**CCR Problem-Solving**

1. Identify and document problem
2. Expand understanding of problem, ensure victim involvement, interview, conduct focus groups
3. Identify sources of problem
4. Approach decision-makers in proposal for change
5. Working group meetings, develop solutions
6. Draft initial proposal for change, check with experts
7. Present, get everyone on board to implement, provide training
8. Implement, problem-solve, refine, integrate into practice, check for unintended consequences, evaluate

**Context is Critical**

Failing to distinguish one kind of domestic violence from another can:

- Endanger victims of ongoing violence
- Result in inappropriate responses by law enforcement, prosecutors and the court, advocates, and counselors
- Embolden perpetrators

**“Context” Means**

- INTENT in offender’s use of violence
- MEANING of the violence to the victim
- EFFECT of acts on the victim
- How this incident fits with previous patterns of behavior
1. Pattern of violence with coercive control
2. Responding to or resisting a pattern of ongoing violence
   - Self defense (legal)
   - Retaliation (illegal)
3. Violence without coercive control

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