

## Key Issues: Intimate Partner Violence

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### eLearning Guide

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As a child welfare social worker, you will work with families experiencing intimate partner violence throughout your career. It is important to have some basic information to guide your work.

- California Law requires child welfare services to screen for intimate partner violence as part of the Emergency Response protocol.
- 3.3 million children witness domestic violence each year in the U.S.
- Research suggests that nearly 30 million children in the United States will be exposed to some type of family violence before the age of 17.
- Children in homes where intimate partner violence occurs are also at risk for being physically abused or seriously neglected.
- Social Workers should review their County's policies and procedures regarding screening for intimate partner violence.

In this training, you will hear the term Intimate Partner Violence in lieu of domestic violence. The reframing of this reference reflects incorporating strength-based language into the learning process. Because some terms get over used, misunderstood and become linked to negative stereotypes, it is important to use more neutral language whenever possible. You will notice that some of the articles, videos and external resources use the term domestic violence rather than intimate partner violence. The terms are used interchangeably. The intent of this course is to use strength-based family friendly language.

This eLearning guide was created for you to use in conjunction with the eLearning to take notes. You will bring this handout with you to the Key Issues classroom training, and the trainer will provide you with the correct responses.

1. What does the term "intimate partner violence" describe?

2. What is the definition of an intimate partner?

3. What is the potential impact of intimate partner violence on the lives of children?
4. To understand the dynamics of intimate partner violence, use the Power and Control Wheel to list the most common abusive behaviors or tactics used in violent relationships?
5. What are some of the variations in the Power and Control Wheel for LGBTQ?
6. In contrast to the power and control wheels that were just reviewed, the Equity Wheel describes the changes needed to move from being abusive to being in a non-violent partnership. List the non-violence changes:
7. What are the behavioral indicators social worker may see in intimate partner violence?

8. What are the warning signs for teen dating violence?

9. What is the impact of Intimate Partner Violence on a child's development?

Infants and Toddlers:	Pre-Schoolers
School-ages children	Teenagers

10. How does exposure to violence cause trauma?

11. Why is it important to focus on protective factors when working with families experiencing intimate partner violence?

12. As a social worker, what are some key intervention to keep in mind when working with families experimenting intimate partner violence?

13. There are 6 key areas to keep in mind during the assessment of intimate partner violence. Highlight the take-aways for each area:

Safety Planning	Case Planning
Placement	Team Meetings
Visitation	Reunification

14. Describe the cultural considerations to be aware of relevant to Intimate Partner Violence:

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