



Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention

Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prevention Policy Deputies Meeting

November 20, 2025



GBV Program Updates



GBV Prevention Community Grants

\$2 million investment in 12 agencies for GBV prevention

- All agencies spent the first quarter (June-August) hiring staff, negotiating MOUs with necessary agencies where education and outreach would be provided, creating evidenced-based and age-appropriate curriculum, creating recruitment strategies, and establishing a workplan with input from OVP.
- 8 of the 12 agencies have started programming in September, with reports that agencies faced challenges with recruitment and participant attendance due to students transitioning back to school, immigration-related fears, caregiving demands, unstable housing, and ongoing trauma.

GBV Prevention Community Grant Highlights

Healthy Relationship Education and Training

- During the month of September, Haven Hills focused on networking and did extensive outreach to LAUSD and community schools within the Greater San Fernando Valley seeking to implement Healthy Relationship curriculum at their sites.
- Haven Hills facilitated an all-encompassing Healthy Relationship workshop at Milken Community High School during the schools “Lunch and Learn” which is open to the entire campus during lunch period and students can drop in for the workshop. This model is set up by the school and designed to support students with learning during lunch.

GBV Prevention Community Grant Highlights

Engaging Men and Boys

- Jail Guitar Doors launched its Ubuntu Youth Circle on September 12, 2025
 - During September, the group met three times with an average of 13 young men with a range of 9 to 20 individuals attending each event.
 - During October, the group met four times with an average attendance of 19 participants. Guest speakers (two in October) sparked interest among participants and will be utilized as often as can be arranged.

GBV Prevention Community Grant Highlights

LGBTQ+ Youth Peer Leadership

- Minority AIDS Project recruited participants through a variety of individualized personal contact, community events, and social media including:
- Coordinated and supported community engagement events:
 - One Night Only (Aug 8) – Participant engagement and visibility building
 - South LA Pride (Aug 9) – Networking with partners and participant connection
 - Western Cookout Outreach (Aug 15) – Program promotion and engagement documentation

GBV Prevention Community Grant Highlights

Economic Empowerment for Women and Girls

- Maternal Child Health Access worked to adapt their action plan to better meet the needs of participants who are navigating multiple challenges in the current environment. This included:
 - Curriculum revisions to support overview of financial topics and referral to financial organization partners for targeted assistance.
 - Workshop size and formats were adapted to prioritize emotional and physical safety.
 - Added supports to ensure equity, appropriate cultural adaptation, and accessibility of resources among Spanish-speaking clients and those with limited literacy.

GBV Prevention Community Grant Highlights

Engaging Men and Boys

- The Prism Way reports, “In our first session of the month, a 12-year-old courageously shared his discomfort with inappropriate behavior from peers, framed as playful but sexual in nature. His honesty sparked reflection among the group, and facilitators guided a powerful discussion on gender-based violence and respect. By the next session, the boys had taken accountability, offered sincere apologies, and restored their friendships. They now interact with greater awareness and care. The young man who spoke up shared that he felt heard, supported, and more at peace.”

GBV Prevention Community Grant Highlights

Learning Collaboratives

- Held 4 Learning Collaboratives with each funded category. On December 2nd we will host a Learning Collaborative with all subcontractors to share learning and resources across areas, share and distribute the DV Prevention Toolkit, and continue to connect community partners with county resources.
- Departments and Commissions who joined our LC: Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Youth Development, LGBTQ+ Commissioner
- Positive feedback received by all participants on wanting to share and collaborate more with other subcontractors; will continue to incorporate feedback into future LC

GBV Prevention Initiative Work Plan

- Updating the workplan to establish a 3- to 5-year timeline
- Framework organized around three overarching goals:
 1. Invest in community driven prevention programs and services;
 2. Increase education and awareness about GBV; and
 3. Improve coordination across county departments and between county and community partners, to better leverage resources and advance policy, practice and system change.
- Incorporate specific, measurable strategies aligned to each goal.
- Share updated workplan in January 2026.



Building Better Data for a Safer Future: Examining and Advancing the Measurement of Domestic Violence in LA County

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Overview

1. How Common is Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in Los Angeles County?

- Los Angeles Health Survey (LACHS) and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Domestic Violence (DV) Statistics
 - Changes over time

2. How Do We Measure Intimate Partner Violence?

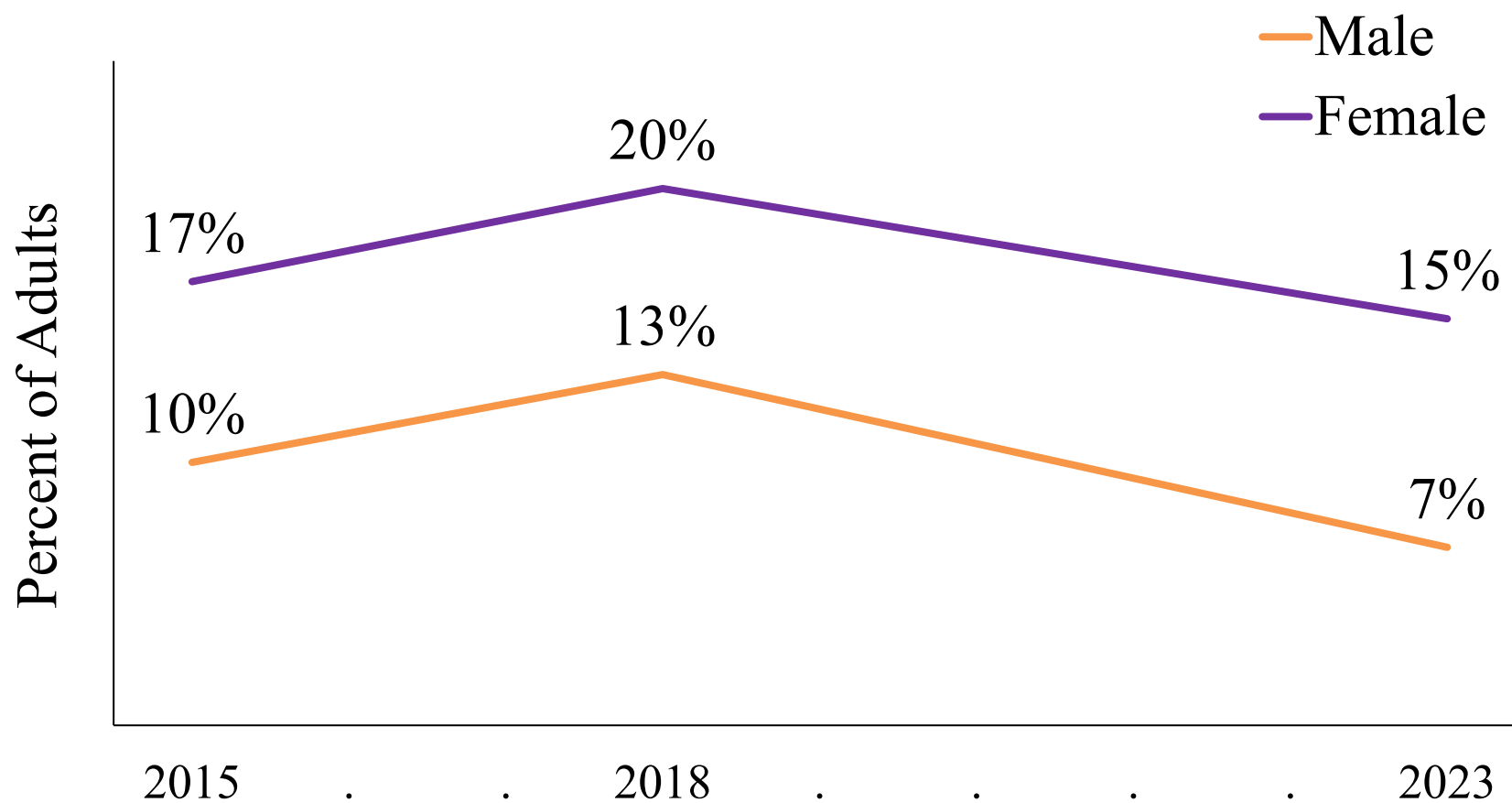
- Different Data Sources on IPV/DV
 - Rates, Strengths, and Weaknesses

