

IPVI

The Intimate Partner Violence Intervention

IPVI is a coordinated strategy that addresses the most serious IPV. The intervention, which is based on focused deterrence, was piloted in High Point, NC, and an evaluation found reductions in reoffending, victim injuries, and homicides. With national rates of recidivism as high as 80%, High Point saw 16% recidivism rates. IPVI also resulted in an overall reoffending rate of 23% for Kingston, NY.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

It shifts the burden from victims. People who inflict abuse receive communication about law enforcement intentions, community morals, and a genuine offer of help (with parallel outreach services for victims).

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

NNSC and local partners develop an ongoing model that includes verbal and written communications, sanctions for the most concerning IPV offenders, and social services for victims and offenders.

WHO SHOULD USE IT?

Effective implementation includes coordinated buy-in from law enforcement, advocates, social service providers, and community, with a message that IPV will not be tolerated and actions to support this message.

WHEN SHOULD IT BE USED?

Through daily practices and policies, law enforcement has traditionally implemented IPVI for high risk and/or low-level IPV offending, but the strategy can also be applied to community settings.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

An IPVI tiered system of offending based on prior IPV incidents reduces future re-offenses through prompt classification and notification of offenders and increases victim services.

IS TRAINING NEEDED?

Training for law enforcement, service providers, and key stakeholders on focused deterrence and the dynamics of IPV, is supplemented by 2-3 years of regular advising to effectively tailor and implement IPVI.

CAN IT BE USED WITH DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES, AND RELATIONSHIP TYPES?

Service providers and community members with diverse cultural expertise collaboratively shape the messaging for the intervention and promote cross-learning with other members of the partnership. IPVI's foundation in focused deterrence has been extensively validated:

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