Innovations in IPV

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- Maryland’s largest provider of IPV services
  - Baltimore City
  - Baltimore County
  - Prince George’s County
  - Montgomery County
- Over 14,000 victims served in FY2013
- Multiple access points
  - 24 hour hotline. One hotline, all locations
  - Walk in sites in community/ courthouses
  - Court order to Abuse Intervention Programs, Gateway and Si Puedo
  - Active outreach to recent victims.
Overview of Services

• 516 adults and children used our 84 bed Emergency Shelter last year.
  – 100% received Service Coordination
  – 61 children attended the Developmental Pre-school
  – 172 women and children received health care in on-site health clinic

• Community Transitional Housing: Safe Homes, Strong Communities

• Individual, Group and Family Counseling
Overview of Services

• Specialized victim services
  – Culturally and Linguistically specific services through Adelante Familia Program
  – Service Coordination program

• 17 attorney Legal Clinic
  – 11 protective order and 5 divorce and custody attorneys.
  – 1,320 clients represented in protective order and related proceedings. 150 clients in divorce and custody.

• Nationally recognized AIP
  – Gateway
  – Si Puedo
Planting the Seed

- In IPV the abusive partner uses coercion and force to control the victim.
- Mandatory services for victims can replicate the abusive relationship, taking away control and dignity from the victim.
- HRM’s goal is increasing safety through improving awareness and stability.
Lethality Assessment Project

- Many victims don’t seek services because they don’t know they are available. They also may not know they are being abused.
- The LAP is a City wide initiative with the Baltimore City Police Department
  - Providing intervention at time of incident with Jackie Campbell’s modified Danger Assessment scale.
  - HRM Outreach workers make calls increasing awareness of danger level and services available to increase stability and safety.
  - HRM legal advocate guides victims through CJ system. Service Coordinator guides victim with safety plan.
- In 2013 we recorded 1,069 instances of outreach to victims, 259 instances of civil legal advocacy, and 46 instances of criminal court accompaniment
- Creation of most dangerous offender list.
Shelter Health Clinic

- Untreated health conditions interfere with safety and stability.
- Since 1998, partnership with Johns Hopkins School of Nursing to provide on site health services in 2 room clinic.
- Since 2011, Health Care for the Homeless provides weekly Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Services.
- In 2013, the clinic was designated a Title X site and implemented Project Connect protocols.
- In 2013, 96 women and 76 children visited the clinic:
  - 124 received general health/ chronic condition counseling
  - 24 for illness/injury assessment and management
  - 34 received help establishing a PCP or making an appointment
  - 10 received family planning/ pregnancy education
Safe Homes Strong Communities

• Started in 2009 as a way to decrease the disruption in stability that results when victims move from shelter to community.
• Participants find private rental housing in community. SHSC helps with rental assistance for up to 6 months.
• Additional components of program
  – 4-6 months of step down rent assistance
  – Comprehensive safety/needs assessment
  – At least 2 service coordination sessions per month for 6 months
  – Up to 12 job development/job retention group sessions
  – Counseling, day care, legal consultation, health services
• Over 150 participants to date, with 76% able to assume and pay own rent at time of exit from the program (compared with 34% of shelter clients).
Innovative Strategies

• Must move beyond the idea of reactive services.
• Strategies need to be focused on safety.
• Strategies must respect the inherent dignity in each person – victim and abuser.
• Planting the seed increases the awareness of victims and puts the power to act back in her hands.
• Must combine awareness with stability building initiatives to prevent a return to abuse solely for economic/survival reasons.
Questions?

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