

Here to Help, Breaking the Cycle of Intimate Partner Violence

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Here to Help: Breaking the Cycle of Intimate Partner Violence is an integrated training program involving an interactive CD-ROM, written manuals, victim handouts, and web-based resources. The program is designed to train prehospital care providers in the recognition of intimate partner violence. The program also outlines methods for protecting the individuals responding to the scene, the victim and other family members.



Since more than 50% of female victims of intimate partner violence live in households with children under the age of twelve, recognizing intimate partner violence provides key indicators that child abuse may also be present. Intervention and support of intimate partner violence victims and other family members helps break a cycle that may reduce family violence, including child abuse, in subsequent generations.

The primary sections of the training program include: background and overview, safety – yours and the patient's, approaching the scene, entering the scene, documentation, interventions, when does the victim need help, encouraging the victim to seek help, and other resources. The program, originally designed for prehospital care providers, may also be used for other audiences who come into contact with victims of intimate partner violence.



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