



# Responding to Interpersonal Violence (IPV) Through Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPS)



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# Objectives

- Identify prevalence and co-occurrence of HIV, IPV, and SUD
- Describe dynamics of IPV
- Respond effectively to IPV disclosures
- Implement skills in SEP settings



# SAVA Syndemic Overview

- **Correlation between HIV, IPV, SUD=**
  - SAVA (substance abuse, violence, HIV/AIDS) Syndemic





# SAVA Syndemic Overview

*“The Substance Abuse, Violence, and HIV/AIDS (SAVA) syndemic describes how the confluence of the three epidemics of substance abuse, violence, and HIV risk interact and work synergistically to exacerbate and create excess burden among vulnerable populations.”*

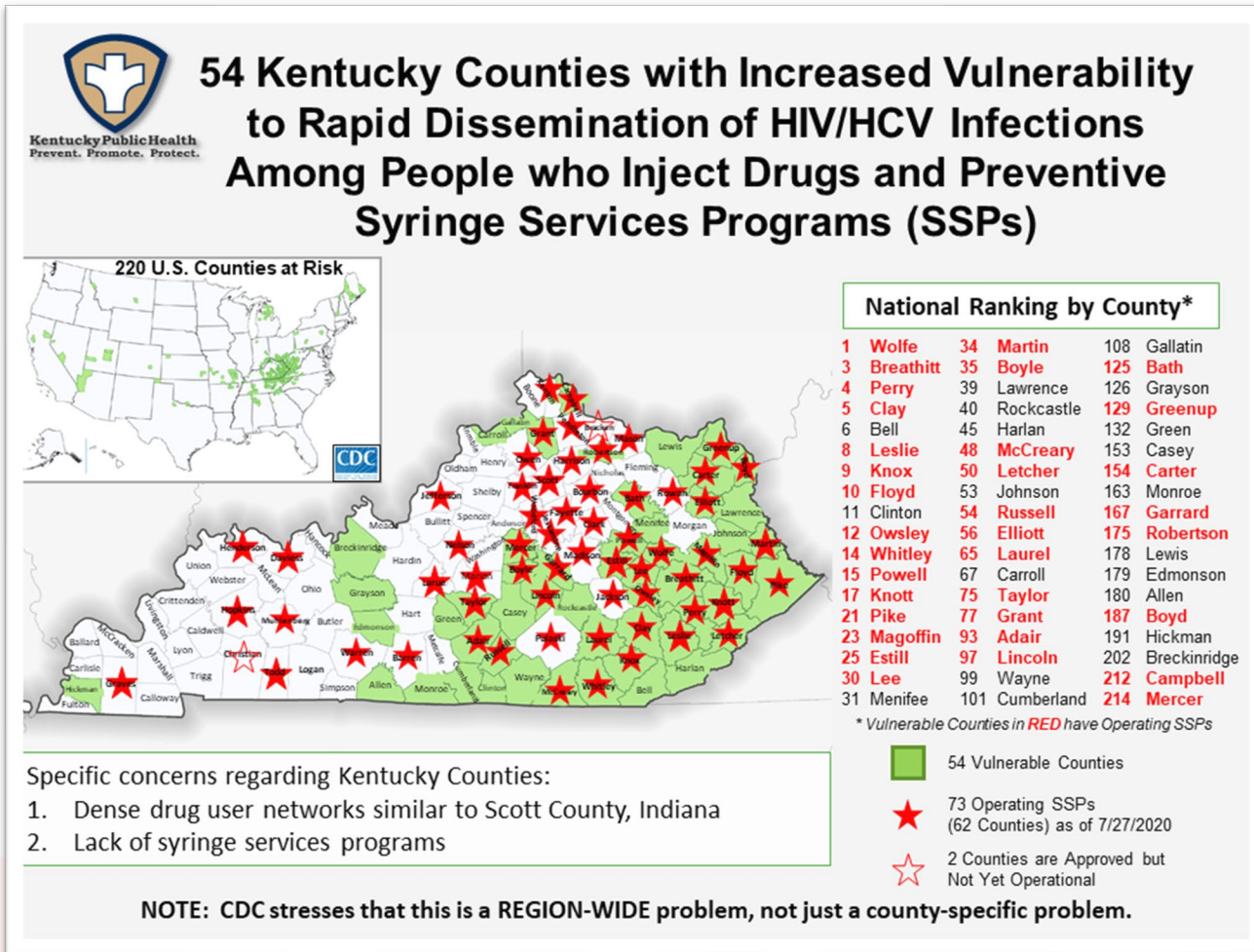
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# SAVA Syndemic Overview

