“WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS, STAYS IN VEGAS”
DON’T TELL OUR SECRETS:

Understanding Behavior of Children Dealing with Family Violence

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WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

It is a pattern of behavior in an intimate partner relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over the other partner.

It’s happened to anyone…

It is not cause by stress…
EVERYTHING STARTS WITH MANIPULATION
ONCE A PERSON BECOMES A VICTIM, THEY SOMETIMES KEEP THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE A SECRET. THIS VIDEO SHOWS WHAT SHE MAY BE EXPERIENCING IN HER HEART AND MIND

LISTEN TO THE WEDDING VOWS
BY RAISING YOUR HANDS SHOW HOW MANY OF YOU THINK THIS IS NOT TRUE
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Children were at the Scene
66% under the age of 12

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OF THESE CHILDREN

23% experienced physical abuse

7% experienced sexual abuse
CHILD WITNESS?
What protective capacities the parents can be using to protect the child?
Safety planning – Order of Protection – Family support
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE
Power and Control (P&C)
Through these images we can see how the Victim is unaware of the impact of domestic violence on the child.

- The victim is trying to protect the child from the abuse.
- Age out girl's story—include safety plan.
“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is a learned behavior”
Domestic Violence Tea Party.  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bptp_2NeM-0
VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS WHO EXPERIENCED CHILD ABUSE OR WITNESSED ABUSE AS A CHILD

- 56% Victims
- 33% Offenders

THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE REPORTED THAT IN 2002

62% Female Inmates

20% Male Inmates

EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### PEOPLE THAT RECEIVED ANY TYPE OF DV SERVICES

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SOURCE OF CHILDREN REFERRALS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS

- CYFD CPS: 17
- CYFD JJD: 2
- Tribal (Family/Relative): 16
- Self: 110
- School: 13
- Juvenile Court: 4
- Adult Court: 15
- Law Enforcement: 72
- Victim’s Friend: 12
- Client: 2
- Employer: 0
- Other: 60

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SOURCE OF ADULT VICTIMS REFERRALS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS

- CYFD CPS: 164
- CYFD JJD: 0
- Tribal Family/Relative: 39
- Self: 1478
- School: 17
- Juvenile Court: 0
- Adult Court: 290
- Law Enforcement: 1590
- Victim's Friend: 255
- Client: 338
- Employer: 19
- Other: 60

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Just gonna stand there and watch me burn
But that's alright because I like the way it hurts
Just gonna stand there and hear me cry
“Sometimes someone hurts you so bad. It stops hurting at all. Until something makes you feel again. And then it all comes back. Every word. Every hurt. Every moment”.
“How could you ever understand where I come from? Even if you ask, even if you listen, you do not really hear, or see, or feel. You don't remember my story. You haven't walked my path. You haven't seen what I've seen”.
“My past defines me. This is who I am. I am unseen, unheard, unwanted. That is what I am. If even I am anything”.
“Trapped in the misery of my life. Lost in the sorrow of my soul. Unable to see the light. Unable to see the dawn. To feel. To hope. To dream”.
“And I feel like the darkness days of my life keep coming. The blackness of my soul never stops”.
“It seemed like it was always nighttime and nightmares, and never morning. And maybe you wonder why, but mostly you try not to think about it, and try to get by, and try to survive”.
“I know I'm helpless, dependent, desperate, but what happens when those you need the most threaten your very existence? I've heard plenty of promises and they all sound the same. But push hard enough and sooner or later they all prove to be empty.”
“The sun comes up every morning, but do you know where, each place is so much different. It's hard to find east when you keep moving around, but at least it comes. It always comes. I've come to depend on that.
“And slowly, slowly seems some change around me. And it seems this time the world would not be pulled out from under me again. Feels safe, root started growing. Little bugs of hope for me. Slowly attempting to trust this new life.
“This is my past, my history. My story, is not my fault. It's not because of me. And doesn't have to be what defines my future. I am lovable. I am worthy of care. And that glimmer of light, it makes all the difference.
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