3. Conclusions

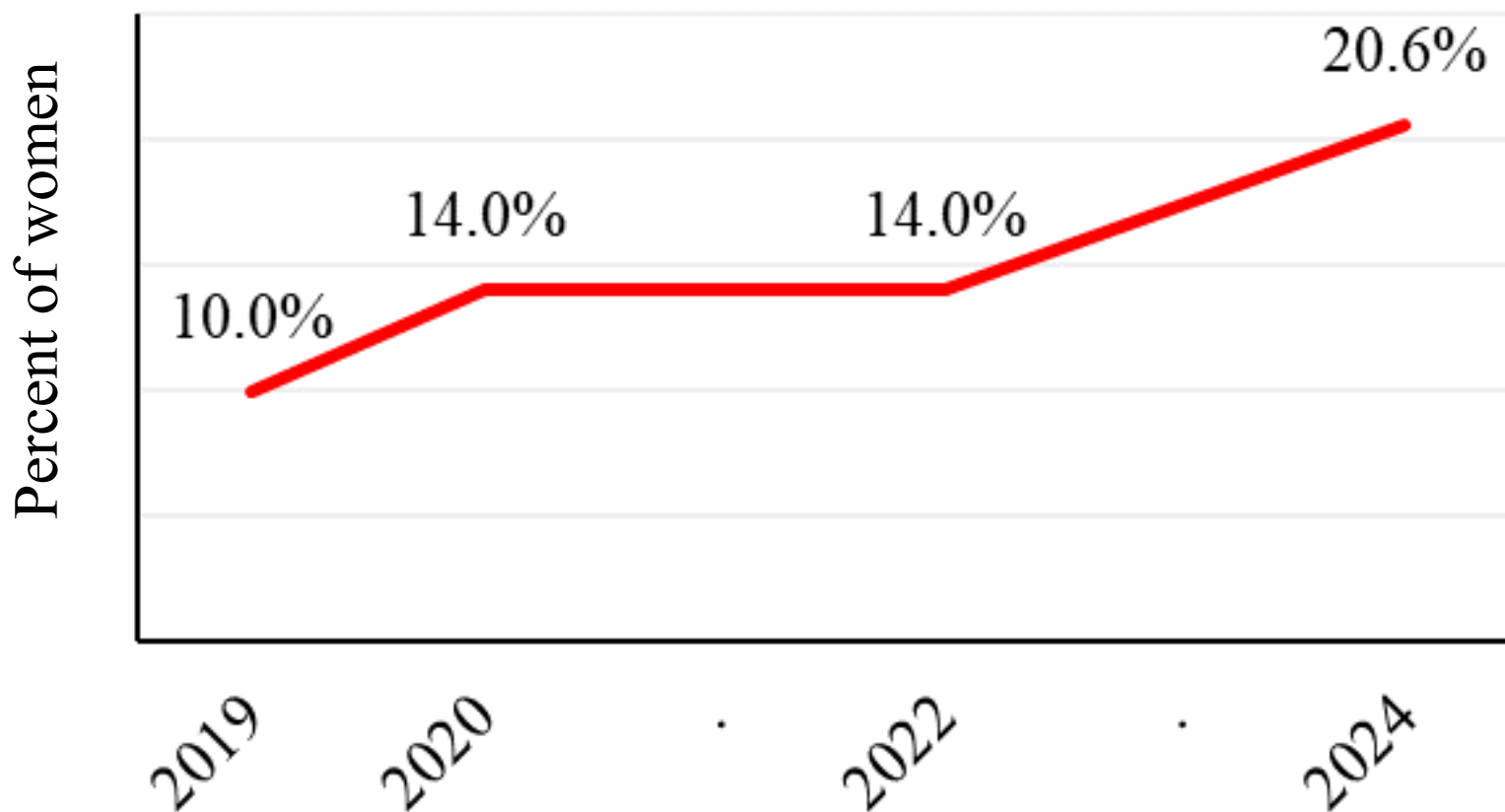


How common is Intimate Partner
Violence in Los Angeles County?

Percent of Adults In LA County Who Reported Ever Experiencing Physical or Sexual Violence by an Intimate Partner, by Gender, Los Angeles County Health Survey



Percent of Women in LA County Who Are Homeless Due to Fleeing Intimate Partner Violence, LAHSA





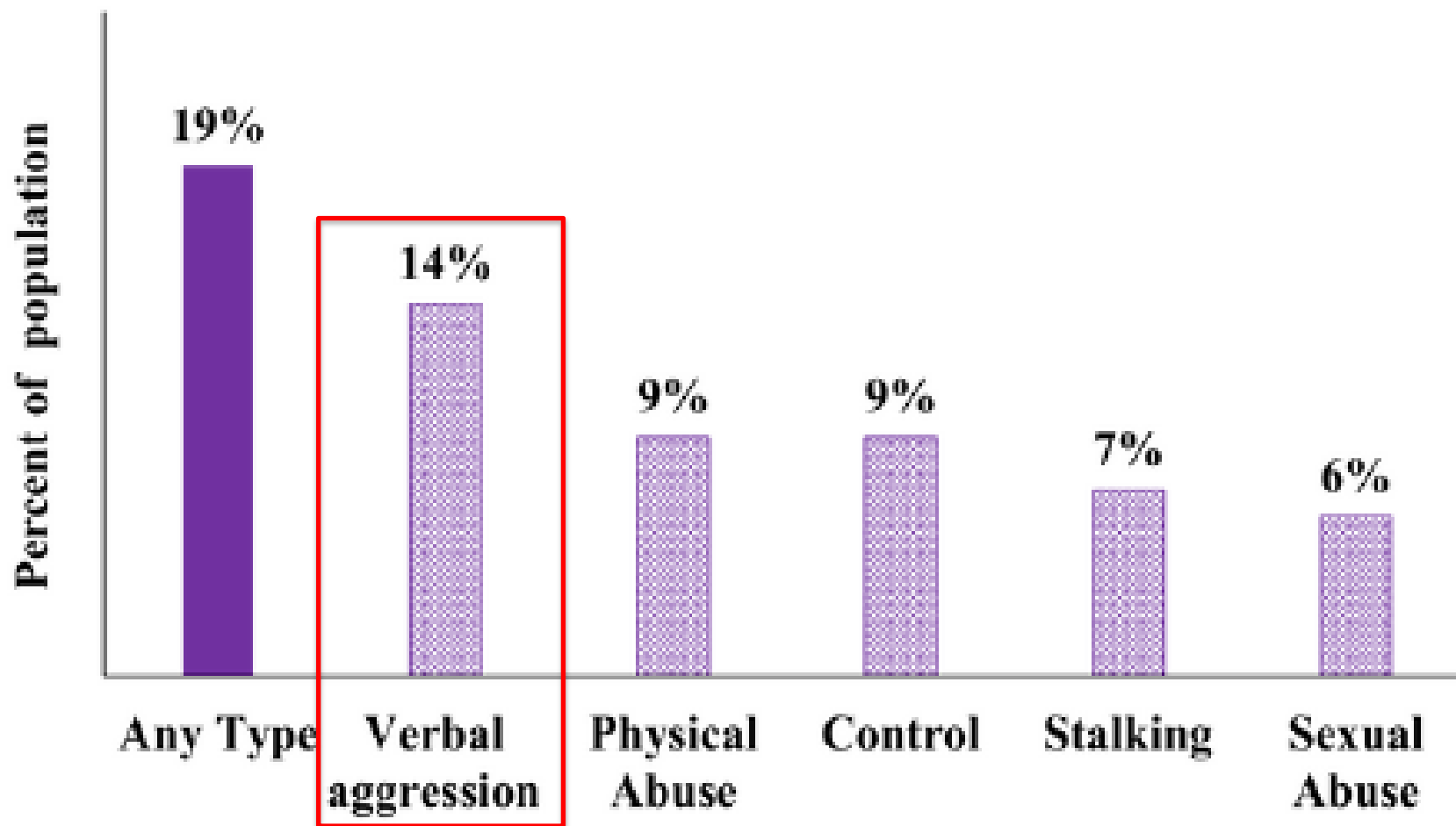
IPV is more than just Physical or Sexual Abuse

11% of individuals residing in LA County reported ever experiencing **physical or sexual violence.**

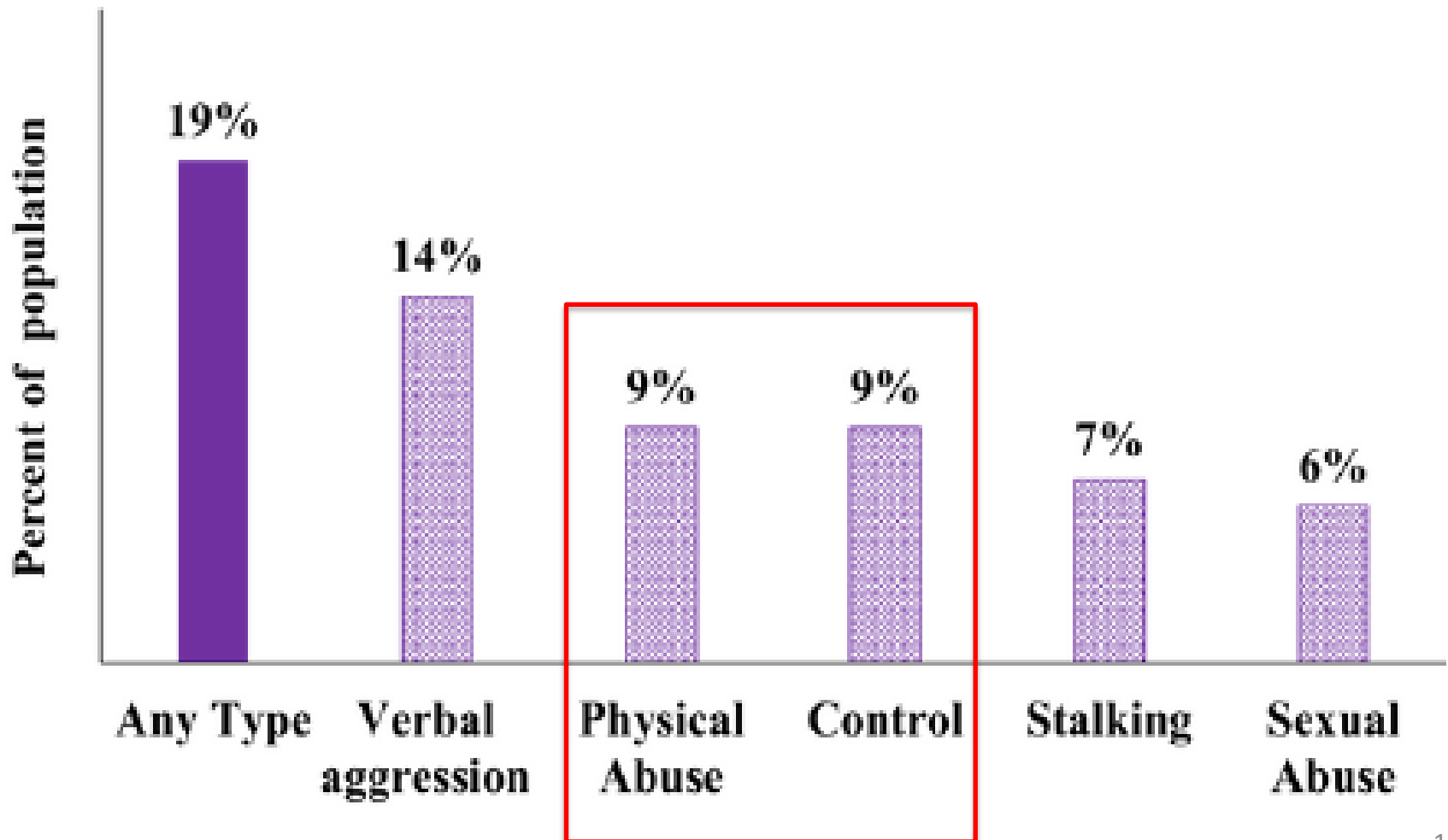
19% of individuals residing in LA County reported ever experiencing **physical or sexual violence, stalking, verbal aggression or control enacted by a present or past romantic partner.**

