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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTSHEET

PREVALENCE

- ◆ **1 IN 3** WOMEN EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER IN THEIR LIFETIME
- ◆ **1 IN 4** WOMEN EXPERIENCE SEVERE PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER (CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION, 2010)
- ◆ **1994-2010, 4 IN 5** VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WERE FEMALE & WOMEN **AGES 18-34** EXPERIENCED HIGHEST RATES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, 2012)

PREVALENCE IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

- ◆ **44%** OF LESBIAN WOMEN EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER IN THEIR LIFETIME
- ◆ BISEXUAL WOMEN EXPERIENCE **SIGNIFICANTLY** HIGHER RATES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THAN LESBIAN & HETEROSEXUAL WOMEN: **MORE THAN HALF** EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE & SEVERE PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER
- ◆ **1 IN 4** GAY MEN & **1 IN 3** BISEXUAL MEN EXPERIENCE INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION, 2013)

PREVALENCE AMONG TEENS

- ◆ ALMOST **HALF** OF TEENS **AGES 13-18** REPORT HAVING A CONTROLLING PARTNER & **80%** REPORT KNOWING SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN CONTROLLED BY A PARTNER
- ◆ **1 IN 3** TEENS REPORT EXPERIENCING PHYSICAL & SEXUAL ABUSE IN A DATING RELATIONSHIP & **MORE THAN HALF** REPORT KNOWING SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE IN A DATING RELATIONSHIP (LIZ CLAIBORNE, INC., 2008)
- ◆ **LGBTQ** TEENS EXPERIENCE HIGHER RATES OF DATING ABUSE: **43%** REPORT EXPERIENCING PHYSICAL ABUSE & **59%** REPORT EXPERIENCING EMOTIONAL ABUSE BY A DATING PARTNER (URBAN INSTITUTE, 2013)

SEVERITY & COSTS

- ◆ IN **2007, 14%** OF ALL HOMICIDES WERE COMMITTED BY INTIMATE PARTNERS, **70%** OF VICTIMS WERE WOMEN
- ◆ IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ON AVERAGE **4** WOMEN ARE KILLED BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER EVERY DAY IN THE UNITED STATES (DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, 2008)
- ◆ THE COSTS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE ARE ESTIMATED TO EXCEED **\$5.8 BILLION** ANNUALLY, **\$4.1 BILLION** ASSOCIATED WITH MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH CARE COSTS (CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION, 2003)

MASSACHUSETTS

- ◆ IN **2012, SAFELINK**, MA'S STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE, RECEIVED OVER **30,000** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED CALLS (CASA MYRNA, 2012)
- ◆ IN A SINGLE DAY: **1,752** VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RECEIVED SERVICES ACROSS MA, WHILE **443** REQUESTS FOR SERVICES WERE UNMET DUE TO A LACK OF RESOURCES (NNEDV 24-HOUR CENSUS, 2012)
- ◆ **2003-2013, THERE WERE 277** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED HOMICIDES IN MASSACHUSETTS, **60%** OF VICTIMS WERE FEMALE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (JANE DOE, INC, 2013)