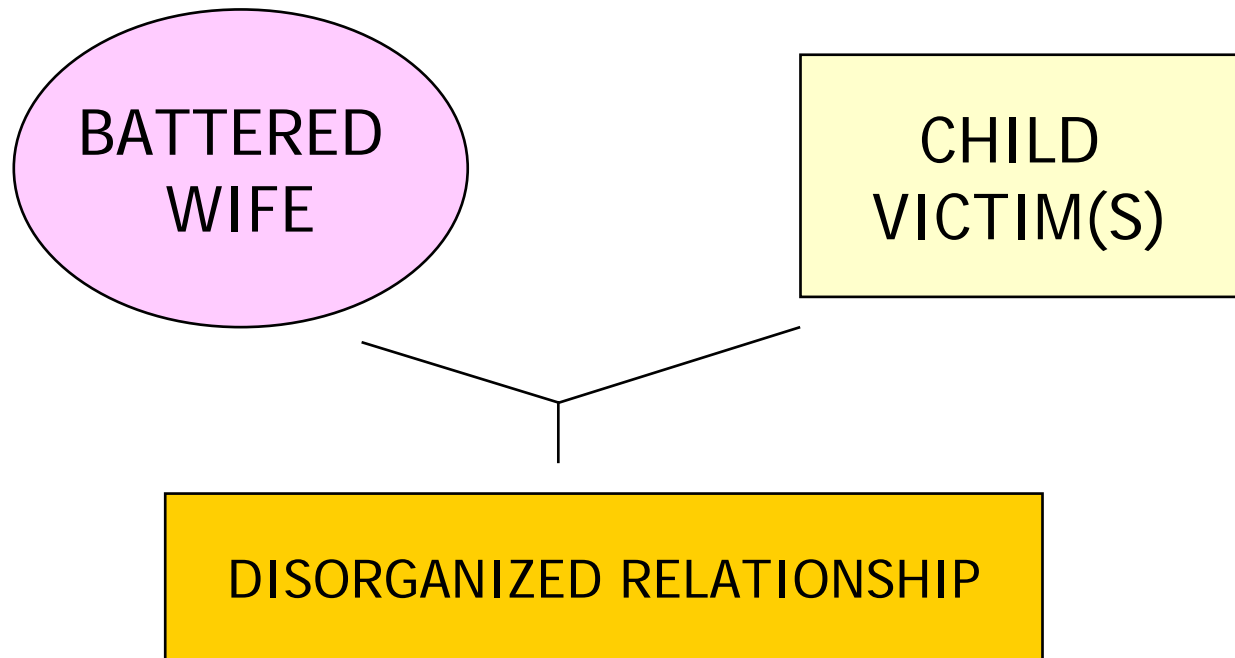


# Psychological Impact on Child Victim

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- Psychosomatic Problem
  - Bedwetting, Headache
- Childhood Depression
- Anger, Aggression and Revenge
- Powerlessness and Pseudo-Power
- Self-image, Shame, Self-isolation
- Underachieve or Overachieve

# Effect on Parenting Stress





# Consideration on Intervention

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- Batterer minimizes violence; Battered underestimates violence
- Effect of joint interview
- Spouse Abuse Vs Child Abuse
- Possible negative impact of intervention when violence not ceased
- Risk in separation



# Working With Larger System

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- Integrating the work of different subsystems and agencies is apt to be time-consuming, but perhaps no more than handling the negative effects of poor coordination.
- Understanding that different agencies are interactive forces within the network encompassing a family is a cornerstone of collaborative work. If professionals can accept their connections and find alternative ways of handling their differences, they will increase the efficiency of the system and improve the quality of help offered to their clients.



# Mental Health of Caseworker

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- Emotional Reaction
- Counter-transference
- System Effect
- Team Support
- Positive Thinking
- Stress Management