DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

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CHILD WELFARE:
High co-occurrence. Domestic violence often precedes child abuse. Collaborative policies between child welfare and domestic violence programs to keep mother and children safe from abusive partner.

Mental Health:
Impact of past or current abuse on mental health of client. Trauma and PTSD. Increased risk for depression and anxiety.

Child & Family Services:
Assess for past and current violence before any family or marital counseling.

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School Social Work:
Impact of exposure to domestic violence on children. Teen dating violence: One in five teenage girls experience physical and sexual violence in dating relationships.

Employee Assistance Programs:
Workplace policies that support abused women, hold batterers accountable, and provide safety for employees from stalking and violence at the workplace.

Substance Abuse:
High risk for women with HIV/AIDS. Impact of past or present violence on both batterers and victims. Associated with violence, not a cause.

Public Assistance:
High co-occurrence with poverty. TANF family violence options. Employment and housing discrimination.

Medical Social Work:
Emergency Rooms. Pediatrics. Increased risk for pregnant women and women with disabilities.

Social Work Fields of Practice

GERONTOLOGY/DISABILITIES:

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