LACHS, 2023

Reports of Intimate Partner Violence by Type, LACHS 2023



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IPV is more than just Physical or Sexual Abuse



Individuals who reported verbal abuse, were

29x more likely to
report stalking

23x more likely to
report physical abuse

15x more likely to
report sexual abuse

Compared to individuals who did not report verbal abuse

LACHS, 2023

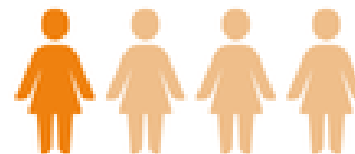
Anyone can
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Yet, some groups
show greater risk of
experiencing IPV
compared to others

According to 2023 data for LA County



~1 in 7 Cisgender Men (14%)



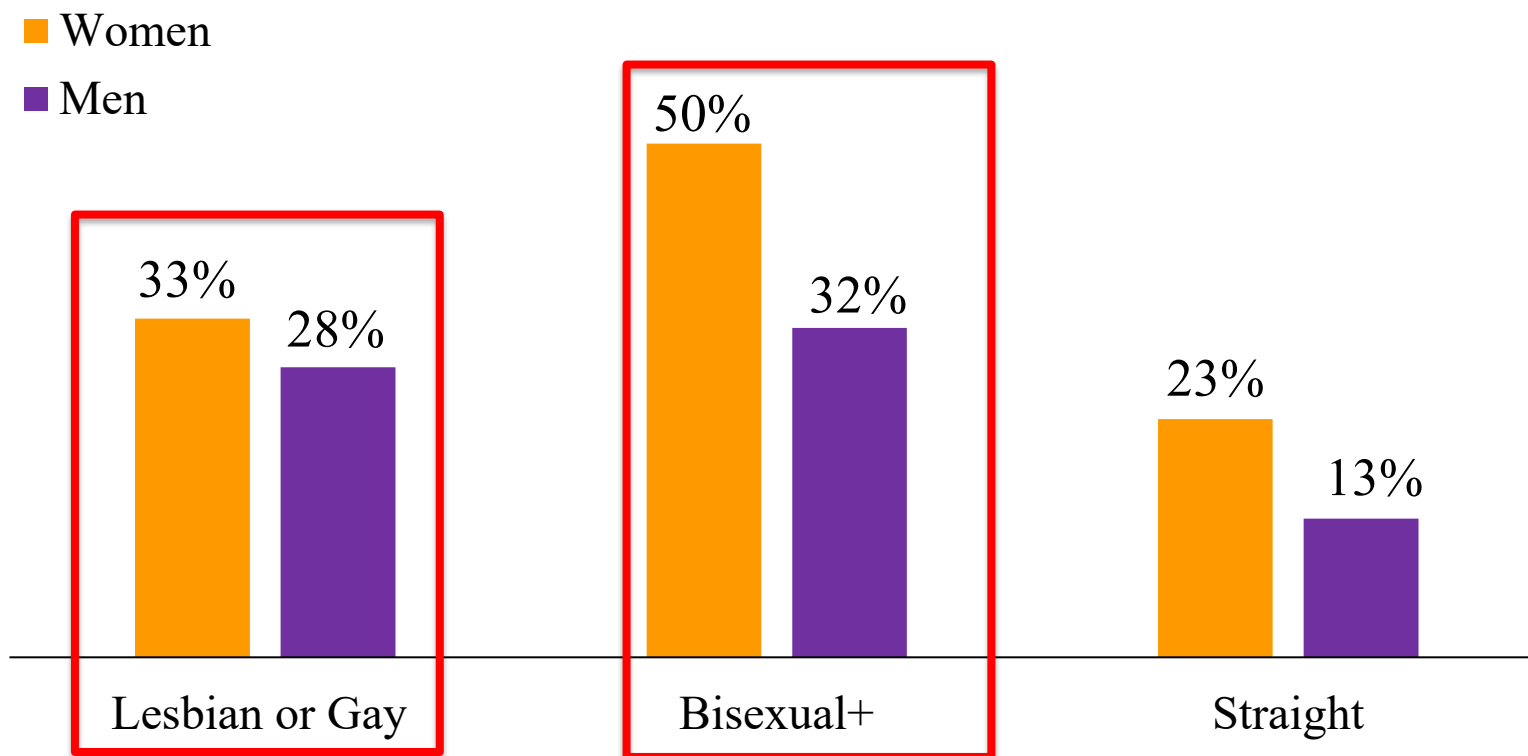
~1 in 4 Cisgender Women (24%)



~1 in 2 TGN individuals (47%)

Anyone can experience IPV, yet some individuals show greater risk of experiencing IPV compared to others

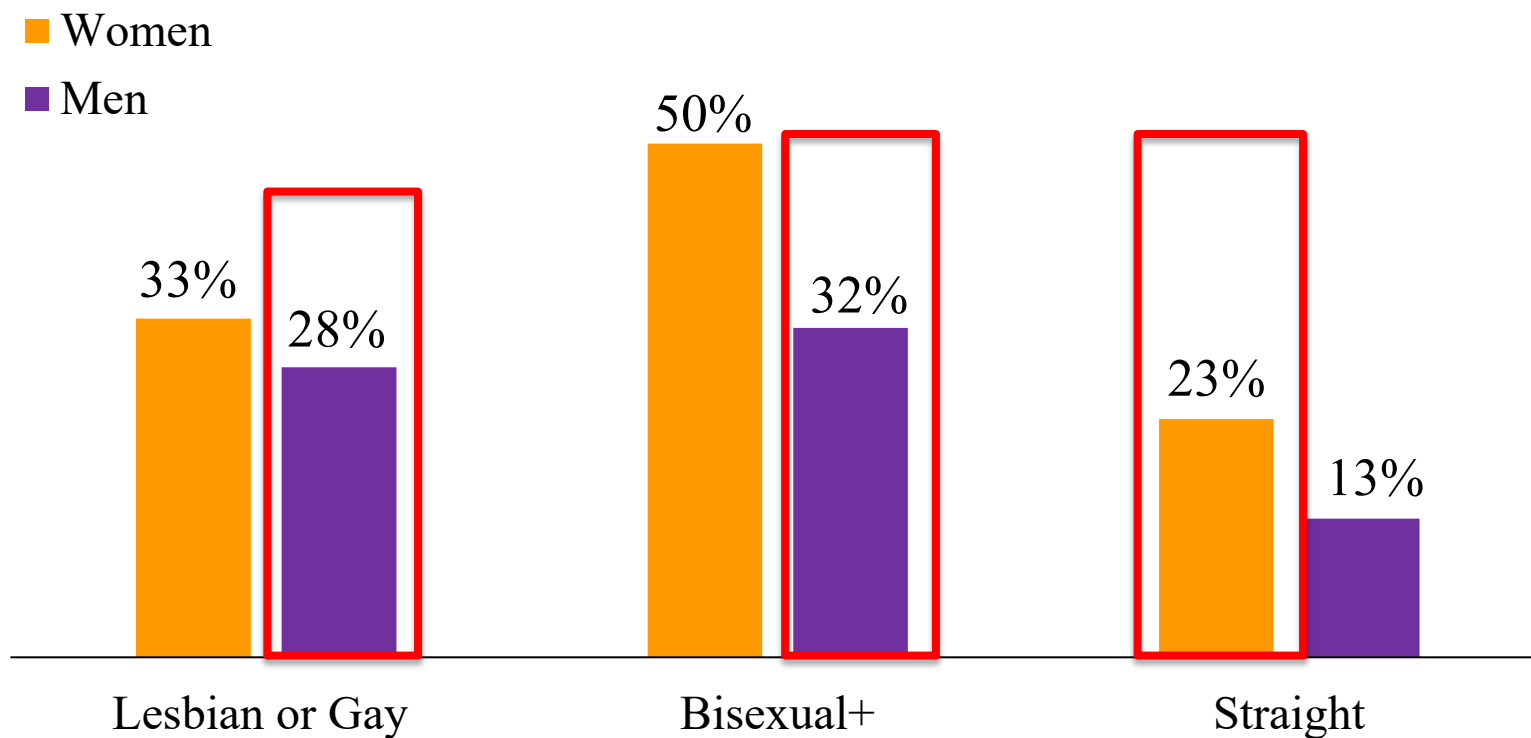
Reports of Intimate Partner Violence by Sexual Orientation and Cisgender*, LACHS 2023



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Women in LA County with disabilities were

1.7x more likely to report experiencing any type of IPV compared to women without disabilities.



Women in LA County who were born in United States were

1.9x more likely to report experiencing any type of IPV

compared to women who were born outside of United States.

How common is Intimate Partner Violence in Los Angeles County?

How do we measure Intimate Partner Violence?



