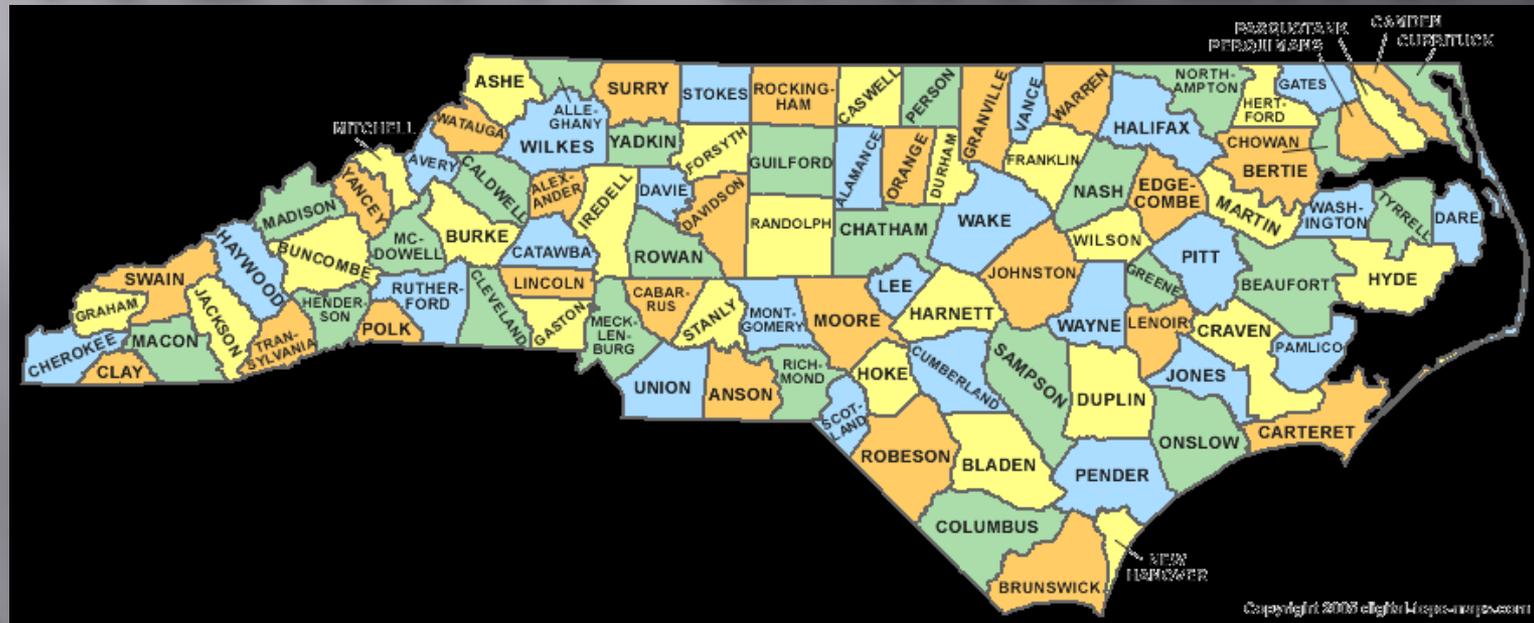


DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA



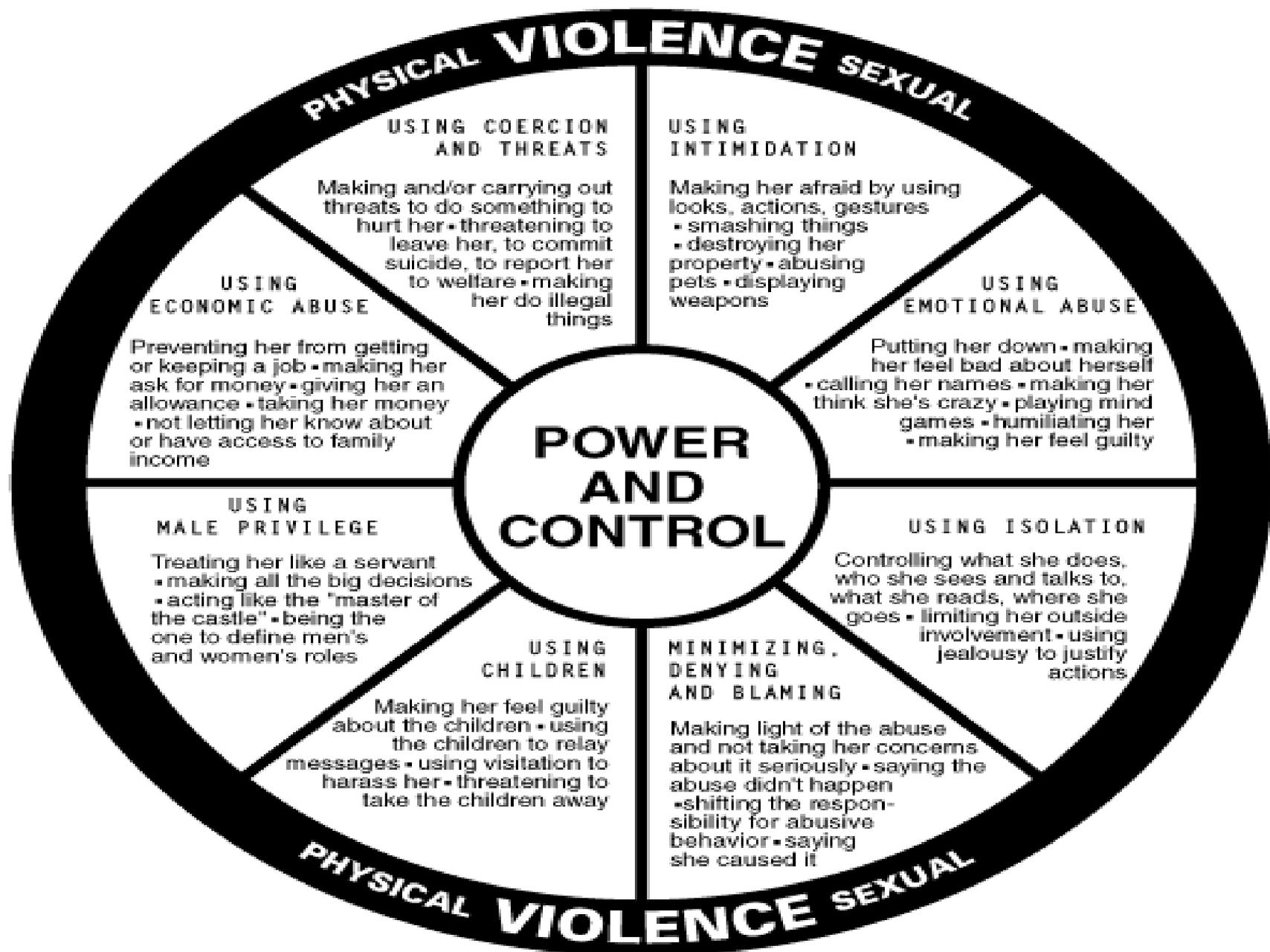
A report on where we are
today, 15 years after Beijing