- **SUD is correlated with increased high risk sex behavior**
- **SUD is also correlated with IPV**
- **IPV is a risk factor for HIV**
- **Women of color in the US are disproportionately impacted by the SAVA syndemic, Black women specifically**

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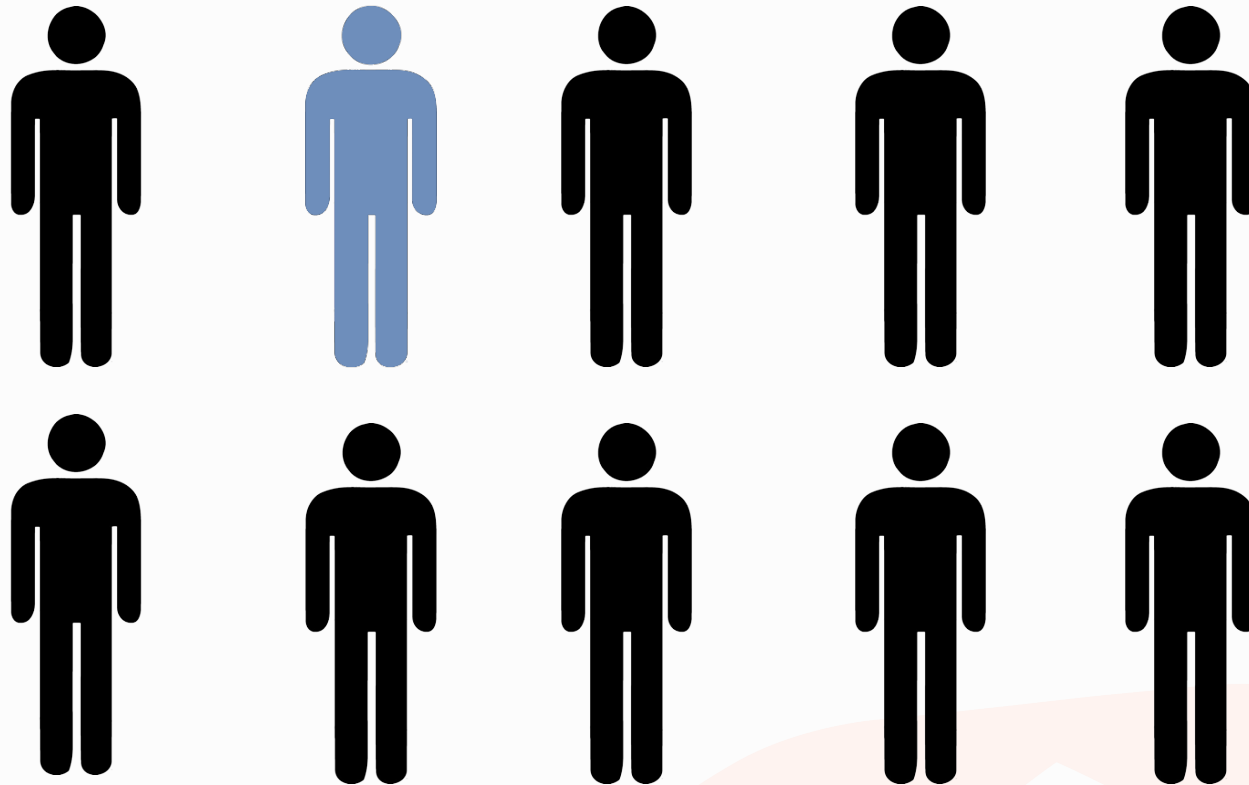
# Prevalence of Domestic Violence



According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Survey (2011):

- Approx. 1 in 3 women have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking with impact by an intimate partner in their lifetime
- Among victims of IPV more than 1 in 3 women have experienced multiple forms violence including rape, stalking, and physical violence