Survivors in Survey Data



Survivors in Criminal Justice Data

**Survivors in
Survey Data**



Victims or Survivors in Morbidity & Mortality Data

**Survivors in
Criminal Justice
Data**

**Survivors in
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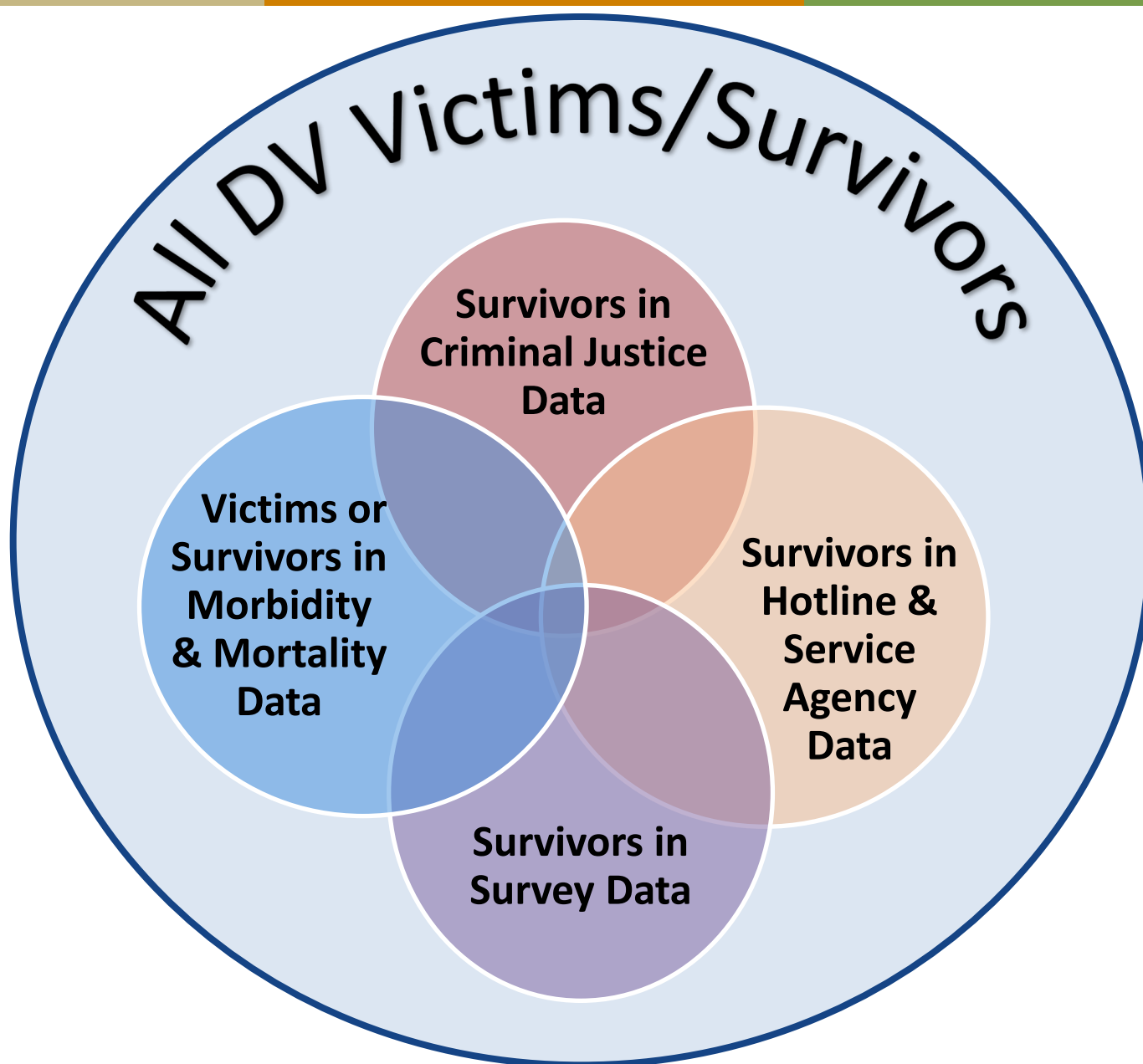


**Survivors in
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**Survivors in
Survey Data**

**Survivors in
Hotline & Service
Agency Data**



Survey Data

Strengths

- Repeat assessments over time (trends)
- Data on multiple DV types
- Many different sources

Survey Data

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- Annual/Bi-annual Assessments
- Data on multiple DV types
- Many different sources

Weaknesses

- Funding priority changes
- Low response rates
- Self-report
- Linguistic & cultural challenges

Self Reported Survey Data

Data Source	Year	Observations
Maternal Infant Health Assessment Survey	2019-2021	5.6% of sample residing in LAC reported physical, sexual, psychological DV during pregnancy
LA Mommy and Baby Project (LAMB)	2016	1.9% of sample reported physical violence by baby's father during pregnancy
Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System	2023	7.8% & 7.1% of LAUSD high school students reported physical dating violence & sexual dating violence, respectively, in the 12 months prior to the survey
LA Homelessness Services Authority	2025	8.9% of sample are homeless due to fleeing DV



Criminal Justice Data

Survey Data

Strengths

- Updated Frequently
- Jurisdiction/Location Information
- Weapon/Type of Injury

Criminal Justice Data

Survey Data

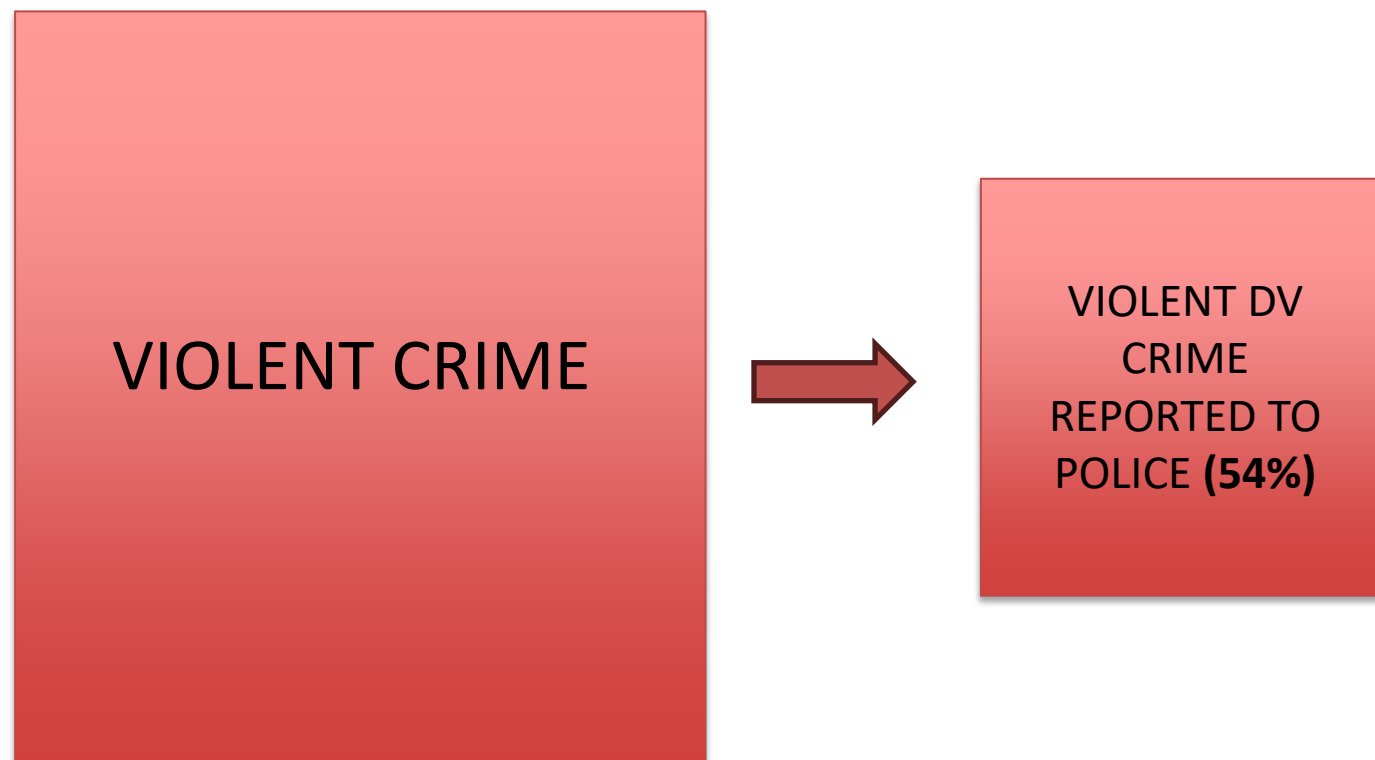
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Weaknesses

- Inconsistent definition IPV/DV
- Relationship Info?
- Demographic Info?
- Biases
- 46% violent crimes unreported

Reporting of Violent Crime



Criminal Justice: LA County DV Observations

Source	Year	Observations
CA Department of Justice [for LAC overall]	2024	36,720 DV-related calls
LA Police Dept, Calls for service [for City of Los Angeles]	2024	9,723 DV-related calls
LA Police Dept, Crimes [for City of Los Angeles]	2023	15,100 DV-related violent crimes (homicide, aggravated assault, simple assault, robbery, rape)

