# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA



A report on where we are today, 15 years after Beijing

### Objectives

- Why Am I Here?
- Current State of North Carolina and Domestic Violence
- North Carolina Pre-Beijing Conference
- North Carolina Post-Beijing Conference
  - Introducing InterAct
  - Solutions for the Future

#### What is Domestic Violence?

Behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Partners may be married or unmarried, heterosexual, gay, or lesbian, living together, separated, or dating.

## PHYSICAL VIOLENCE SEXUAL

USING COERCION AND THREATS

Making and/or carrying out threats to do something to hurt her . threatening to leave her, to commit. suicide, to report her to welfare making her do illegal ECONOMIC ABUSE things

USING INTIMIDATION

Making her afraid by using looks, actions, gestures smashing things.

 destroving her property - abusing pets - displaying weapons

USING EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Preventing her from getting or keeping a job - making her ask for monev - giving her an allowance • taking her money not letting her know about or have access to family income.

**POWER** AND CONTROL

Putting her down - making her feel bad about herself calling her names - making her think she's crazy - playing mind games · humiliating her making her feel guilty

USING MALE PRIVILEGE

USING

Treating her like a servant making all the big decisions acting like the "master of the castle" - being the one to define men's and women's roles.

USING CHILDREN

Making her feel quilty about the children • using the children to relay messages - using visitation to harass her - threatening to take the children away

USING ISOLATION

Controlling what she does, who she sees and talks to. what she reads, where she goes • limiting her outside involvement - using jealousy to justify actions

MINIMIZING. DENYING AND BLAMING

Making light of the abuse and not taking her concerns about it seriously saving the abuse didn't happen -shifting the responsibility for abusive behavior - saving

PAYSICAL VIOLENCE SEXUAL

#### Just a Few Statistics

2008-2009

9 million the total estimated population 12% decrease

#### 2006-2007

8 ½ million the total estimated population 47, 000 victims of domestic violence 2% decrease

### For Comparison

2005-2006

8 ½ million the total estimated population 48,000 victims of domestic violence 5% decrease

2004-2005

8 million the total estimated population 51,000 Victims of domestic violence 10% decrease

# North Carolina Pre-Beijing Conference



#### 1970's

**1978** 

First domestic violence shelter opens

#### 1979

23 programs, eleven of them shelters are opened across N.C.



#### 1980's

1980

N.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence is established

1983

53 programs, 20 with shelters are operating across the state

1986

Pro restraining order legislation is passed.

1990's

1992

The Stalking Bill is passed

1993

Marital Rape legislation is passed

#### 1995

Convicted batterers must attend an abuser treatment program if one is available

# North Carolina Post Beijing Conference



1995-Present

## Article 5, Section A

States parties shall take appropriate measures to modify the cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, with a view to achieving elimination of prejudices and customary and all other practices, which are based on the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of either of the sexes or stereotypes roles for men and women



#### N.C. House Bill 1354

Domestic Violence Offender Treatment

- Strangulation Offense
- Amended Habitual Misdemeanor Assault Statute

Conform State Firearms Law to Federal Law

 Prohibit Employment Discrimination Against Victims

# InterAct



A model for providing services to those suffering within the community from domestic violence, sexual assault/rape

#### Introducing InterAct

#### Mission:

"Providing safety, and support to victims and survivors of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault"



# Services Provided by InterAct

Crisis Intervention

Residential Counseling

Community Education and Training

Youth Education Services

Rape Intervention Education

# Family Safety and Empowerment Center

































eliminating racism empowering women VWCa



#### Community Impact

■ 778 volunteers provided 20,000 hours of service which equals \$396,000 worth of service



■ 89% of those helped by InterAct do NOT return to their abuser

■ 36,000 individuals served in 2008

#### For the Future...

Continue to Raise Awareness

- Earmark Funding
- Continue Research on the Issue of Domestic Violence

- Promote Local Organizations
- Lobby for Stronger Legislation (Such as CEDAW!)

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