

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

SUSTAINABILITY

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

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Ensuring ongoing sustainability of an intimate partner violence (IPV) risk assessment goes beyond financial health. Having a clear mission of what you are trying to do with an IPV risk assessment or model and then creating goals and objectives that are realistic, flexible, and measurable, can help to promote sustainability.

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Before implementing an IPV risk assessment or model it's important to have a full understanding of what's required for successful implementation. Factors such as ongoing costs or resources needed for training, staffing, data collection, or subscription are important to consider and whether they are sustainable for your agency or jurisdiction.

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Staff members who administer or utilize an IPV risk assessment or sit on a multidisciplinary high risk team, will likely interchange throughout the life of the program. Therefore, ongoing training and succession planning at all levels are critical for addressing staff turnover and ensuring that the mission, goals, and objectives of the program continue to be met.

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The initial funding of an IPV risk assessment program is often not long term. Seeking other local funding opportunities, partnering with other agencies, leveraging the networks of board members, or advocating for the program to be incorporated into the budget of the state, county, or municipality are some ways to build financial sustainability.

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While financial sustainability plays a large role in the overall sustainability of IPV risk assessments and models, it is equally as important to have strong buy-in from local partner agencies and the community. Promoting the importance of the risk assessment or model and the issues that it strives to address can help to foster community interest and ongoing sustainability.