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The road ahead in preventing domestic homicides: Where do we go from here?

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Preventing domestic homicide: From research and lived experiences to practice

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What have we learned over the past 6 years

Part 1



- Domestic homicides are a significant national problem
- A gendered crime
- Vulnerable populations we identified account for over half of domestic homicides

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Part 2



Highlights from Survey & Key Informants

- Training on risk assessment, safety planning and risk management
- Need to recognize needs of vulnerable populations
- Collaboration across systems and agencies
- Agreeing on tools – sharing findings across systems and agencies
- Risk assessment is not an end in itself = must lead to safety planning and risk management

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Part 3



Highlights from interviews with survivors and family/friends from homicide victims

- Help seeking is challenging and exhausting
- Can't overlook impact of trauma when survivors seek help
- Leaving is a process
- It can happen to anyone
- Listen more, judge less
- So many layers of oppression to navigate

Making Sense of the Research Translating into Practice



The benefits and challenges incorporating key theoretical frameworks

Social ecological model

Intersectionality

Exposure Reduction and Retaliation

Social ecological model

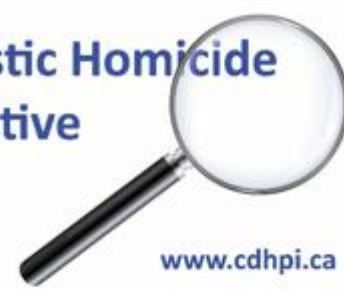
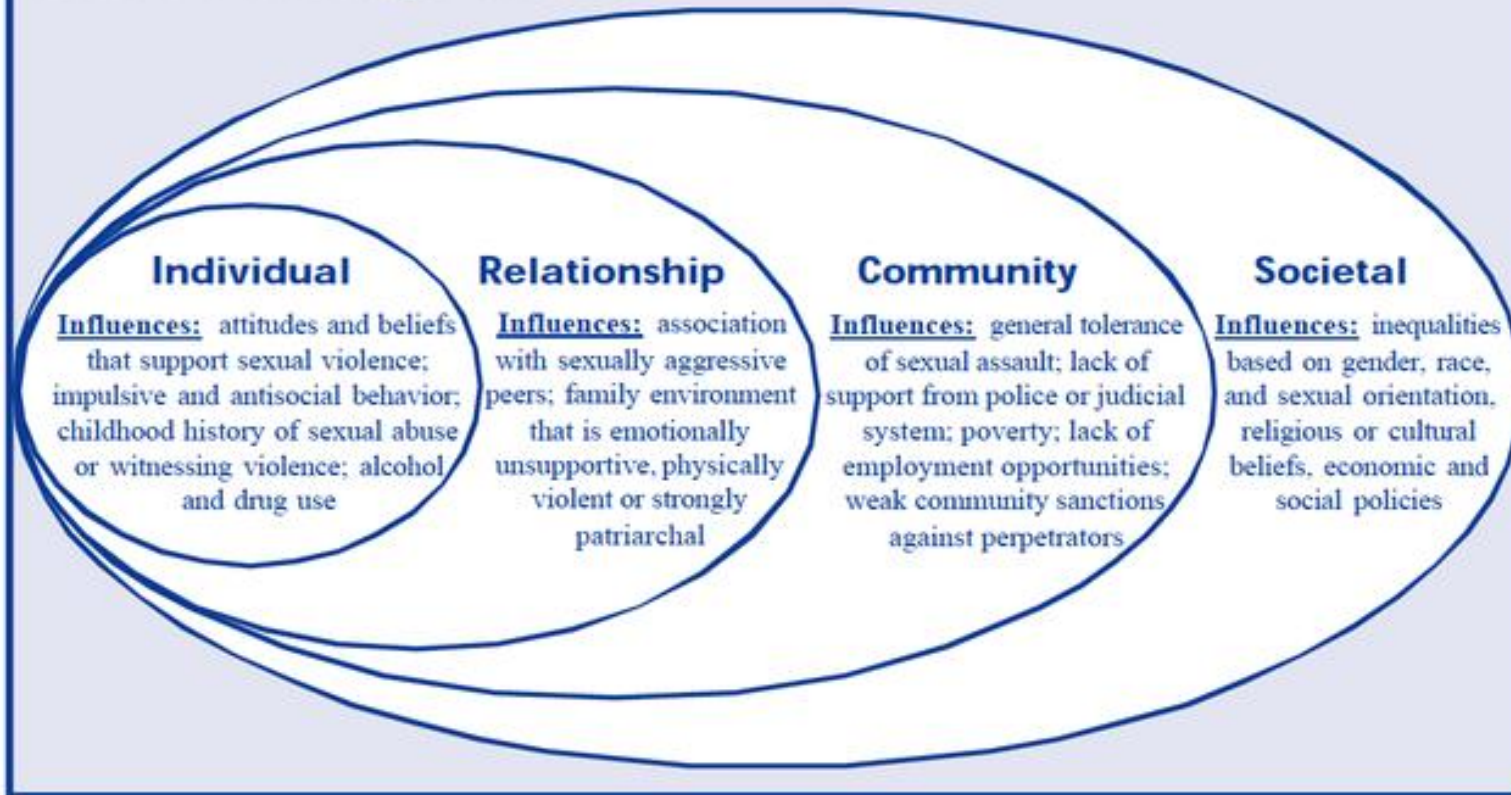
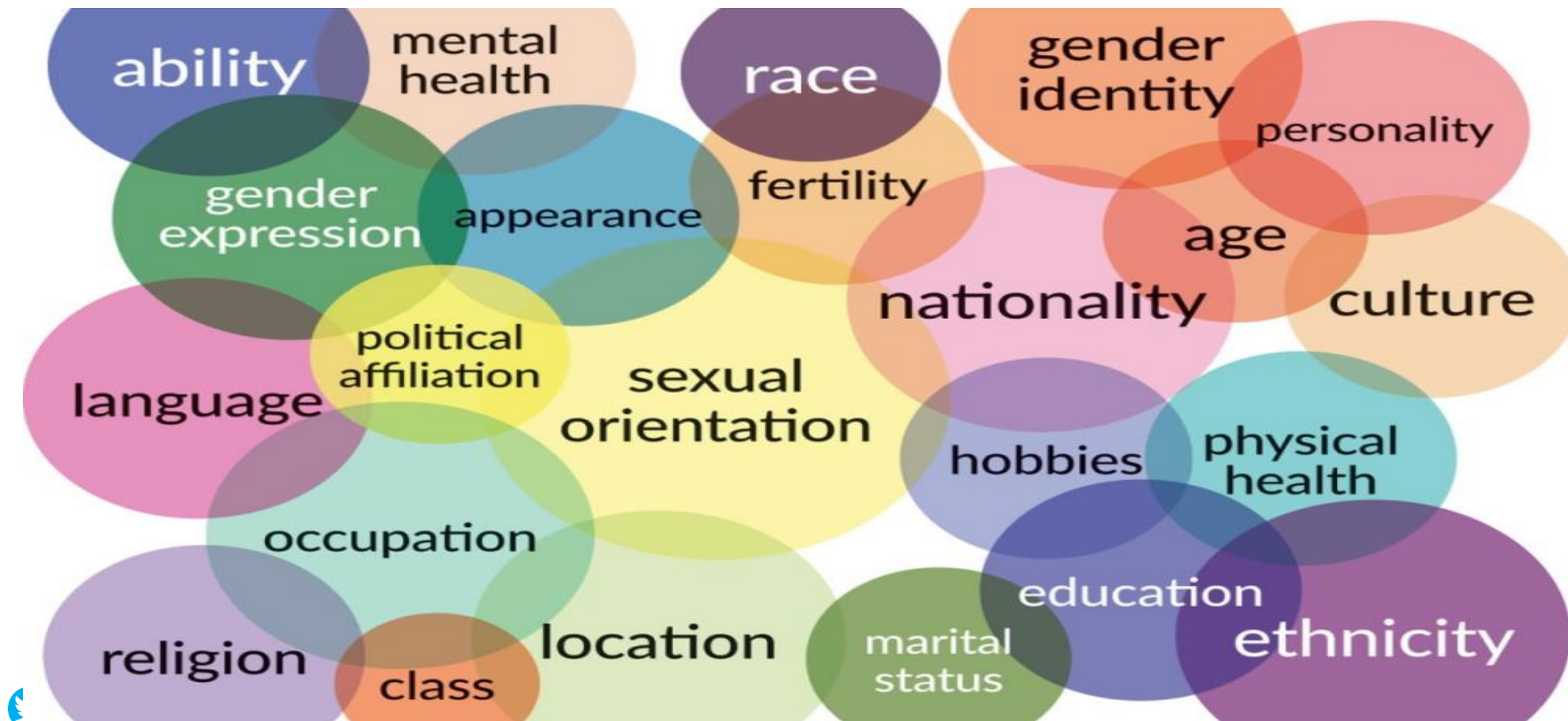