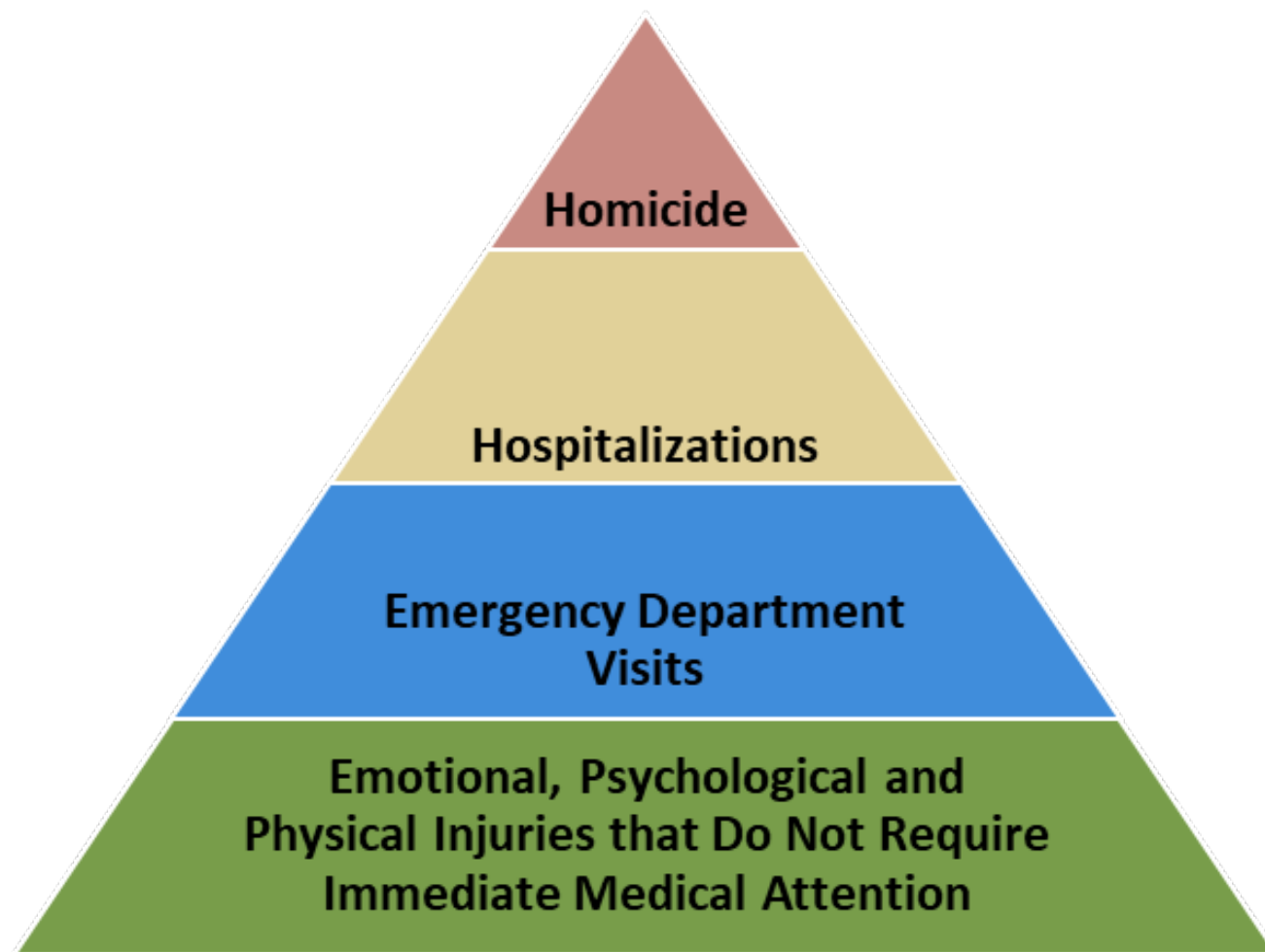
Criminal Justice: LA County DV Data, continued



Created by Design Circle

Source	Year	Observations
LAC District Attorney Case Data [for LAC overall]	2023	Intimate Partner Homicide: 32 cases filed; 14 cases declined
		Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: 24 cases filed; 255 cases declined
		Intimate Partner Violence: 3,892 cases filed; 14,945 cases declined

Health Related DV Data: Morbidity and Mortality





Morbidity & Mortality Data

Strengths

- Demographic Info
- Injuries & Morbidities
- Sub-County Info

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Weaknesses

- Inconsistently used ICD-10 DV
- Patient/Provider Comfort Dependent
- DV deaths under-reported

LA County Emergency Department/Hospital Visits & Mortality Data

Data Source	Year	Observations
CA Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) [visits made by LAC residents]	2022	897 visits for assaults related to DV/IPV treated in hospitals and emergency departments
LAC Violent Death Reporting System [Deaths occurring in LAC]	2022	49 homicides related to IPV (including non-intimate partners)

Hotline & Service Agency Data

Strengths

- Demographic Info
- Updated Frequently
- Data on types of DV services needs

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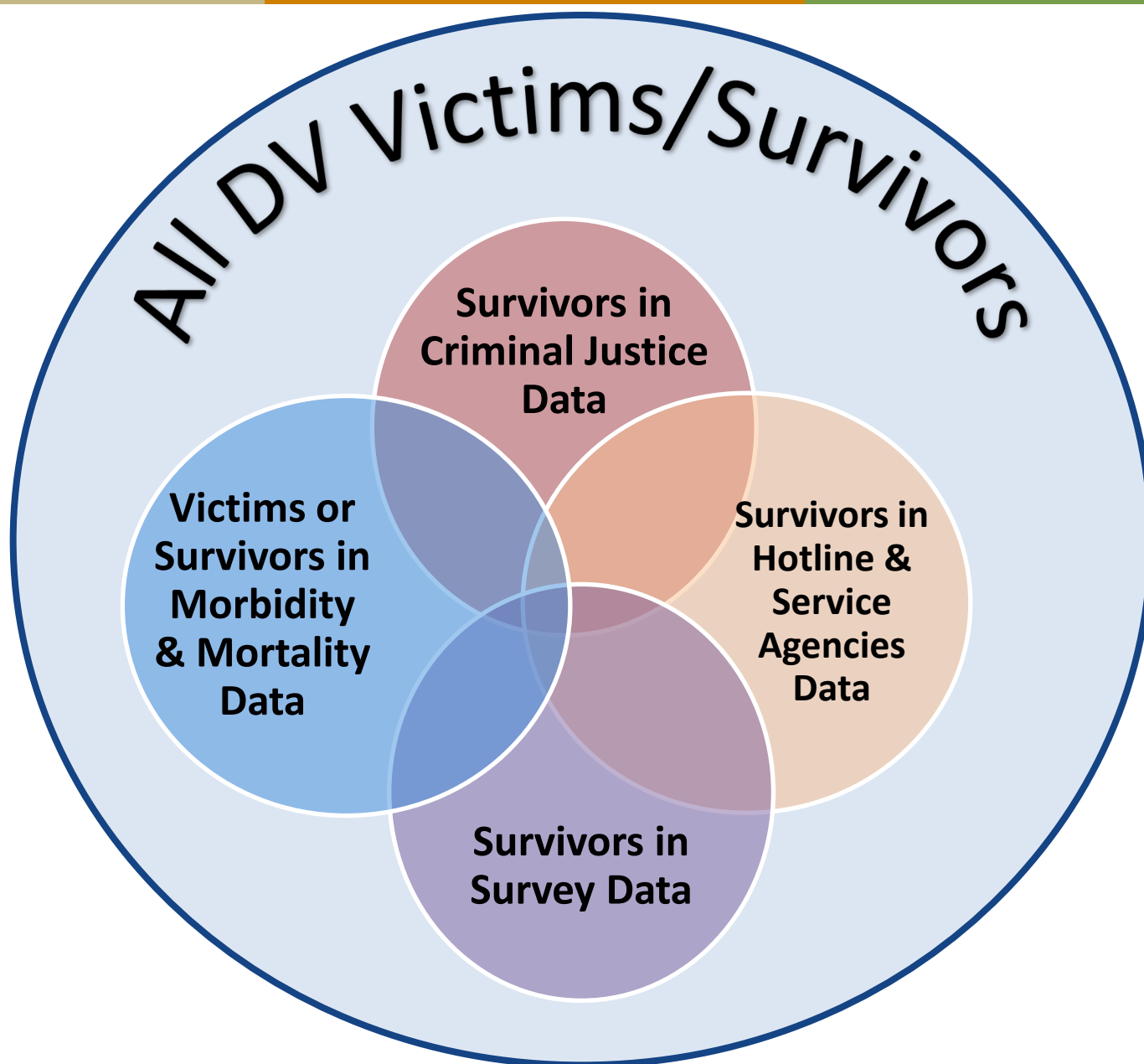
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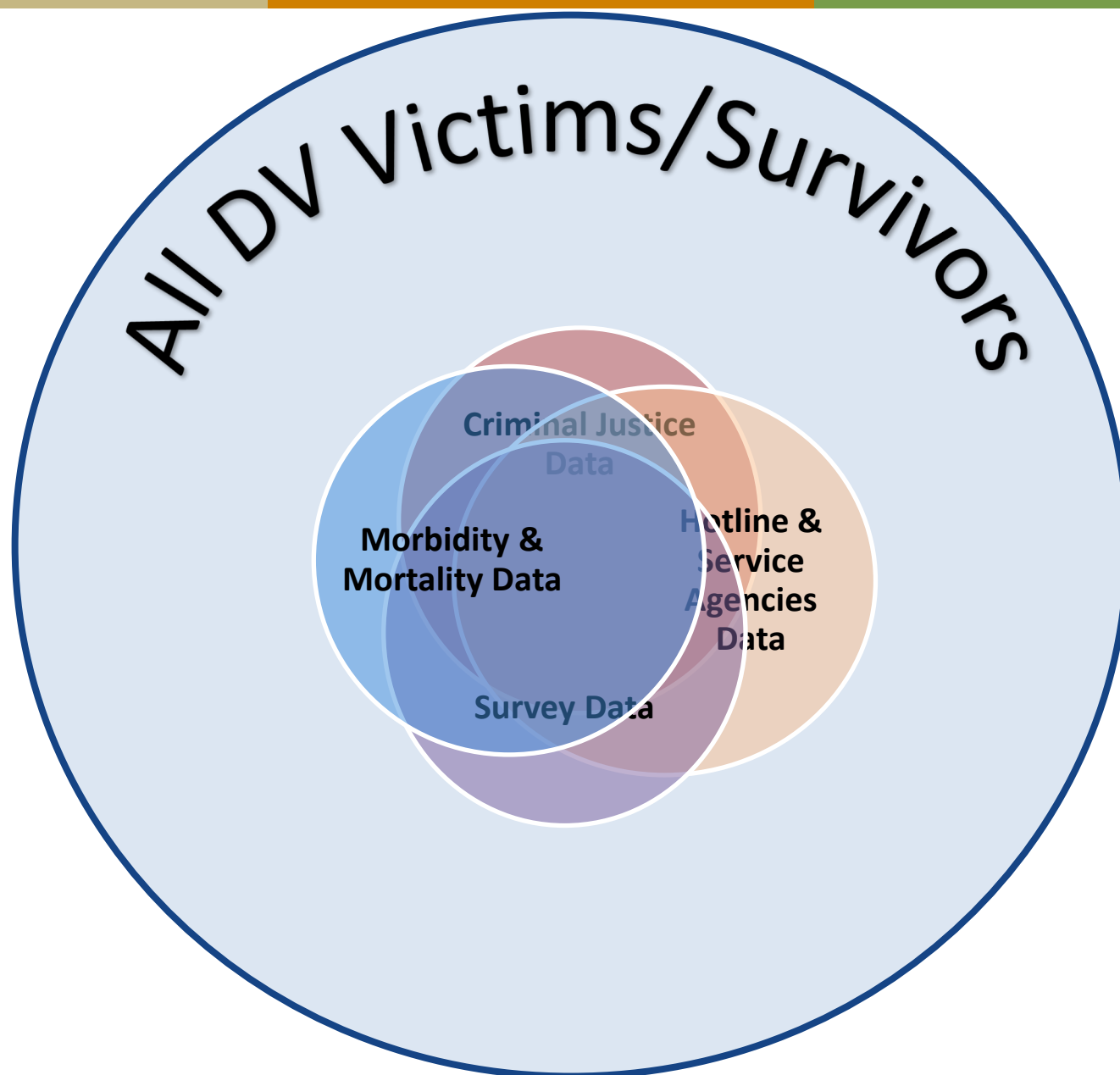
Weaknesses

