



**CoA Brief: Responding to Intimate
Partner Violence for 628th Operations
Medical Group**

Capt Weeks



Problem

Individual/family

- Injuries, poor health, poor pregnancy outcomes, substance abuse, mental/behavioral health problems
- Children = behavioral, cognitive, emotional disorders

Military

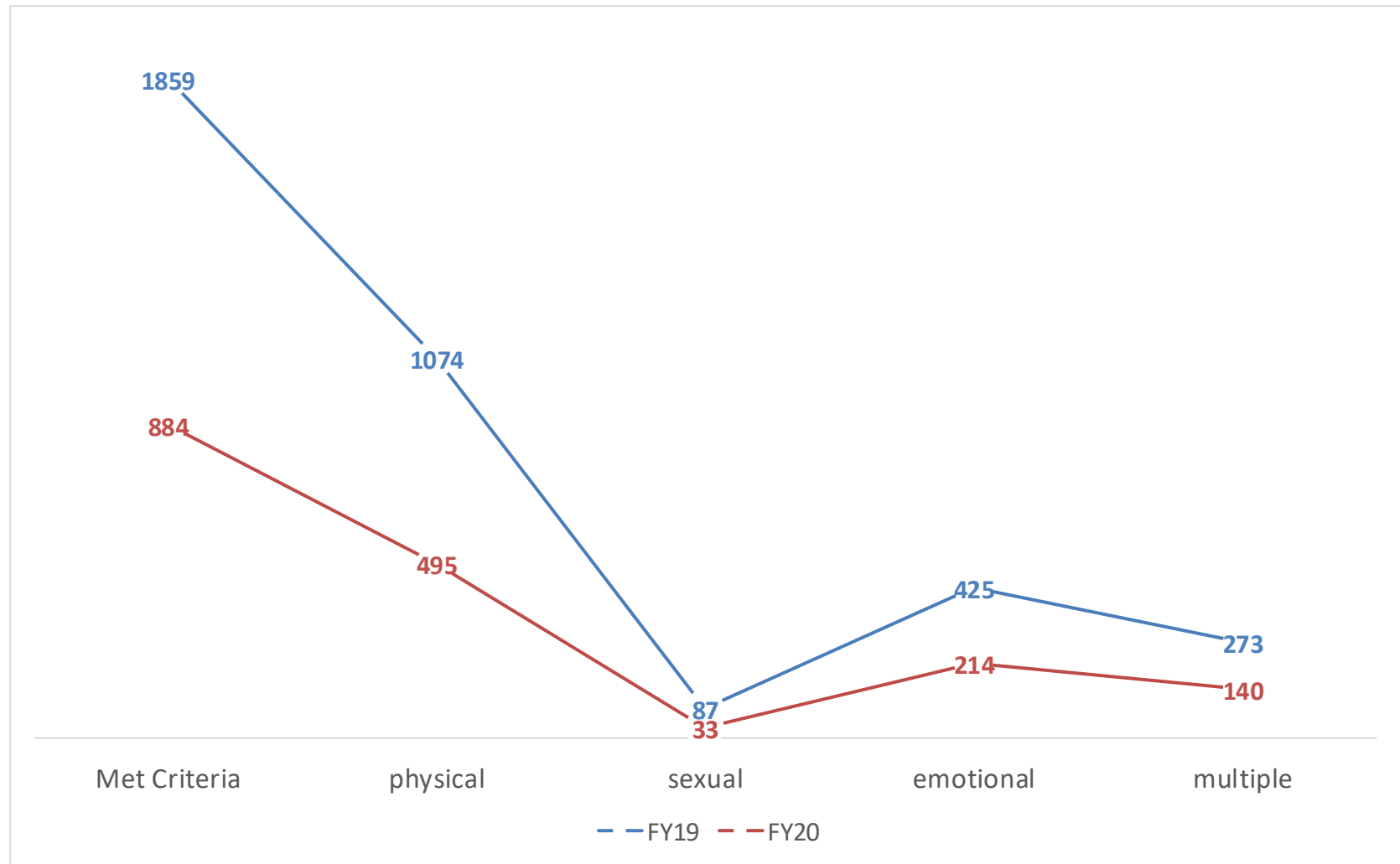
- Decreased quality/productivity
- Absence
- Decreased ability to cope with demands
- Distract from mission readiness
- Poor work relationships

Victims/Offenders

- Offenders: E1-E3
- Spouse/Partner Victims: Female (65% / 71%); Military (54% / 62%)