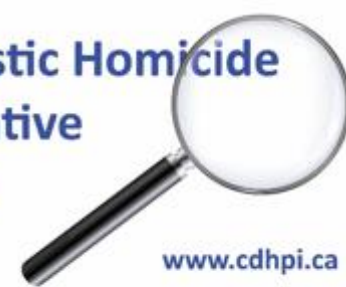
Table 1. The Ecological Model



Intersectionality



Exposure Reduction & Retaliation



- Policies and services designed to help victims of domestic violence appear to have two possible and opposing effects: either they decrease the abuse and risk of homicide, or they have the unintended consequence of increasing risk.
- Some interventions that reduce contact between intimate partners in violent relationships also reduce opportunities for further abuse and potential homicide attempts. But certain interventions designed to help victims gain access to helpful resources may actually increase the risk of homicide—they have a backlash or retaliation effect. The outcome depends on the type of intervention and the characteristics of the victim and the offender.

Dugan, L., Nagin, D. S., & Rosenfeld, R. (2003). Do domestic violence services save lives. *National Institute of Justice Journal*, 250, 20-25.

Exposure Reduction & Retaliation



- Policy, Planning, and Prevention
 - The fact that retaliation occurs doesn't mean that prevention strategies are a bad idea. Instead, prevention should be tailored to individual needs. These results also imply that reducing exposure just a little—or failing to meet promises of exposure reduction—can be worse than doing nothing at all for persons in severely violent relationships. For them, exposure reduction is crucial, although it may not be easy to achieve.

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Promising Practices that Make a Difference



Public Education

Professional training

- Risk Assessment
- Safety Planning
- Risk Management

Collaboration

Video 11 – hope for the future

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Things that are happening that give you hope

In the chat function share promising practices and things that are happening that give you hope

Please include your location and a link if there is a media article or website that provides more details



Closing Reflections

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