Objectives

- ▣ Why Am I Here?
- ▣ Current State of North Carolina and Domestic Violence
- ▣ North Carolina Pre-Beijing Conference
- ▣ North Carolina Post-Beijing Conference
 - ▣ Introducing InterAct
 - ▣ Solutions for the Future

What is Domestic Violence?

Behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Partners may be married or unmarried, heterosexual, gay, or lesbian, living together, separated, or dating.



Just a Few Statistics

2008-2009

9 million the total estimated population
12% decrease

2006-2007

8 1/2 million the total estimated population
47,000 victims of domestic violence
2% decrease

For Comparison

2005-2006

8 1/2 million the total estimated population

48,000 victims of domestic violence

5% decrease

2004-2005

8 million the total estimated population

51,000 Victims of domestic violence

10% decrease

North Carolina Pre-Beijing Conference



1970-1995

1970's

1978

First domestic violence shelter opens

1979

23 programs, eleven of them shelters are opened
across N.C.



1980's

1980

N.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence is established

1983

53 programs, 20 with shelters are operating across the state

1986

Pro restraining order legislation is passed.

1990's

1992

The Stalking Bill is passed

1993

Marital Rape legislation is passed

1995

Convicted batterers must attend an abuser treatment program if one is available

North Carolina Post Beijing Conference



1995-Present

Article 5, Section A

States parties shall take appropriate measures to modify the cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, with a view to achieving elimination of prejudices and customary and all other practices, which are based on the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of either of the sexes or stereotypical roles for men and women



N.C. House Bill 1354

- ▣ Domestic Violence Offender Treatment
 - ▣ Strangulation Offense
- ▣ Amended Habitual Misdemeanor Assault Statute
- ▣ Conform State Firearms Law to Federal Law
- ▣ Prohibit Employment Discrimination Against Victims

InterAct



A model for providing services to those suffering within the community from domestic violence, sexual assault/rape

Introducing InterAct

Mission:

“Providing safety, and support to victims and survivors of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault”



Services Provided by InterAct

- ▣ Crisis Intervention
- ▣ Residential Counseling
- ▣ Community Education and Training
- ▣ Youth Education Services
- ▣ Rape Intervention Education

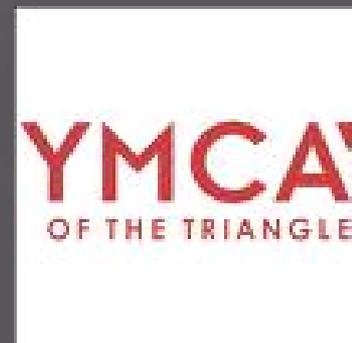
Family Safety and Empowerment Center



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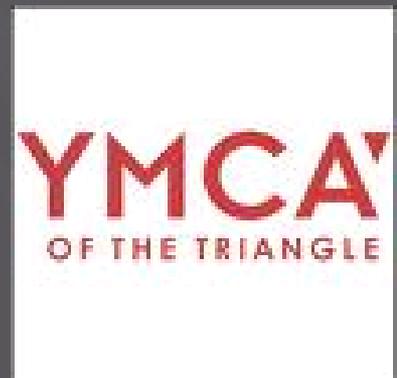


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Community Impact

- ▣ 778 volunteers provided 20,000 hours of service which equals \$396,000 worth of service



- ▣ 89% of those helped by InterAct do **NOT** return to their abuser
- ▣ 36,000 individuals served in 2008

For the Future...

- ▣ Continue to Raise Awareness

 - ▣ Earmark Funding

- ▣ Continue Research on the Issue of Domestic Violence

 - ▣ Promote Local Organizations

 - ▣ Lobby for Stronger Legislation
(Such as CEDAW!)

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