- Caller type unspecified
- Repeat callers untracked
- Services not County-wide

Hotline and Direct Services Data

Data Source	Year	Observations
LA County DV Hotline	2023	6,123 total calls
LA County Contracted DV Supportive Services (DVSS) & Shelter-Based Providers (DVSBP)	2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year	DVSS: case management services for 3,010 survivors; legal services for 1,219 DVSBP: 17,902 call-in requests

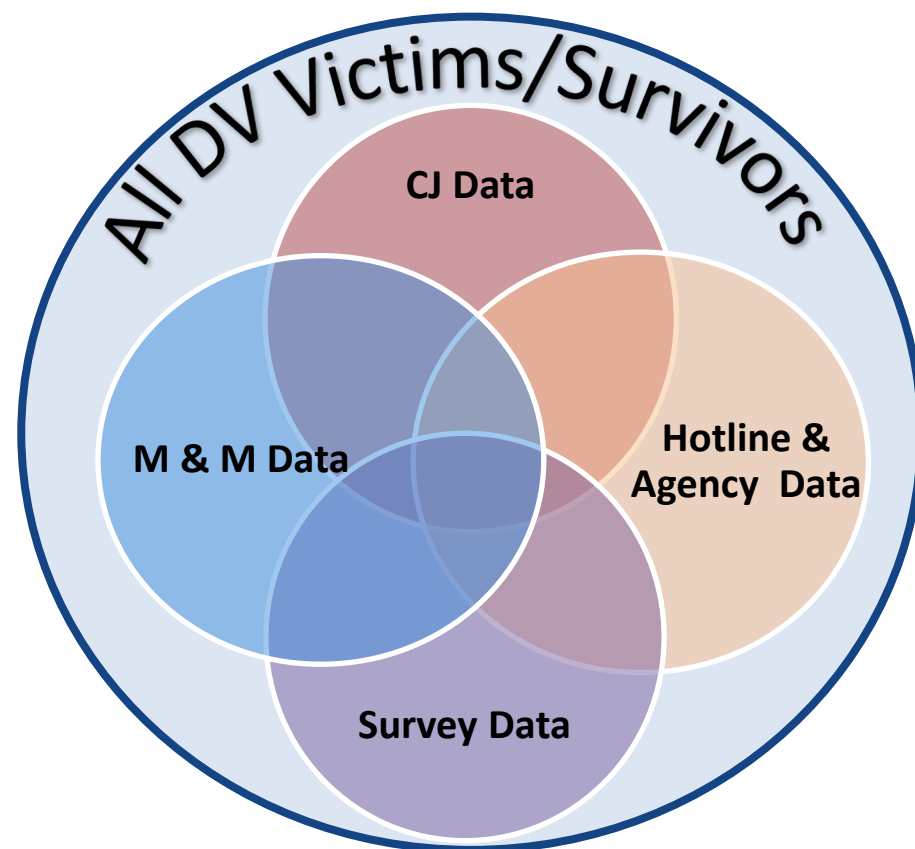
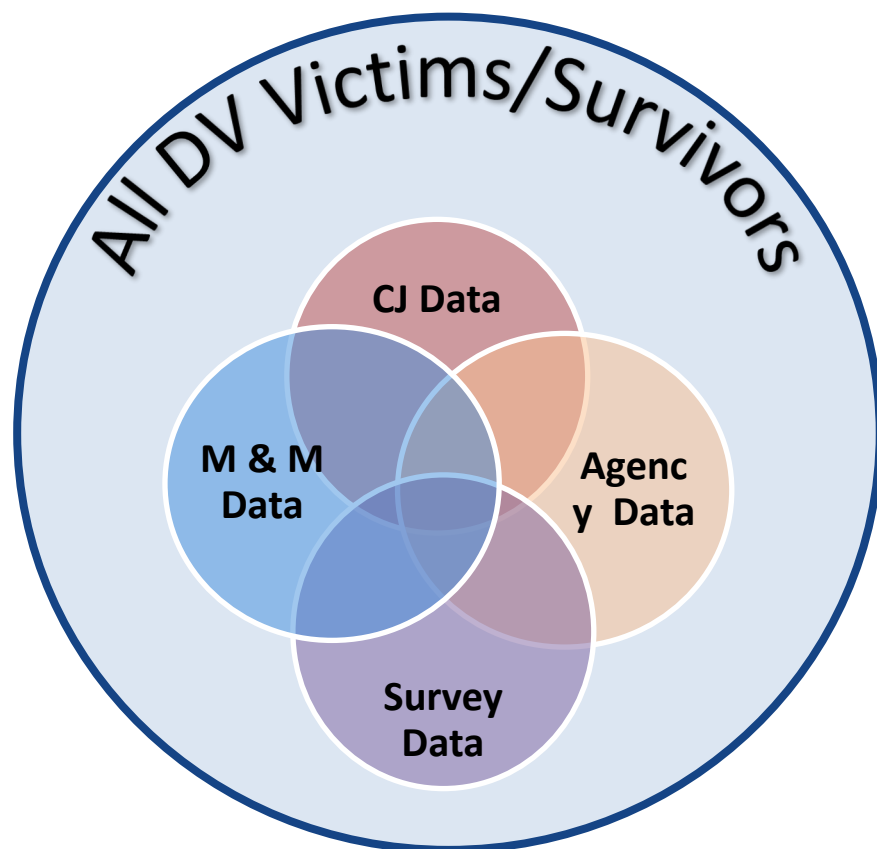