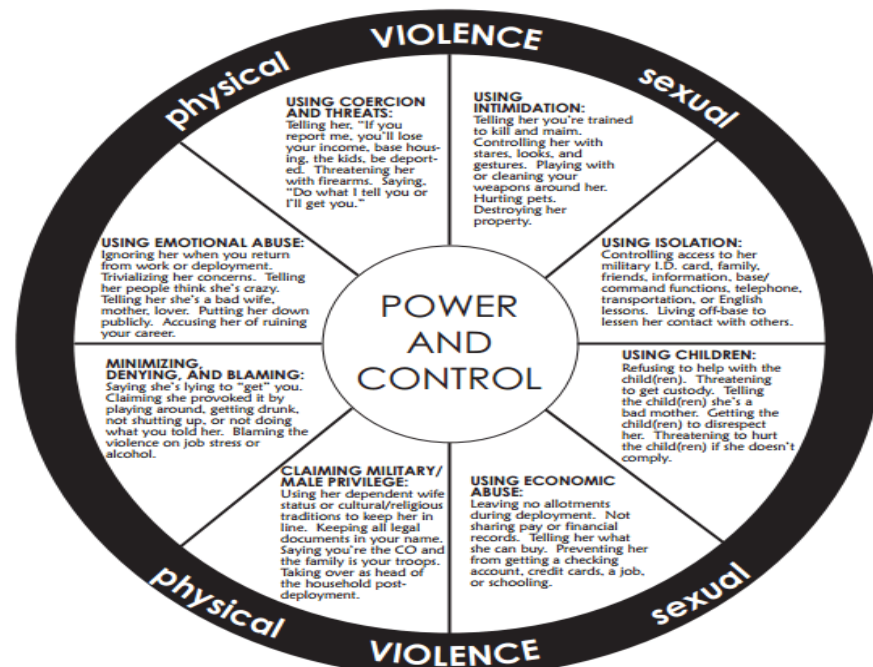
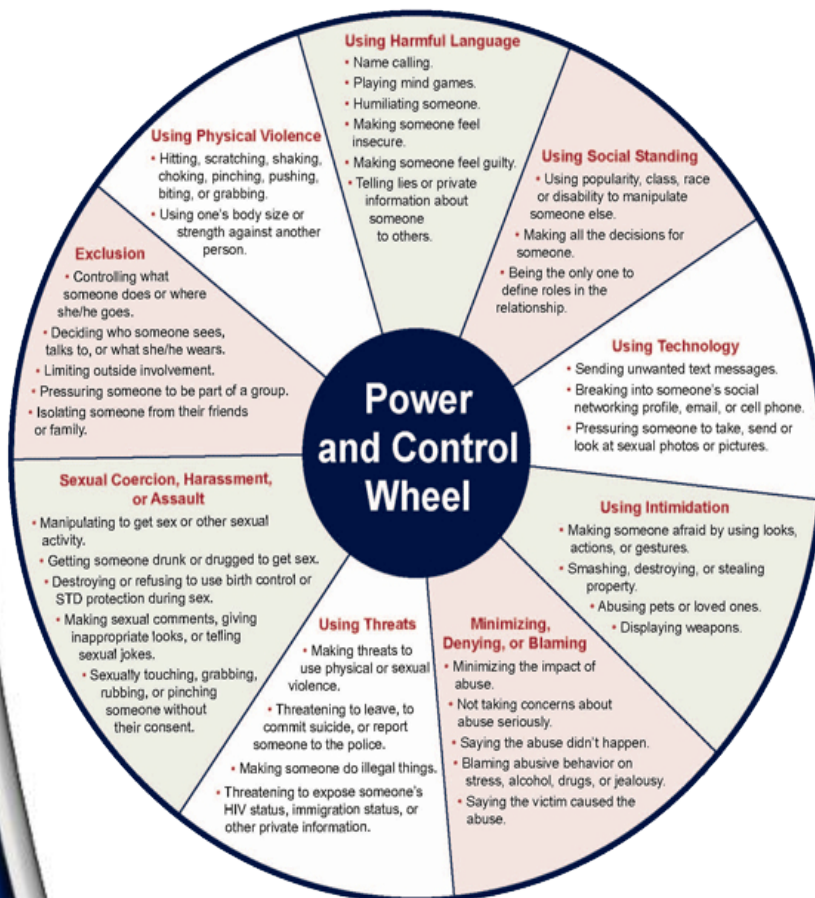
Prevalence





Power/Control

MILITARY POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL



Produced and distributed by:

