



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BEHIND BARS

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- DV does not end at prison gates
- Scars of past abuse
- Trauma and new challenges
- Prison relationships
- Topics
 - Prevalence of issue
 - Impact on prisoners
 - Potential solutions



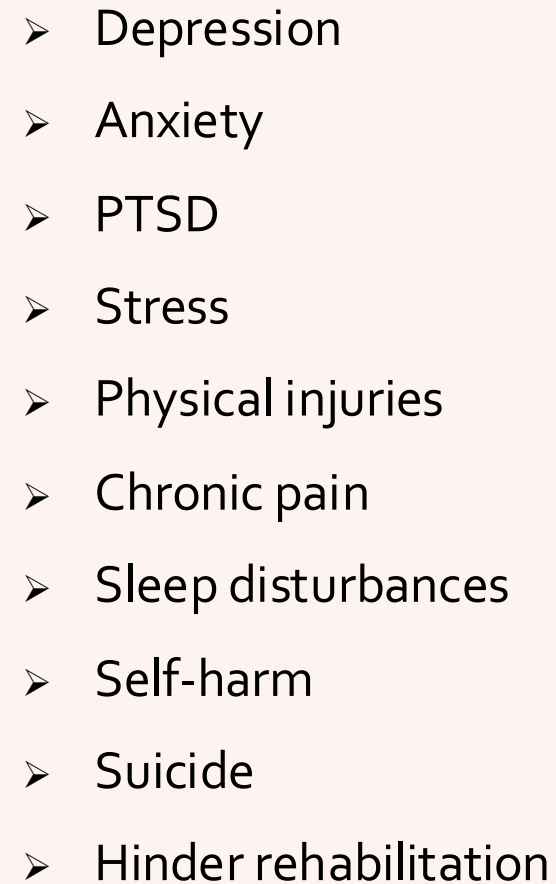


Statistics

- ✓ Significant percentage of incarcerated women experienced DV
- ✓ DV as a contributing factor to incarceration
- ✓ Incarceration creates barriers for victims
- ✓ 32% of incarcerated women experience DV
- ✓ 40% of men witnessed DV

UNIQUE CHALLENGES IN PRISON

- ❖ Limited privacy and control
- ❖ Potential for re-victimization or re-traumatization
- ❖ Difficulty accessing support services
- ❖ Stigma and shame associated with DV



ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PRISON

- Trauma-informed care
 - Support groups
- Individual counseling
 - Therapy
 - Education
- Empowerment programs
 - Safe housing
 - Re-entry planning



- Recognizing signs
- Safe environment
- Appropriate referrals
- Training

- Statute's Definition:
 - List of offenses committed by one "family or household member" against another
- Challenges in application:
 - Intent of the law
 - Family or household member interpretation
 - Practical enforcement
- Potential implications
 - If applied, additional protections
 - If not applied, limited resources

FL Stat 741.30: Injunctions

FL Stat 944.35: Employee of the Department
Offenses

Criminal Offenses in FL Stat 741.28



Complex
issue

Support and
resources

Multi-faceted
approach

THANK
YOU!



QUESTIONS?