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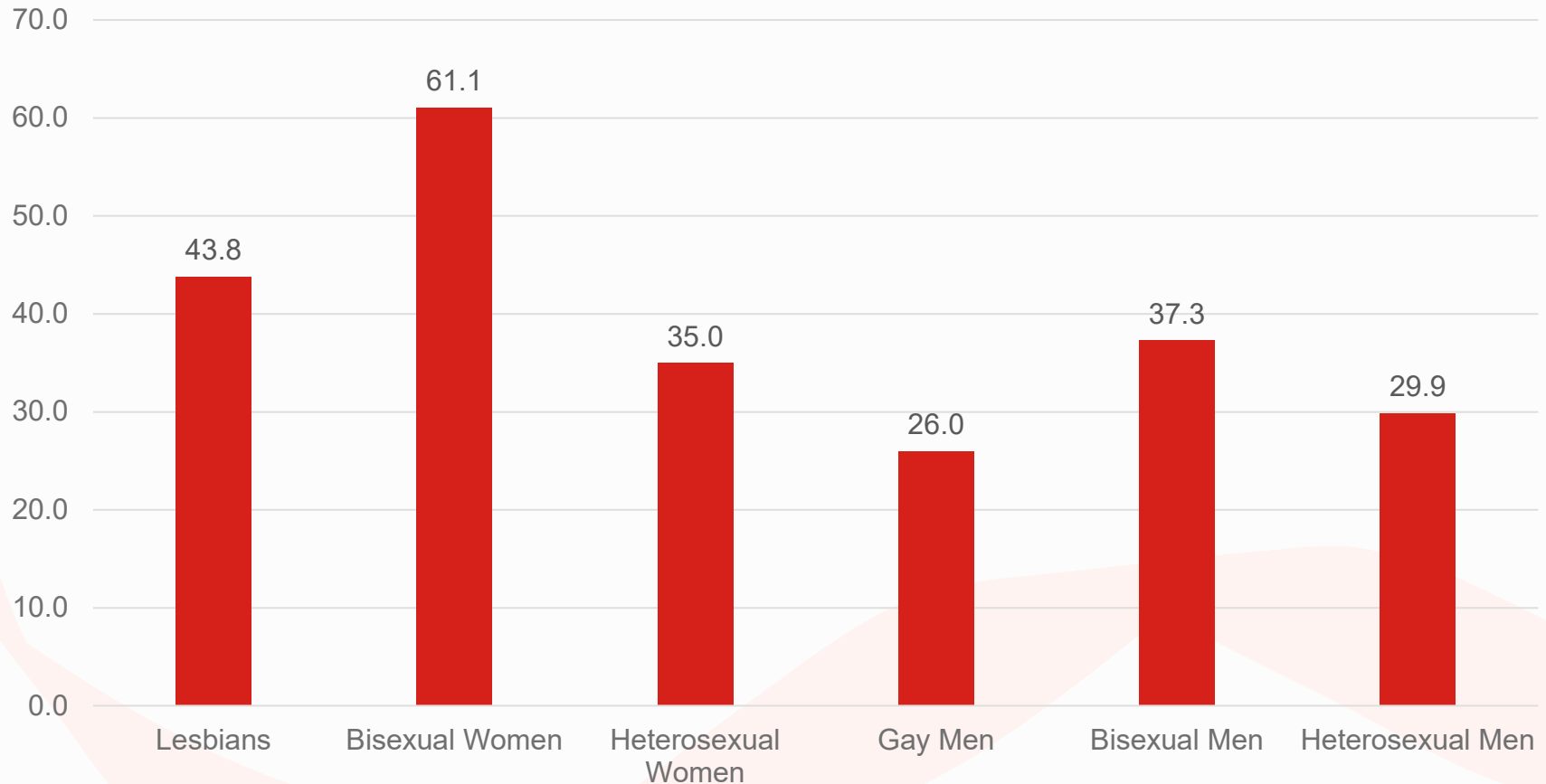


According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Survey (2011):

- 1 in 10 men have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking with impact by an intimate partner in their lifetime
- Among victims of IPV, 92% of male victims experienced physical violence alone

