



Assessment of current and past violence exposure: Hope requires action

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Agenda



**Demographics of
Violence**



**Interrelated nature of
Violence & Risk Factors**



**Consequences & trauma
symptoms from
violence**



Assessment of Violence



**Use brief standardized
measures with clients**



There is Hope

Demographics

During this presentation, 7 people will die from violence

9.2 of 1,000 children are victims of child abuse

60% of children were exposed to violence during childhood

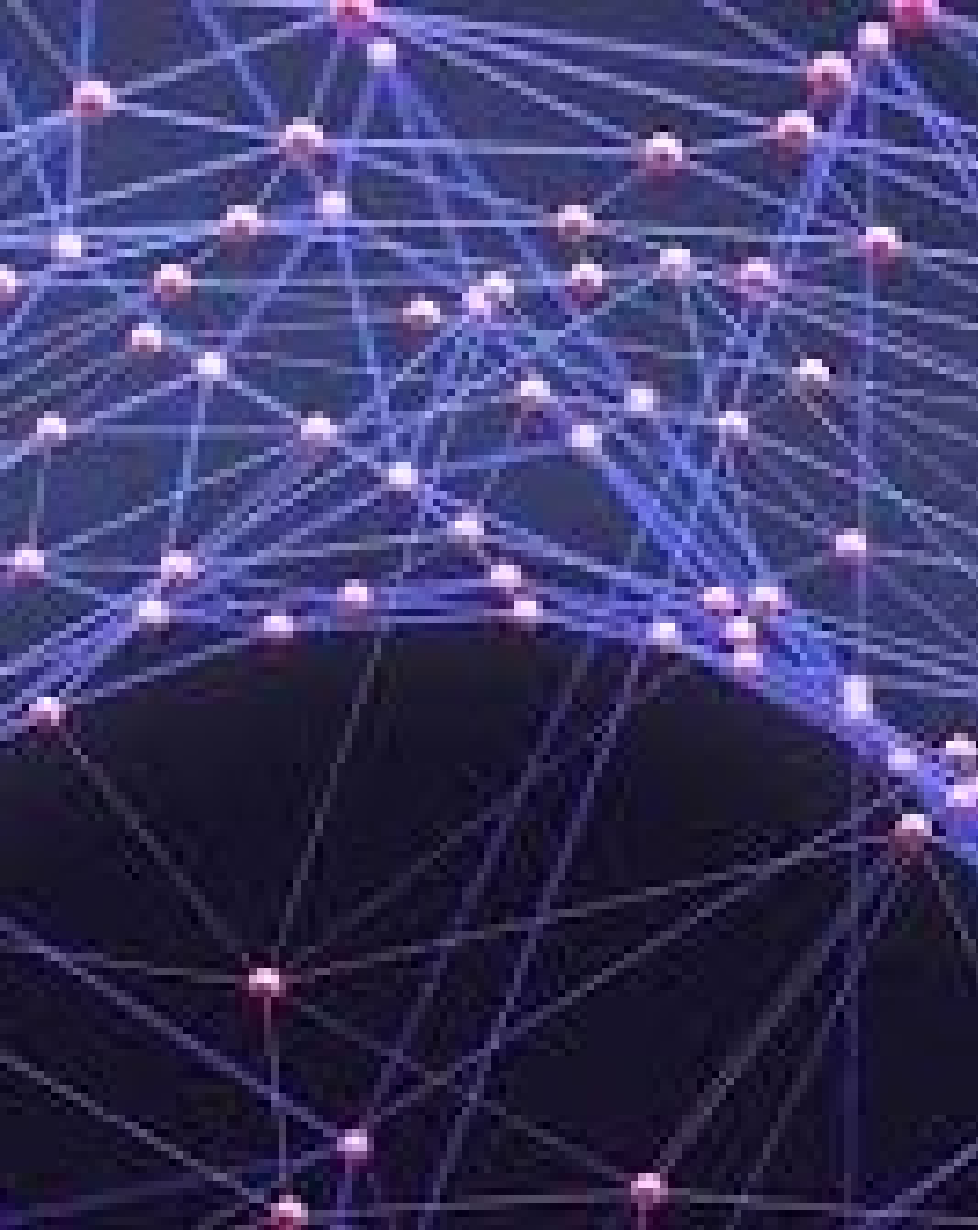
1 in 4 women, 1 in 10 men victims of IPV