Developed from:
Domestic Abuse Intervention Project
202 East Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802
218.722.4134



NATIONAL CENTER
on Domestic and Sexual Violence
training • consulting • advocacy
4612 Shoal Creek Blvd. • Austin, Texas 78756
512.407.9020 (phone and fax) • www.ncdsv.org



Risk/Protective Factors

Risk/Lethality Factors

- **Offender:** choking/strangulation, stalking, threats, substance abuse, weapons, jealousy/possessive, unemployed, forcing sex
- **Victim:** feel afraid/unsafe, leaving/left relationship, infidelity, pregnant, recent ^ frequency/intensity of abuse, forced sex, # of children
- Change in activities: weekends, New Years, Independence Day, Superbowl Sunday, post deployment

Protective Factors

- **Individual/family:** relationship satisfaction, family coping, spouse deployment support, length of marriage, \$
- **Military:** satisfaction with military, workgroup cohesion/satisfaction, leadership support



Approaches

Prevention & Response

- Screening
- Protective orders
- Change of assignments

Treatment

- Group
- Individual

Coordinated Community Response (CCR)

- Increase awareness
- Advocacy
- Restricted/unrestricted reports
- Legal counsel
- Emergency housing/relocation
- Retirement benefits/crime victims fund



Gaps

- Community Coordination
- Access
- Law Enforcement & Commander Response
- Mitigate Risk Factors
- Data Collection & Reporting



Commander's Role

- Increase comfortability asking about IPV
- Increase awareness of reporting options
- Refer to FAP
- Military Protective Orders
- Mandate treatment



CoA 1 - Status Quo

Prevention & Intervention

- Screening/safety assessment
- Increase awareness
- Protective orders
- Change of assignments
- Clinical treatment

Victim Support

- Advocacy
- Restricted/unrestricted reports
- Legal counsel
- Emergency housing/relocation
- Retirement benefits/crime victims fund



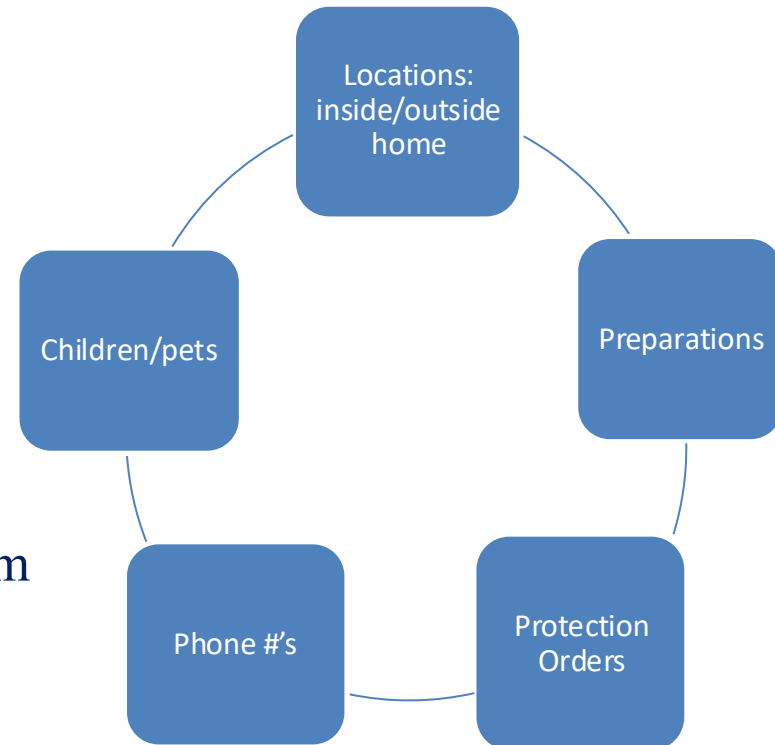
Comfortable asking/talking about IPV

- Technicians
- Providers
- Command
- 1st Sergeants

Standardized screening tools/protocols

- HITS - Hurt, Insult, Threaten, Scream
- PVS - Partner Violence Screen
- AAS - Abuse Assessment Screen

All providers assess safety & safety plan





Trauma Informed Community Coordination

- Understand stigma
- Use non-judgmental, non-blaming language
- Offer support
- Express concern
- Identify resources

Monitor trends



Recommended CoA

Combination CoA 2 & 3

- Comfortable asking/talking about IPV
- Standardized screening tools/protocols
- All provider assess safety/safety plan
- Trauma informed community coordination
- Monitor trends



Questions

Questions?