

September is Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Awareness Month

Substance Use and Intimate Partner Violence are closely associated (VAW, 2015). IPV is defined as “a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors that may include inflicted physical injury, psychological abuse, sexual assault, social isolation, stalking, deprivation, intimidation, and threats” (Futures Without Violence Association FWV, 2014). Between ¼ and ½ of women receiving IPV victims’ assistance have a substance use disorder (Ogle, & Baer, 2003). Of the women entering substance use treatment, between 47% and 67% reported being victims of IPV and 90% of women attending methadone clinics reported IPV history (Engstrom, El-Bassel, & Gilbert, 2012). The American Journal of Public Health discovered that victims of violence were significantly more likely to use multiple substances before and during pregnancy than those with no experience of IPV. IPV survivors had triple the rates of alcohol and substance use than the general population (SAMHSA, 2014). On average, according to FWV, more than three women are murdered per day by their intimate partner in the United States. FWVA report that about 15.5 million children live in families where partner violence has occurred in the past year in the United States. IPV is the leading cause of female homicide and injury related deaths during pregnancy (IPV Fact Sheet, 2010).



Lessons Learned from Providers about Working with Patients in Current Intimate Partner Violence relationships

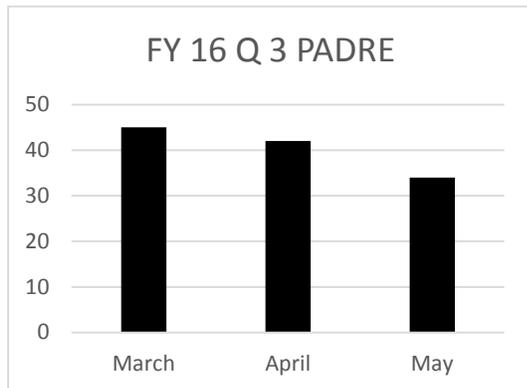
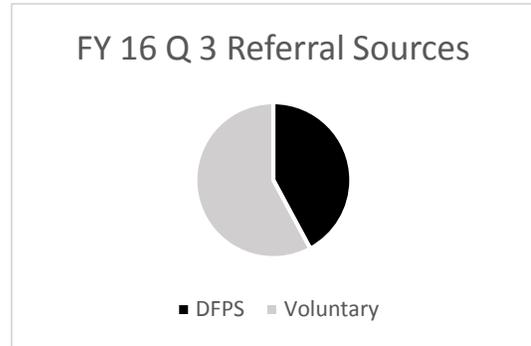
- “Identifying, Planning and Clinician Safety!”
- “Never Assume, Never Stop Educating”
- “Be careful not to use shame or guilt as a motivator”
- “Provide Support & Understanding & Compassion”
- Ask open ended questions “How do you feel I can help you the best?”
- Help identify signs of mood changes in their partner
- “Allow for privacy for better disclosure”
- Identify her existing support system
- “Be knowledgeable of Resources, Their Policies and Rules” & “Keep Providing at Each Visit”
- “If she does leave, don’t abandon her if she decides to go back”

Collaborative Partnerships

Alpha Home PPI program addresses intimate partner violence often. Women coming into our program are often living in abusive situations and use and/or abuse of alcohol and/or drugs as part of the violence and abuse cycle. We see many women who are using substances to try to forget the verbal, physical, mental or sexual abuse they suffered or are currently suffering. We DO NOT use shame or intimidation to force women into decisions we feel are best for them. We partner with them, empower them, encourage them and help them to ensure their own and their families’ safety. While we are not the experts on intimate partner violence, we are for some of the women we serve, we may be the first and only people they are willing to talk to about violence in their life.

PPI Statistics

Pregnant Postpartum Intervention services provide services to pregnant, postpartum and DFPS-referred clients. As reported by our PPI providers, DFPS made up 42% of referrals of PPI services (506 DFPS-referred and 695 voluntary referrals). In addition, 500 women have been reached through targeted outreach efforts throughout the state and 68 women or 5% of women are entering into Substance Use treatment while enrolled in PPI services.



