



Rapid Risk Assessment Program (RAP) for First Responders

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Domestic Violence Homicides

- 1 in 3 women who is a victim of homicide is murdered by her current or former partner.
(Bureau of Justice Statistics Crime Data Brief)
- 1,500 DV homicides/year in U.S.
- For every 1 homicide, 8-9 near homicides

Domestic Violence Homicide

1976: 1,587 women + 1,304 men = 2,894

2005: 1,181 women + 329 men = 1,510

48% reduction overall

75% reduction for men

26% reduction for women

Connection to a DV Organization Increases Safety

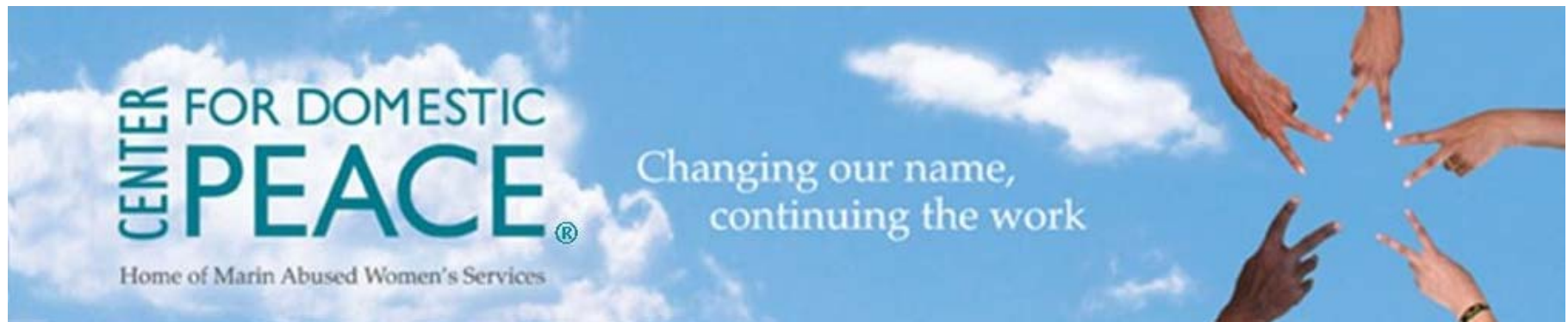
- There is a **60% reduction** in risk of severe assault when victims utilize domestic violence shelter services. (*Jacquelyn Campbell, 1995*)
- Abused women who used domestic violence services were **almost never** the victim of murder or attempted murder. (*Jacquelyn Campbell, 2004*)

PREVENTION OPPORTUNITY!

- **Only 4%** of victims of actual or attempted intimate partner homicide had utilized domestic violence programs. (*Jacquelyn Campbell, 2004*)
- Law enforcement was previously on scene in **50% of domestic violence homicides**

Rapid Risk Assessment Program (RAP)

To prevent domestic violence homicides, serious injury, and re-assault by encouraging more victims to utilize the support and shelter services of domestic violence programs.



For victims:

- 24/7 Hotline
 - English/Spanish
 - Safety Planning
 - Crisis Counseling
- Community Advocacy Program (CAP)
- Marin Youth Services
- Support Groups
- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing

For abusers:

- Men's 24/7 hotline
 - English/Spanish
- Mankind
- Womankind

Prevention:

- Transforming Communities (TC-TAT)
- Healthy & Equal Relating workshops

Why RAP?

- The RAP links high risk victims unlikely to seek services to local domestic violence programs
- Enables high risk victims to receive critical safety planning help
- Increases awareness of danger and lethality for victims and screeners
- It empowers victims to take positive action to protect themselves.
- Increases communication between community partners

STEP 1. Assess

Ask the following 5 questions. Call the Center for Domestic Peace Hotline if the victim answers yes to any questions, as this indicates an increased risk for homicide or serious injury. A personal call to Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP) hotline, with permission from the victim, is highly recommended.

- 1) Does he/she (the abuser) control where you go, who you talk to, or how you spend your money?
- 2) Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?
- 3) Has he/she threatened you or your children?
- 4) Do you think he/she might try to kill you?
- 5) Has he/she ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to?

STEP 2. Inform

Let the victim know that:

She/he is in danger and that in situations similar to hers/his, people have been killed or seriously injured.

STEP 3. Ask

Ask permission to call the Center for Domestic Peace hotline to get a counselor on the phone to talk with victim:
"May I have your permission to call Center for Domestic Peace and get a counselor who can talk to you right now? Their counselors are trained experts on safety planning and can help you anytime, day or night. It is completely free and we have found that on average those who work with them are safer. May I get them on the phone now?"

****If the victim says yes, explain that their conversation with the counselor will be confidential.****

STEP 4. Connect

Call a Center for Domestic Peace hotline: 415-924-6616 English; 415-924-3456 Spanish

Tell the counselor your name and that you "are working with someone who would like to talk to a domestic violence counselor for safety reasons." Give phone to the victim and give them privacy, if possible. Remember that their conversation with the hotline counselor is confidential and that they are not required to share it with you. The hotline counselor will let you know the outcome of the phone call if the victim gives permission but may not be able to follow up with you further unless the victim gives permission.

STEP 5. Ask Again and Follow-Up

Follow up with the victim

If the victim says no, then ask: *"I would like you to reconsider, I am very worried that people in situations like yours do get killed or seriously injured. Will you please let me call and get a counselor on the line for you?"*

If they say no again, then ask: *"Here is their number, so you can call anytime. Will it be all right if I check in with you in a day or so to see if you were able to make contact with the Center for Domestic Peace?"*

GO THE EXTRA MILE:

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2) INFORM

IF “YES”,

- INFORM: *“You are in danger and other people in similar situations have been killed or seriously injured.”*

IF “NO” TO ALL/COULD NOT PARTICIPATE,

- INFORM: *“I am concerned for your safety. Each of those questions refers to a sign that you could be at risk for being killed or seriously injured. Keep them in mind. If you ever need help, you can call Center for Domestic Peace.”*

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- **Follow up - GO THE EXTRA MILE!**

Maryland Lethality Assessment Report

2006-2009; 4yr totals

Estimated Population: 5,672,000

Lethality Screens	High Danger	Non-High Danger	Did Not Answer	“Positives” who spoke to DV counselor	“Spoke to” who went for services
22,428 15.4/day	54%	39%	7%	59% 4.9/day	30% 1.4/day

Through September 1, 2010

Participating and committed law enforcement agencies:	106 (92% of 115 agencies)
Participating domestic violence programs:	20 (100% of 20)
Involved Counties [including Baltimore City]:	24 (100% of 24)
Total Population Being and to Be Served:	4,607,000 (81% of 5,672,000)

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