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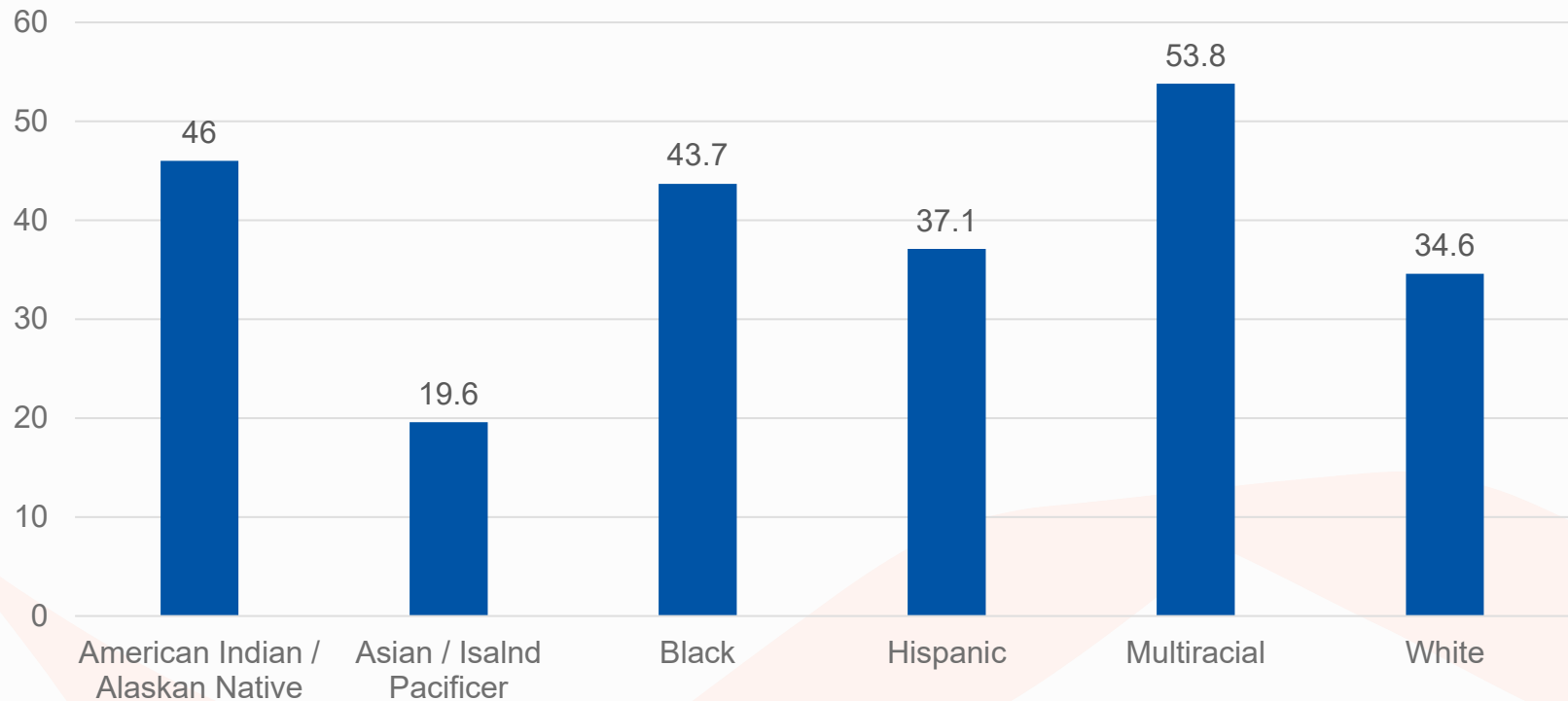
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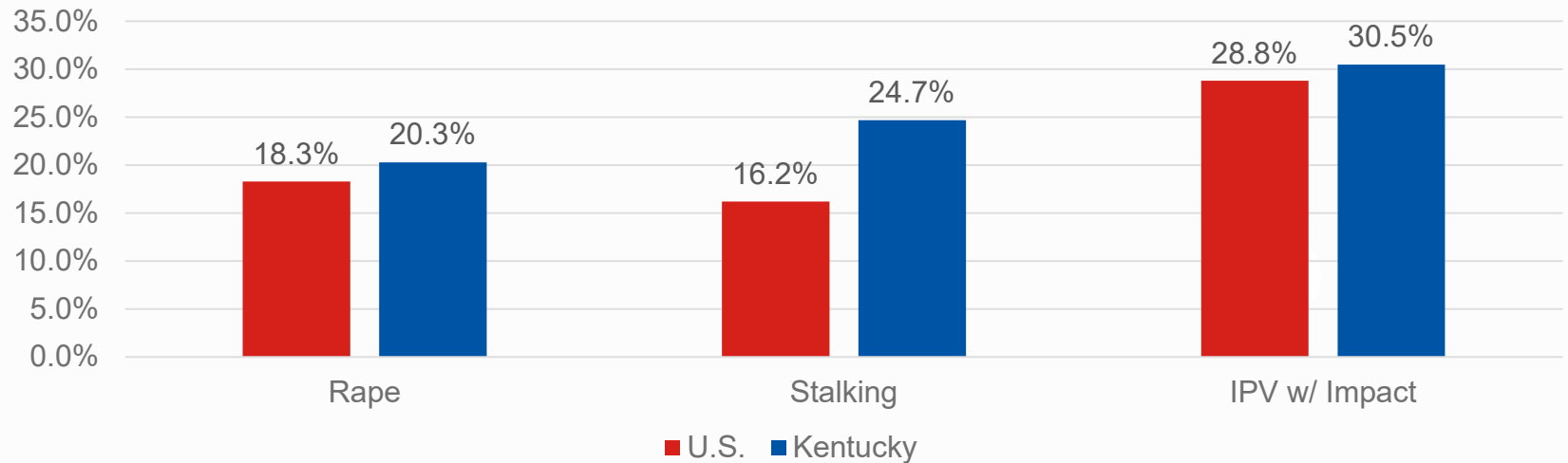
Rate of Rape, Physical Violence, and/or Stalking by an Intimate Partner by Race/Ethnicity - Women