PADRE Statistics

PADRE services enrollment has remained consistent in FY 16 Quarter 3, reflected here (March 45 clients, April 42 clients, and May 34 clients). In addition, 138 fathers were educated in the following areas: child safety guidelines, child development, family planning and health, and the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs during pregnancy and beyond. *Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas had a father shared that he “has learned how to be a much more nurturing and caring father” in PADRE. Another shared that he “learned how to teach his daughter to listen in a loving way.”*

Success Stories

Nexus Recovery Center has partnered with Stewpot in Dallas. The Stewpot is a staple within the homeless community. Most of the resident use the Stewpot for general safety. The Stewpot is “ecstatic” to have PPI programs where hygiene kits, safer sex kits, safer drug kits, referrals, HIV testing, pregnancy testing and parenting and substance use education is provided. On average, the outreach specialist is meeting six women PER DAY looking for services. Word of mouth within the community has begun and women are coming from across the city to see the outreach specialist which has resulted in a parenting group at Stewpot. To find out more about this great program or learn new collaborative ideas, please contact Loryn at Nexus Recovery Center at 214-321-1841.

IPV Resource

- The National Domestic Violence Hotline (24/7) 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence 1-800-537-2238
 - Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody 1-800-52PEACE (527-3423)
 - Futures without Violence 1-800-792-2873
- Texas SAFE Alliance (24/7) 512-267-7233 (SAFE)
- Texas Advocacy Project: Legal Line 1-800-374-HOPE

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PPI & PADRE Providers in Texas

Region 1

**Panhandle (Lubbock)
StarCare Specialty Health
System**

*Project Apple
PPI & PADRE Provider
806-740-1456*

Region 2

**Abilene
Abilene Regional COADA**

*Hope Program
PPI Provider
325-673-2242*

Region 3

**Arlington, Dallas, Fort
Worth**

**Tarrant County Hospital
District**

Nexus Recovery Center
*Nexus Generations
PPI Provider
214-321-1841*

John Peter Smith (JPS)

*JPS Mom & Baby Program
PPI Provider
817-920-7322*

UT Arlington

*New Connections
PPI Provider
214-645-0919*

Region 4

**East Texas (Longview)
Longview Wellness Center**

*Wellness Pointe
PPI Provider
903-212-4658*

Region 6

**Houston
Behavioral Health Alliance
of Texas**

*PPI Provider
512-215-8171*

Santa Maria Hostel

*Caring for Two
PPI Provider
713-818-0033*

**The Council on Recovery-
Houston**

*Cradles
PPI Provider
281-200-9109*

Region 7

**Austin, Waco, Temple
BVCASA**

*Baby Love
PPI Provider
979-846-3560 ext 104*

Cenikor Foundation

*Mommy & Me
PPI Provider
254-299-2787*

LifeSteps

**Council on Alcohol and
Drugs**

*Wee Care
PPI & PADRE Provider
512-869-2571*

Region 8

**San Antonio
Alpha Home**

*Family First
PPI Provider
210-735-3822*

Region 9

**Midland, Odessa
PBRCADEA**

*Mommy and Me
PPI & PADRE Provider
432-653-8026*

Region 10

**El Paso
Aliviane**

*PPI & PADRE Provider
915-782-4032*

Region 11

**Corpus Christi, Laredo,
Valley**

**Behavioral Health Solutions
of South Texas**

*PPI & PADRE Provider
956-787-7111*

**Coastal Bend Wellness
Foundation**

*Project HUG
PPI & PADRE Provider
361-814-2001*

**The Council on Alcohol and
Drug Abuse-Coastal Bend**

*Project Link
PPI & PADRE Provider
361-854-9199*

**Serving Children and adults
in Need (SCAN)**

*PPI & PADRE Provider
956-724-3177*

