

# FOUNDATIONAL BUILDING BLOCKS FOR INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV) RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION: CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

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Culture shapes an individual's experience of domestic violence by influencing and shaping victims' help-seeking behaviors, perceptions of providers, and impacting access to services, including responding to questions on an intimate partner violence (IPV) risk assessment.

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Culture shapes providers' perceptions of victims, which can impact the quality of services. The culture of the system, the advocate or the professional asking the questions on the IPV risk assessment, and the culture of the victim, will impact the outcome.

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Culturally specific programs intentionally center the needs of marginalized communities based on race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, immigration status, language barrier, or the rural nature of their jurisdiction.

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Culturally specific programs have insight into the unique experiences and needs of marginalized communities. Uplifting these experiences plays an important role in the implementation of an IPV risk assessment or model.

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Systems actors should recognize culturally specific agencies as experts in their communities and their communities' specific needs. Invite culturally specific agencies to meaningfully participate in decision making for your jurisdiction, including choosing an effective IPV risk assessment. These relationships can improve systems by identifying service gaps and how to best address them.