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# Prevalence of Domestic Violence in KY

## NISVS Lifetime Prevalence Estimates Female Victimization



**Women in KY experience higher rates of violence than the national average.  
KY has highest rate of stalking in US.**

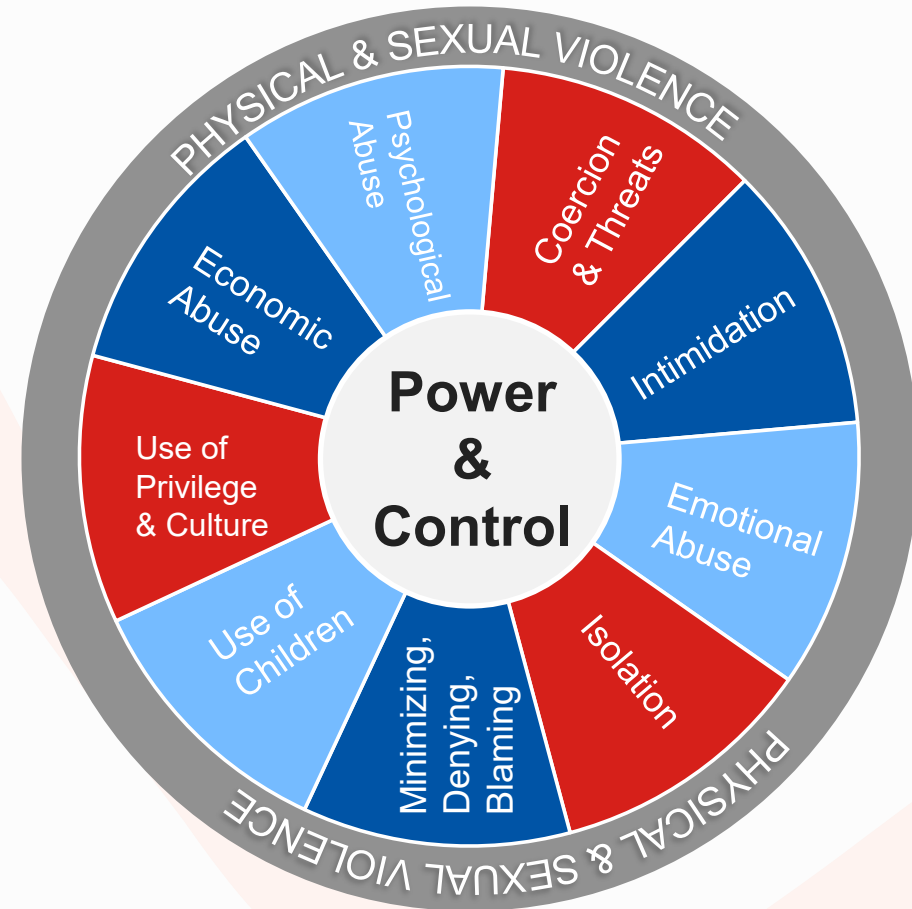
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# Defining Domestic Violence

A pattern of assaultive and coercive  
behaviors deliberately used by one partner to  
gain and maintain power and control over the  
other partner.

# Tactics of Power & Control



## Examples of Abuse

- Controlling who the victim can speak to or where they go
- Not allowing victim to attend support groups or doctor appointments
- Isolating by claiming the victims is a threat to others because of HIV+ status
- Threatening to “out” the victim’s HIV+ status
- Telling the victim they are “dirty” because of HIV+ status and that no one else will want them
- Exerting control over victims decisions over treatment and recovery
- Refusing to pay for medical care or medication
- Bringing up past behaviors to place blame on victim
- Providing misinformation about HIV and services
- Inducing dependency on substances
- Forcing unprotected sex, exposing victim to risk of infection

Adapted from Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Duluth, MN





# Your Role

**Your job is not to “fix” domestic violence.**

We help individuals and their families by understanding that abuse may be creating additional barriers to self-sufficiency and preventing the victim from achieving their goals.





# Screening Questions

In a private environment without friends or family



## General

- How are things at home?
- How are you and your partner relating?
- Is there anything else that we haven't talked about that may be contributing to this situation?

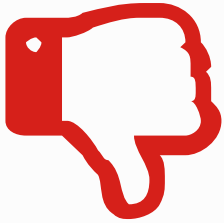
## Framing:

- I don't know if this is a problem for you, but many families I see are dealing with partner violence. Some are too afraid or uncomfortable to bring it up themselves, so I've started asking about it routinely.

## Direct

- Are there times when you are frightened of your partner?
- Are you concerned about your safety or the safety of your children?

