



Domestic Violence Training

Did you know?

- *15.5 million U.S. children witness domestic violence annually*
- 7 million children live in families with *severe* partner violence
- Children are present in 40-55% of homes where police intervene in domestic violence calls
- Abuse and neglect as a child increases the risk of arrest as a juvenile by 53%, as an adult by 38%, and for a violent crime by 38%
- A child witnessed violence in 22% (nearly 1 in 4) of intimate partner violence cases filed in state courts.
- 30 to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.
- There is a common link between domestic violence and child abuse. Among victims of child abuse, 40% report domestic violence in the home.
- One study in North America found that children who were exposed to violence in the home were 15 times more likely to be physically and or sexually assaulted than the national average.
- The U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect suggests that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to child abuse and neglect fatalities in this country.

Additional Resources

- **“ReMoved” Videos** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOeQUwdAjE0>)
Discussion Questions for ReMoved:
 - What is/was your initial response? What strikes you about this video?
 - How did the abuse history of this child impact her later behavior/ interactions with others?
 - What triggers fight/flight/ freeze responses for this child?
 - How did the adults who were trying to help, unknowingly mimic the behaviors of adults who had been hurtful in her life?
 - What could they have done to be “deliberately different”?
 - What actions by adults were healing for this child?
 - Do you think this is a realistic portrayal of a child in a foster home? Why or why not?
 - Do you think this film will inspire people to become foster parents? To become CASA volunteers? To support other causes?
 - Would you consider using ReMoved as a part of your volunteer recruitment? An in-service training? To seek donations?
 - How would you use ReMoved as a CASA program? Do you know of any other film or literature resources that you might use in a similar way?
- **Healing Neen** (www.healingneen.com)
- **Lisa’s Call to 911** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-7J5akhSA8>)
- **Telling Amy’s Story** (Documentary)