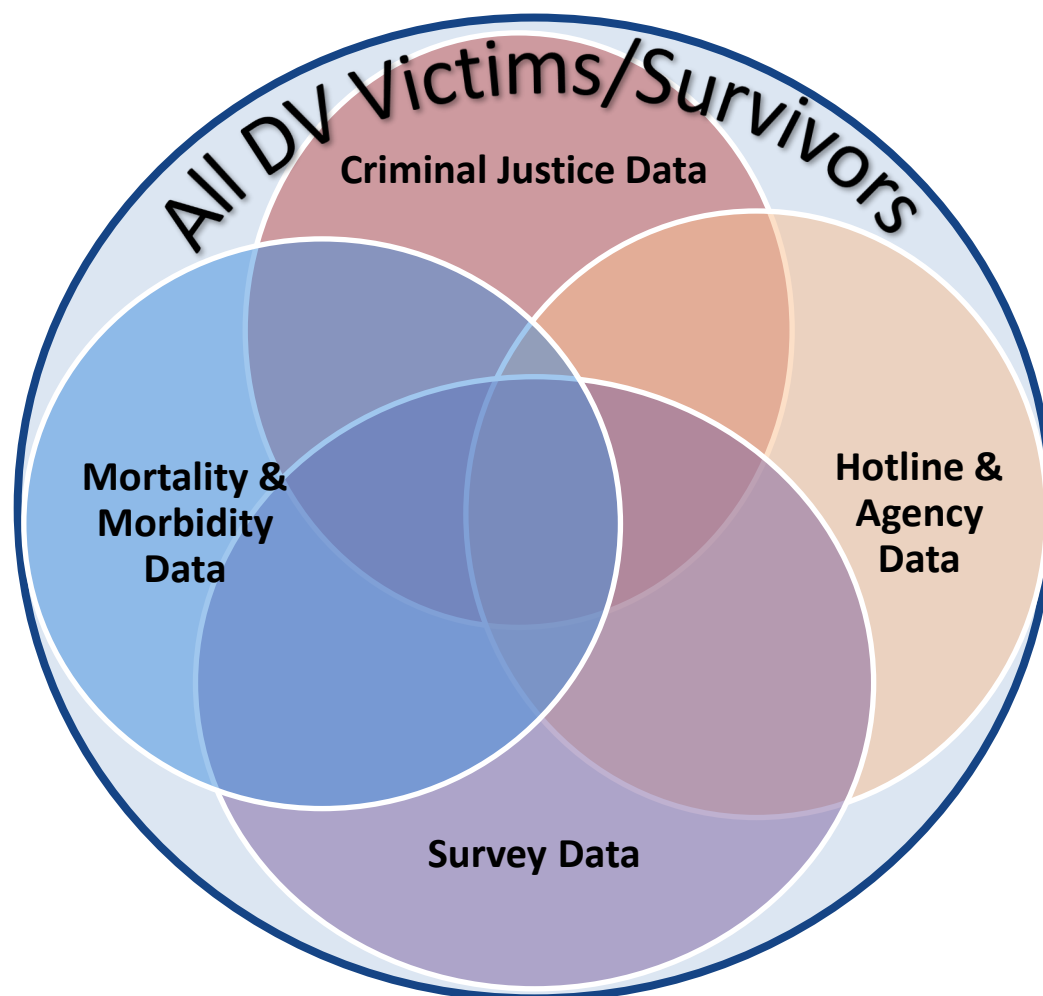


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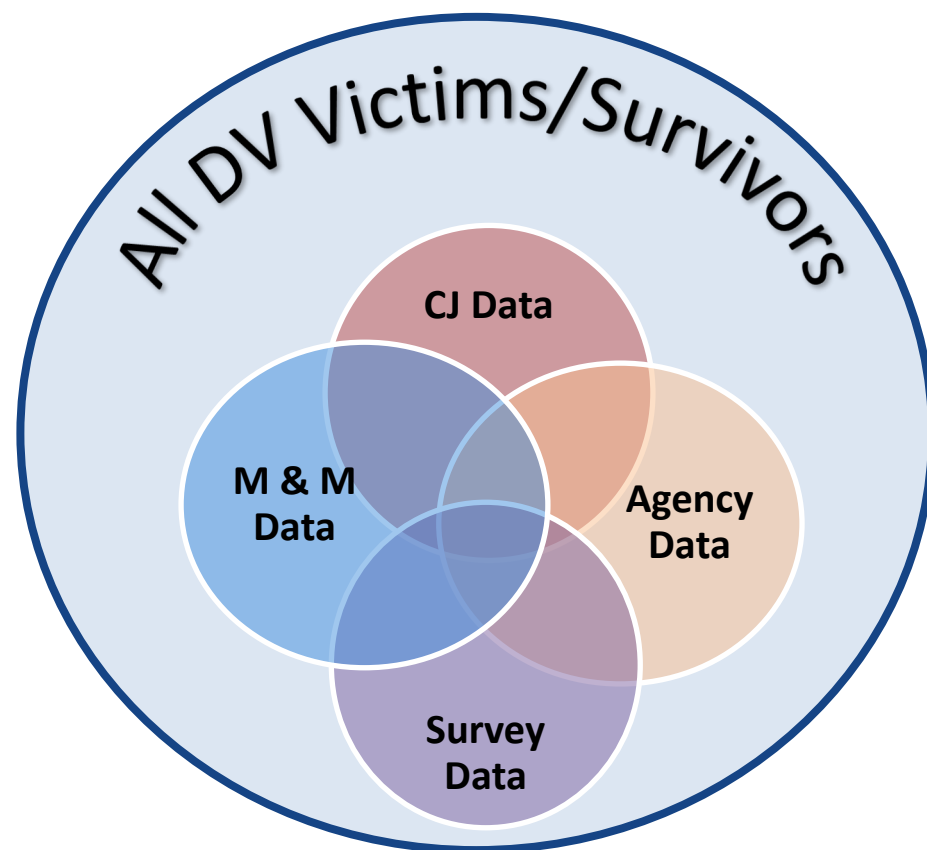
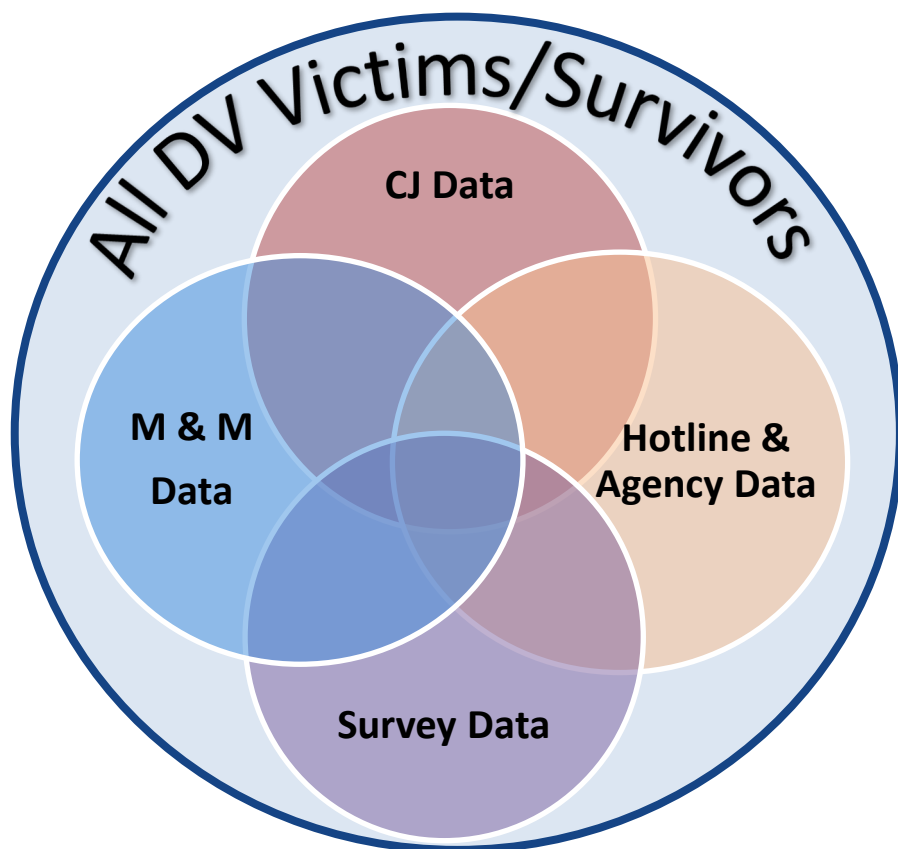


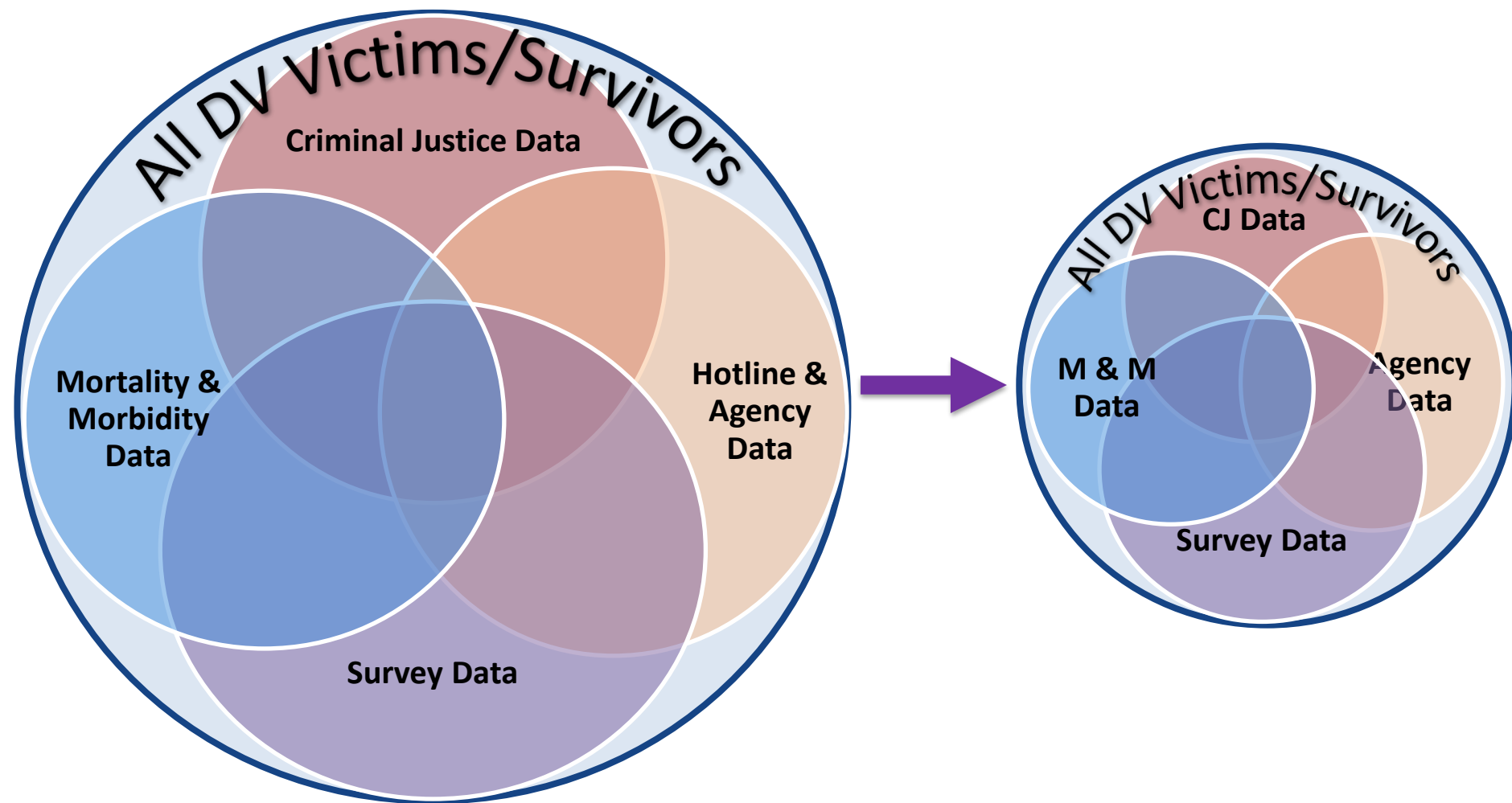


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Future?





Thank you!

