

Eastern PA Conference



Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Devotion
- Business
 - ❖ Election of 2020 Officers
 - ❖ Approval of 2020 Budget
 - ❖ Approval of 2020 Goals
- Domestic Violence Presentation
- Sharing of District/Local Church Activities
- Closing with a Prayer



Domestic Violence



Domestic Violence

Definition:

Physical, sexual, psychological or financial violence/abuse perpetrated by a member of a household on another member of the household or by a one intimate partner on another.



Domestic Violence

Statistics:

- 25% of women and 11% of men experience severe intimate partner physical violence, sexual violence, and/or stalking.
- 33% of women and 24% of men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.
- 14% of women and 4% of men have been injured by an intimate partner
- 10% of women have been raped by an intimate partner.
- 14% of women and 5.5% of men have been stalked.
- 10% of Americans aged 60+ have experienced some form of elder abuse.

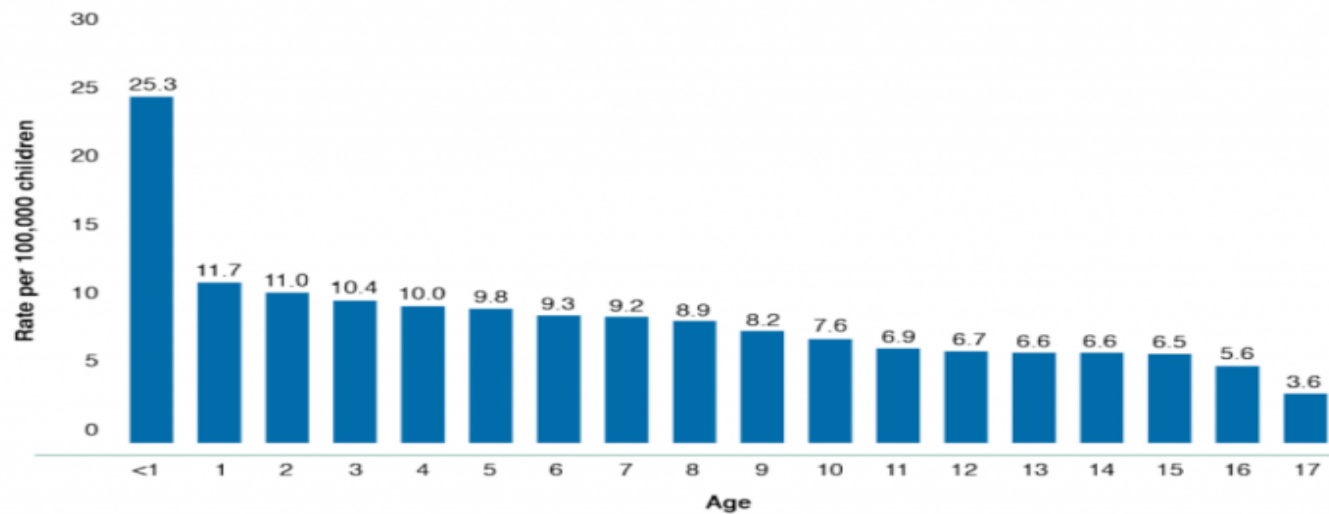


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Statistics:

Exhibit 3–G Victims by Age, 2017

The youngest children were the most vulnerable to maltreatment



Based on data from 52 states. See table 3–5.



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Why It Matters:

Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime. Domestic violence is one of the most dangerous calls a policeman can answer.



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Forms:

- Physical Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- Homicide
- Psychological Abuse
- Economic Abuse



Domestic Violence

Reasons:

- Religion
- Unusual/Strict Beliefs
- Dominance/Control
- Narcissism
- Resentment
- Jealousy
- Covetousness
- Pedophilia
- Psychological Problems



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Legal Concerns:

In PA Domestic Violence is not a crime per se – this includes elder abuse. The mechanisms of DV/EA ARE: assault, battery, kidnapping, rape, financial fraud, etc. When considered in the context of DV, they are treated differently than as regular crimes.

Child abuse IS a separate crime.



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Mandated Reporting:

Individuals (paid or unpaid) who — on the basis of their role as an integral part of a regularly scheduled program, activity, or service — accepts responsibility for a child or has contact with children are mandated reporters: coaches, teachers, medical professionals, law enforcement, etc.

These individuals must report suspected child abuse through the PA/County child abuse hotline. Reporting is anonymous. Reporters will not get into trouble if what they report is found to not be child abuse.

Failure to report what to an ordinary person could be suspected child abuse is a felony.



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Signs:

- Family member unable to control anger
- Individual overly eager to please another
- Frequent injuries
- Inconsistent attendance at work, school, church, etc.
- Excessive clothing even in summer to hide injuries
- Dependence on another for transportation, money
- Few friends
- Personality changes – depression, anxiety



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What can we do?

- Help educate friends, acquaintances, church members about DV
- Provide support to victims
- Assist perpetrators to get the help they need
- Call law enforcement when necessary



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What should we avoid?

- Avoid getting involved in an altercation
- Avoid taking sides
- Avoid providing legal or psychological help if not qualified



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Where and how to get help:

- National DV Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313
- PA Elder Abuse Hotline: 1-800-490-8505
- DV Legal Help: <https://lawyers.findlaw.com/lawyer/practicestate/domestic-violence/pennsylvania>
- DV Counseling: <https://www.pcadv.org/find-help/find-your-local-domestic-violence-program/>
- DV Shelters: <https://www.domesticshelters.org/help/pa>
- Contact your pastor