# Responses



Do NOT say:

- Why do you stay with a person like that?
- Why do you go back?
- What could you have done to avoid the situation?
- Tell the survivor what they should do (e.g. You need to leave; You need to give couples counseling a try.)
- Blame the survivor for attempts to protect children or seek help that were not successful



DO say:

If the client says there is no abuse:

- I want you to know if anything ever does come up ...

If the client says they are a victim:

- I'm concerned for your safety and well-being.
- This is not your fault.
- No one deserves to be treated this way.

**Is the survivor safe?**



# Mandatory Information & Referral

1. Information about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking
2. Information about how to access regional domestic violence programs and rape crisis centers.
3. Information on how to access a protective order.

# Information at KCADV.org

The screenshot displays the KCADV.org website. On the left is a purple sidebar with a navigation menu. The main content area features a top navigation bar with buttons for 'DONATE TO OUR CAUSE', 'CLICK TO EXIT', and 'KEEP IN TOUCH' (with an email input field). Below this is a hiring announcement for a Senior Program Specialist. The main content is divided into three columns: the left column has a purple box about 'Regional Domestic Violence Shelter Programs' and a white box about 'Information for Survivors on Shelter Operation During COVID-19 Pandemic'; the right column has a photo of survivors with a purple box about donating and a white box about the 'Batterer Intervention Provider Program'. The sidebar menu includes 'MEMBER LOGIN', 'HOME', 'GET HELP NOW', 'ABOUT KCADV', 'OUR WORK', 'IN THE NEWS', 'BLOG', 'RESOURCES', 'GET INVOLVED', 'CONFERENCE', 'MISCELLANEOUS', 'KRS 209A REFERRAL INFORMATION' (circled in red), and a search bar. The footer contains the KCADV logo and address: '111 Darby Shire Circle'.

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**Top Navigation Bar:**

- DONATE TO OUR CAUSE
- CLICK TO EXIT
- KEEP IN TOUCH (enter your email address)

**Main Content Area:**

- KCADV is Hiring!**  
Apply today for the Senior Program Specialist in Communications and Fundraising
- Regional Domestic Violence Shelter Programs are OPEN 24/7 during the Coronavirus pandemic!
- Information for Survivors on Shelter Operation During COVID-19 Pandemic
- Donate to KCADV's efforts to support survivors and end intimate partner violence!
- Batterer Intervention Provider Program

**Footer:**

KCADV  
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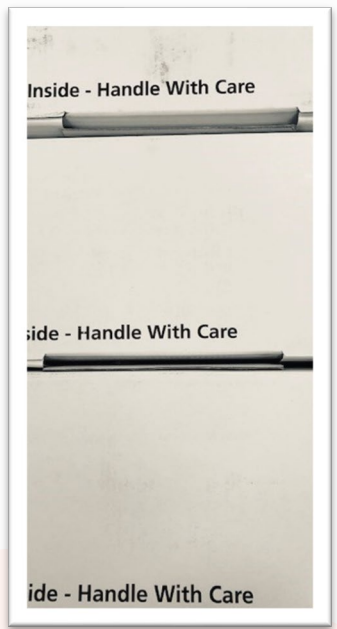


# Unique SEP Environment Factors

- Can be a fast-paced service interaction
- Anonymous programs where clients hold valid concerns related to identity
- Clients presenting for services in pairs or groups
- Boundaries! 😊



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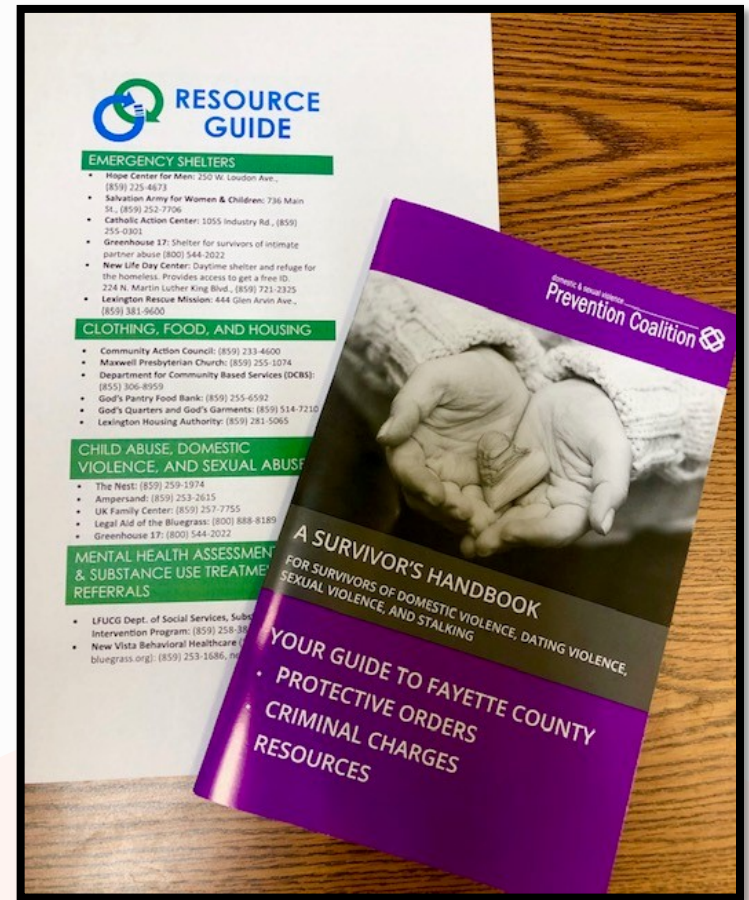
# Skills In Action