LACHS 2023 IPV Data Report



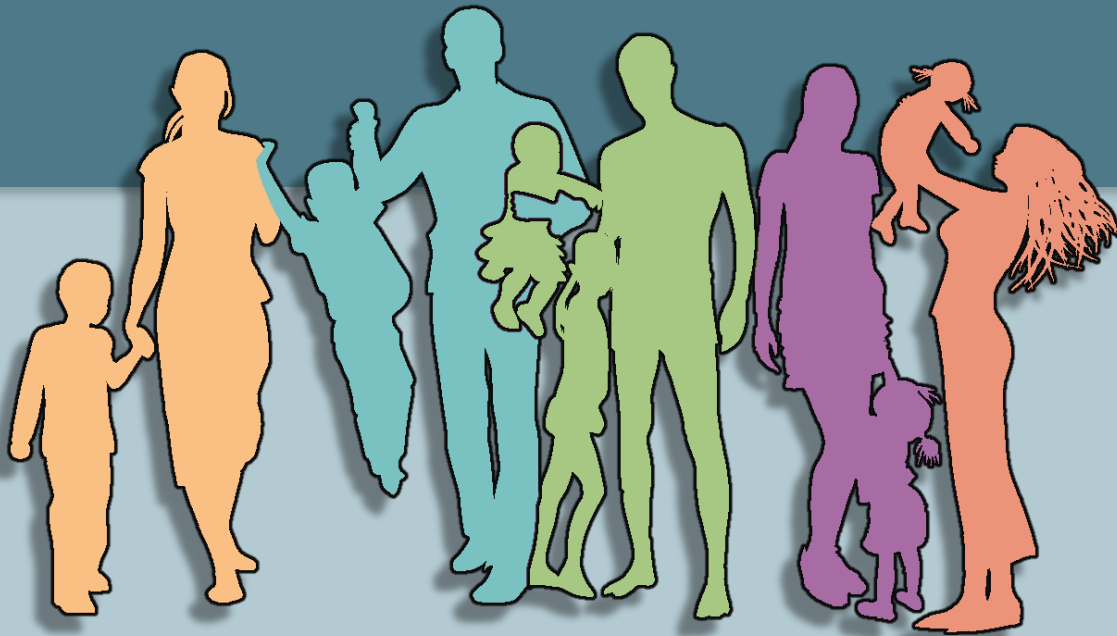
2025 DV Data Sources Report



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Early Defense for Child Welfare- Impacted Families: How civil legal aid can keep families together



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Preventive Legal Advocacy (PLA)

Services that support families and promote the social determinants of health by addressing upstream civil legal issues that, left unresolved, can result in unnecessary child welfare system entanglement



Civil Legal Issue: Domestic Violence

Mom calls the police after an incident of domestic violence, and the police calls DCFS. DCFS tells Mom to get a restraining order.

PLA

PLA attorney could step in and represent mom at initial DCFS contact.



Inability to Obtain a Restraining Order

Mom is unable to navigate Family Court and does not get a restraining order.

PLA

PLA attorney could help Mom obtain a restraining order, if appropriate.



DCFS Report is Substantiated

DCFS report is substantiated for failure to protect and the worker removes the child from the home.

PLA

PLA attorney could counsel mom through the investigation to prevent substantiation and removal



Removal Order Signed & Children in Care

Following removal, mom is summoned to appear and she's assigned legal counsel for the first time.

PP*

PLA attorney could work with dependency counsel so they can prepare a defense prior to court and secure a return

Los Angeles County's Vision

Since Spring 2022, **Public Counsel**, with Casey Family Programs, has led a coalition of advocacy groups in monthly meetings.



During the process, we consulted with lived experts, community based organizations, key DCFS leadership and staff, and County Counsel.

Know Your Rights: <https://www.parentsupportline.org/>

Español

Families should be supported,
not separated

▶ Listen

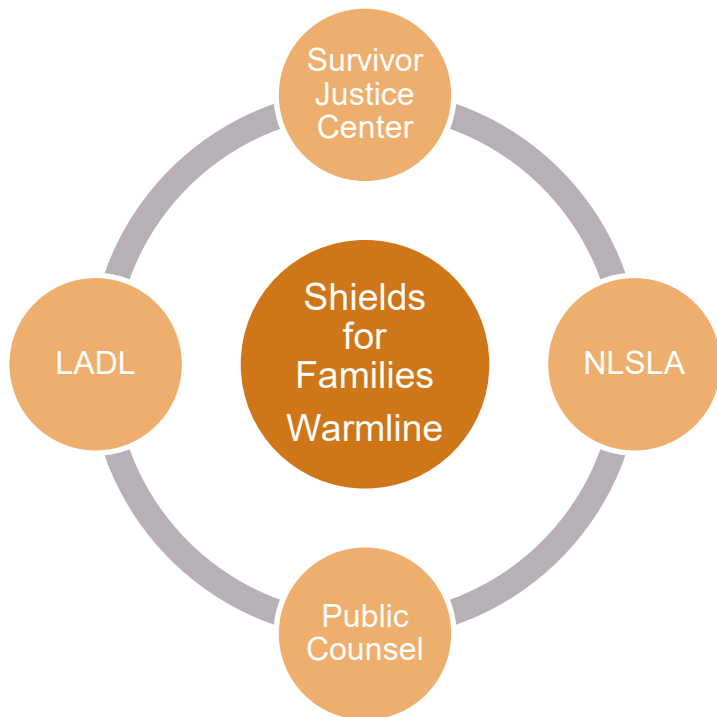
Classic View Mode

Less bandwidth usage

Modern View Mode

More bandwidth usage

Los Angeles Warmline Hub | Legal Aid Spokes



Families receive concrete, real-time legal information and know their rights during the investigation process through an interactive website and warmline.

Families may be screened in to receive support from a team that includes parent partners, attorneys, and social workers who will:

- Guide the family through the investigatory process, and
- Provide legal representation on legal issues underlying the referral.

Families experience less trauma resulting from the investigation, and are better prepared to partner with child welfare if the agency needs to take action to ensure child safety.

Keep Families Together Initiative

Warmline Support

Families can also access www.parentsupportline.org to learn more about the investigation process and supports available to families.



Parent partners from SHIELDS for Families staff a warmline answering calls from families facing a DCFS investigation or take referrals directly from DCFS ER CSWs.

Connection



SHIELDS for Families parent partners connect with families to answer questions, provide emotional support, assess their needs, and ensure they are connected to the right services and supports.

Services



Families receive preventive legal and social services and supports to meet their needs with continued support by a parent partner.

Partnership



SHIELDS for Families partners with multiple legal services organizations to address families' legal needs so children can remain safely with their parents.

Legal areas of expertise include family law, DV/IPV survivors, legal guardianship, housing, public benefits, DCFS investigations, and more.

Success



Children are safe, families are supported, and further DCFS intervention is not needed.

Core Legal Partners for this project include: A New Way of Life, Bet Tzedek, Children's Law Center, Inner City Law, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles, Public Counsel, Survivor Justice Center

Partnership with DCFS



- **CSWs refer all families** at beginning of investigation phase to SHIELDS for Families
- **SHIELDS for Families receives referrals and assesses families' needs** for services and supports to address safety concerns in partnership with DCFS and legal services providers
- **Keep open lines of communication** with SHIELDS for Families and legal services providers to address families' needs and share any new information uncovered during the investigation
- **Work together to “bust barriers”** to implementation and focus on solutions

Who are we serving? March to October

ER CSW Referrals	Totals
Vermont	268
Wateridge	0
Hawthorne	0
Other	1
Total DCFS Office	269
SHIELDS	21
Self	7
Warmline	4
Website	1
Total Other Referral Source	33
Combined Total	302

SERVICE: Demographics	Families	Children
Total Black/African American Families	85	148
Total Hispanic/Latinx Families	210	406
Total Native Families	1	1
Caucasian	2	7
Total Multi-racial Families	3	3

Service: Legal	
Eviction	4
Immigration	3
Custody/Family Law	33
Public Benefits	7
Inter Personal Violence	8
Service: Concrete Support	
Metro Tap Card	16
Food 4 Less Gift Card	64
Food Bank	14
Baby Items	53
Hygeine	22
Furnishings/Home Necessities	19
Rental Assistance	4
Motel Voucher	28
Financial Assistance	1
Clothing	14

What services? March to October

SERVICE: SHIELDS Internal Linkages		SERVICE: External Linkages (outside of shields)	
Parenting Group	38	Parenting	0
Fatherhood Program	22	Anger Management	0
Anger Management Group	9	Domestic Violence Batterers Program	2
Domestic Violence Survivor Group	32	Mental Health	7
Place of Family Batterer's/DUI Program	3	Housing	2
Genesis Perinatal Substance Use Disorder Program	15	Shelter	8
ARK Out Patient Substance Use Disorder Program	9	Food	7
Revelation- Substance Use Disorder/BHS for Adolescence	3	Financial	0
College Bridge Academy	1	Employment/ Educational	1
BHS- Adult Mental Health Services	59	Five Keys	1
CMH- Children's Mental Health Services	47	Upward Bound	1
Jericho Vocational/Employment Services/Re-entry	38	IPV	1
Community Cultural Broker	42	Hopeline Open Dependency Cases	0
Parents As Teachers/Healthy Families of America 0-5	11		
Healthy Start 0-18 mon.	20		
Plan Of Safe Care	0		
Cal Aim Supportive Services	30		

What outcomes? March to October

SERVICE: Outcomes		
Total # of investigations closed (# of families)	116	
# of children remaining in home (from the # of families with closed investigations)	259	
Black/African American children (of the # of children remaining in the home)	62	
Hispanic/Latinx children (of the # of children remaining in the home)	193	
Native American children (of the # of children remaining in the home)	1	
Multi-racial children (of the # of children remaining in the home)	3	
Total # of investigations promoted to open cases (# of Families)	52	Children
# of non court involved (VFM) (children remaining in the home) (Non Petition)	9	21
Black/African American	0	0
Hispanic/Latinx	9	21
Native American	0	0
Multi-racial	0	0
Total # of petitions filed (# of Families)	35	Children
# of the total petitions filed resuting in court monitoring (FM) (children remaing in the home)	31	52
Black/African American	5	7
Hispanic/Latinx	24	40
Native American	0	0
Multi-racial	2	5
# of the total petitions filed resulting in detention/removal	12	25
Black/African American	1	4
Hispanic/Latinx	10	20
Native American	0	0
Multi-racial	1	1

For more information, see
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