



Domestic Violence and COVID-19

Coalition Leaders' Perspectives on System Impacts

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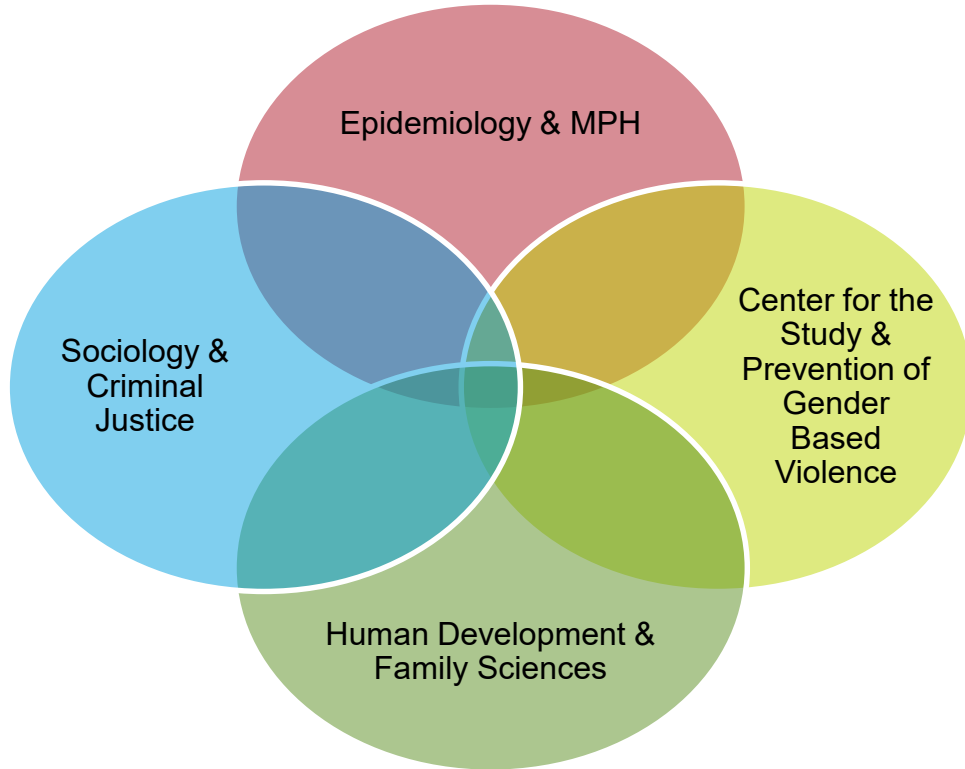
The Shadow Pandemic (United Nations)

During the COVID pandemic:

- Estimated that reports of DV increased 8.1% since pandemic onset
- National Domestic Violence Hotline:
 - *19% increase in online chat services*
 - *24% increase in hotline contact by victims identifying as Asian*
 - *40% increase in the need for protective orders*
- Reduced capacity of health services, shelters, and helplines



Getting the Team Together

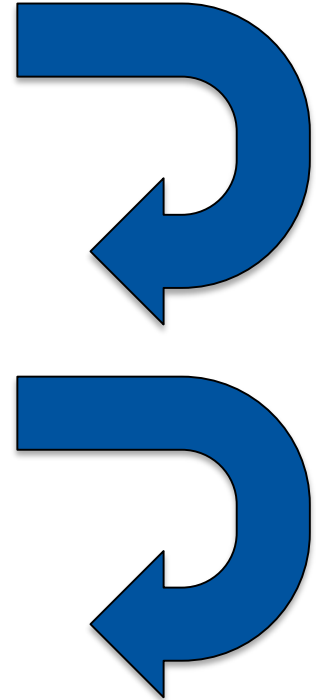


- Disaster Epidemiologist
- Former Coalition staff member
- Gender-Based Violence Researchers
- Current and former coalition board members



Project Overview

- 1) Conduct key informant interviews with executive directors and leadership staff representing the 56 State and Territorial domestic violence coalitions to identify system and service impacts from the pandemic and ways in which the DV system responded.
- 2) Using interview themes, develop and administer a survey to domestic violence advocates and service providers to determine the extent and nature of domestic violence service disruption in the COVID-19 pandemic and impacts on the DV work force.
- 3) Design data-informed tools and resources to improve DV system and service preparedness and build system resiliency for future disasters.



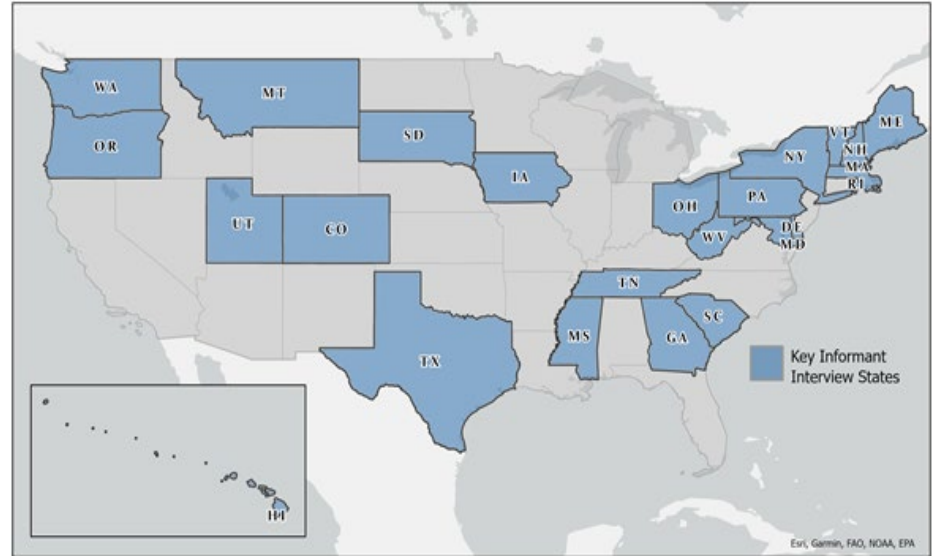
Key Informant Interviews

- Develop interview guide with input from local DV partners
 - Interview guide approved by University of Delaware IRB (1597257)
 - Each State and Territorial Domestic Violence Coalition executive director contacted via email in early 2022 (N=56)
- Interviews conducted by Dr. Miller and Dr. Fleury-Steiner, both current or former Coalition Board Members
 - Recordings supplemented by interviewer notes and reflections
 - Double coded following grounded theory; constant comparison method



Participation

- 25 of 56 (45%) of State and Territorial Domestic Violence Coalition executive directors/staff
- 8 of 8 (100%) of National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) regions



Central Themes



- Impacts of public health control measures
- Impacts on the DV Workforce
 - *Staff turnover*
 - *Essential worker status*
 - *Stress and burnout*
- Disruptions to DV system and shifts in service delivery
- Innovations and Lessons Learned



Next Steps

- **COMING SOON TO A WEBLINK NEAR YOU...**
Phase 2: DV Advocate and Service Provider Survey!
- **Still under development...** Phase 3: Collaborate with state and national partners to develop project-informed tools and resources



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