## VALIDATE

- “I believe you.  
Thank you for sharing this with me.”
- “It’s not your fault.  
You didn’t do anything to deserve this.”
- “You are not alone. I’m here to help.”

## SUPPORT

- “Can I share with you information about resources that may be helpful?”
- Make referrals to local resources, including shelters, crisis counseling, and legal support
- Give clients physical copies of information related to resources



*Pictured above are referral resources available through Lexington-Fayette County Health Department's Harm Reduction Program.*



# Questions?

*Thank you for your  
participation and support!*

Please feel invited to share thoughts and feedback:

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# Resources

## Kentucky HIV/AIDS Hotline 24/7

- Call: 1-844-294-2448  
(HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: <https://hab.hrsa.gov/get-care/state-hivaids-hotlines>)

## Love Is Respect (National Dating Violence Hotline) 24/7

- Call: 1-800-787-3224
- Text: send, “LOVEIS” to 1-866-331-9474

## National Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7

- Call: 1-800-799-7233
- Text: send, “LOVEIS” to 22522

## National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline 24/7

*(RAINN: Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network)*

- Call: 1-800-656-4673

# Sexual Violence Resources in Kentucky

## Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs (KASAP)



**Region 1: Lotus**  
P.O. Box 8506, Paducah, KY 42002-8506  
(800) 928-7273 | [hopehealgrow.org](http://hopehealgrow.org)

**Region 2: Sanctuary, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 1165, Hopkinsville, KY 42241  
(800) 766-0000 | [sanctuaryinc.net](http://sanctuaryinc.net)

**Region 3: New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services**  
1716 Scherm Road, Owensboro, KY 42301  
(800) 226-7273 | [nbowensboro.org](http://nbowensboro.org)

**Region 4: Hope Harbor, Inc.**  
913 Broadway Ave, Bowling Green, KY 42101  
(800) 656-HOPE (4673) | [hopeharbor.net](http://hopeharbor.net)

**Region 5: Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services**  
751 S Provident Way, Elizabethtown, KY 42701  
(877) 672-2124 | [silverleafky.org](http://silverleafky.org)

**Region 6: The Center for Women & Families**  
P.O. Box 2048, Louisville, KY 40201  
(844) BE-SAFE-1 | (844) 237-2331  
[thecenteronline.org](http://thecenteronline.org)

**Region 7 & 8: Women's Crisis Center**  
(Covington & Maysville)  
111 East Third Street, Maysville, KY 41056  
(800) 928-3335 | [wcky.org](http://wcky.org)

**Region 9 & 10: Pathways, Inc.**  
(Ashland & Morehead)  
P.O. Box 790, Ashland, KY 41101  
(800) 562-8909 | [www.pathways-ky.org](http://www.pathways-ky.org)

**Region 11: Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Healing Program for Survivors of Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence**  
104 South Front Ave., Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
(800) 422-1060 | [mtcomp.org](http://mtcomp.org)

**Region 12: The Rising Center**  
637 Morton Blvd., Hazard, KY 41701  
(800) 375-7273 | [therisingcenter.org](http://therisingcenter.org)

**Region 13: Cumberland River Behavioral Health Rape Victim Services**  
P.O. Box 568, Corbin, KY 40701  
(800) 656-HOPE (4673) | [crrvs.org](http://crrvs.org)

**Region 14: Adanta Sexual Assault Resource Center (ASARC)**  
259 Parkers Mill Road, Somerset, Kentucky 42501  
(800) 656-HOPE (4673)

**Region 15: Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center of the Bluegrass**  
P.O. Box 1603, Lexington, KY 40588  
(800) 656-HOPE (4673) | [ampersandky.org](http://ampersandky.org)

**KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS**

P.O. Box 4028 | Frankfort, KY 40604 | (800) 656-HOPE (4673) | [www.kasap.org](http://www.kasap.org)