42% of Americans live in homes with a firearm

1 in 10 elders are victims of Elder abuse

Public Health Crisis

- Violence is a public health crisis but also part of American culture
- Violence is found throughout the Lifespan, and in most every social context
- High levels of Violence means its highly likely that many of our clients have been victim/survivor, perpetrator, or witness of violence
- It's critical to understand interrelationships and risk factors for violence, as well as trauma symptoms to complete assessment



Violence is Interrelated

- Violence begets violence
- All types of violence are related to at least one other type
- For ex.- child abuse is related to bullying, school violence, youth violence, animal abuse, Human Trafficking, DV, community violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse.
- One type of violence may be a risk factor for another type or two types may simply co-occur due to sharing the same risk factors

Risk Factors & Escalators



PROXIMITY



DOSE



**SOCIAL
NORMS**



SUBSTANCES



FIREARMS



Consequences & Trauma Symptoms from Violence

- Unwanted memories/flashbacks, unwanted thoughts, fear, anxiety, mistrust
- Hypervigilance, agitation, hostility, self-destructive beh., isolation, dysregulation
- Loss of interest or pleasure, guilt, loneliness
- Nightmares, insomnia
- Physical disorders/diseases
- Increased risk for future victimization and perp. of violence

Assessment of Violence Past and Present

WHY?

- Due to frequency, it's highly likely that most of our clients have a history of violence either as victim/survivor, witness, or perp.
- The consequences are serious
- All clients should be assessed : a.) understand future risk as victim or perp, b.) as a point of intervention, c.) to prevent further violence

TYPES OF VIOLENCE

- Child Maltreatment
- Bullying- online and face to face
- School Violence
- Family Violence/ DV
- Dating Violence
- Animal Abuse
- Human Trafficking
- Community Violence
- Workplace- harassment, bullying, violence
- Elder Abuse

Assessment of Violence Past and Present

BIOPSYCHOSOCIALSPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT

- For each type of violence- describe the abuse/violence
- Age(s) it occurred
- Role – victim/survivor, witness (knew or didn't know vic.), and/or perp.
- Dose- frequency and severity
- Proximity
- **Firearms-** access to guns, types of guns, storage of each gun, storage of ammo., carrying guns, firearms training, purpose for guns?
- **Alcohol and substance consumption-** type, frequency, dose, relationship to abuse/violence
- **Diet of Violence-** consumption of violent TV, social media, movies, videos, music, video games, & direct obs. (home, community, school)
- **Social norms toward violence-** Attitudes, beliefs, & behaviors which exhibit acceptance, appreciation, enjoyment of violence

Specific Measures for Violence and Abuse

Specific Measures	Compilation of Measures	
<p>ACE's screening- https://www.acesaware.org/scr/een/screening-for-adverse-childhood-experiences/</p>	<p>Assessment Tools for Children's Exposure to Violence- http://promising.futureswithoutviolence.org/files/2012/01/Assessment-Tools-for-Childrens-Exposure-to-Violence-2016.pdf</p>	<p>University of Miami, School of Nursing and Health Studies, Center of Excellence for Health Disparities- Violence Measures- https://elcentro.sonhs.miami.edu/research/measures-library/violence-construct/index.html</p>
<p>Human Trafficking Task Force e-Guide, Victim Service Provider Intake & Needs Assessment https://www.ovcttac.gov/taskforceguide/eguide/4-supporting-victims/42-victim-service-provider-intake-and-needs-assessment/</p>	<p>Fischer, J., Corcoran, K., & Springer, D. (Eds.). (2020). <i>Measures for Clinical Practice and Research: A Sourcebook (Vols. 1 and 2)</i> (6th ed.). Oxford University Press. https://global.oup.com/academic/product/measures-for-clinical-practice-and-research-a-sourcebook-9780190655792?cc=ca&lang=en&</p>	

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~~VIOLENCE~~

**Hope for Reduced Violence requires action
Assessment is the beginning**

Thank you

QUESTIONS?