# Domestic Violence Resources in Kentucky

## Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence (KCADV)

**Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence**  
 111 Darby Shire Circle  
 Frankfort, KY 40601  
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 Fax: 502-226-5382  
 www.kcadv.org

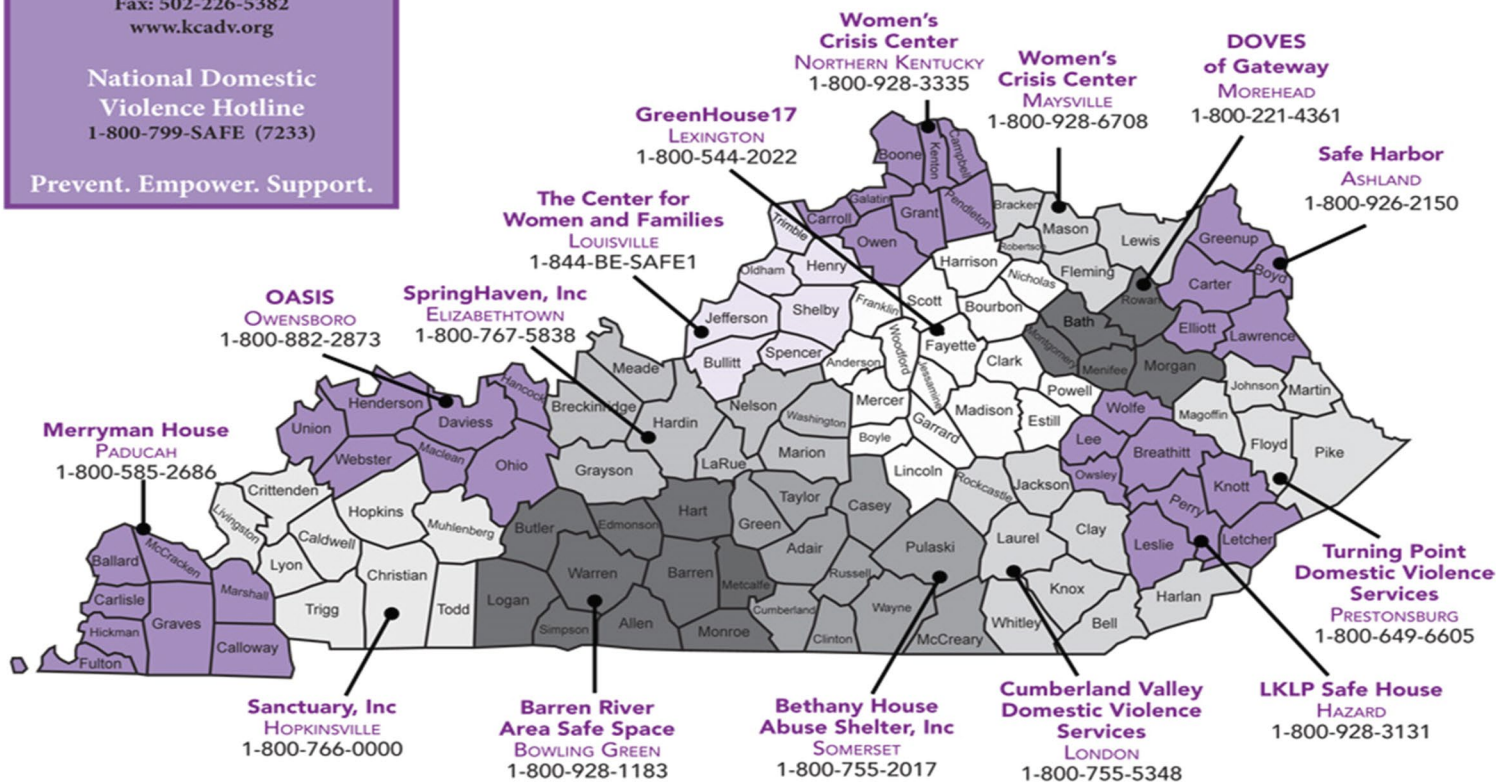
**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Prevent. Empower. Support.



Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
**KCADV**

### Domestic Violence Programs in Kentucky



# Practice

A client you have worked with a couple times presents for services at your exchange. The client recently completed HIV/HCV testing with you, during which time they asked for a PrEP referral. While exchanging with the client you ask, “Did everything go okay with the referral we started last week?”

The client shakes their head, “no”. In further conversation, the client shares that a former partner, someone they’d previously mentioned trying to move away from, moved back into their living space. They describe treatment from this returned partner that is emotionally and physically abusive.

Thinking about your role, validation, and support, how would you respond?