RESULTS OF YWCA GLENDALE'S 2018 COMMUNITY CLIMATE SURVEY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In March 2018, YWCA Glendale distributed a 23-question survey to the Glendale community in order to better understand our community's current viewpoints and experiences related to domestic violence. We assessed knowledge of domestic violence, attitudes/biases towards domestic violence, violence exposure, bystander efficacy and community involvement. 76 people responded. Below are the results:

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA OF RESPONDENTS

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<td>27.6% -- 35-44 years old</td>
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<td>26.3% -- 55 years old or older</td>
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Involvement in Glendale

- 55.3% live in Glendale
- 54.0% work in Glendale
- 13.2% worship in Glendale
- 4.0% study in Glendale
- 52.6% are frequent patrons of Glendale establishments

Affiliations with Glendale

- 45.5% -- The City of Glendale
- 29.1% -- Glendale Unified School District
- 21.8% -- Glendale Police Department
- 25.5% -- Hospitals, clinics and other healthcare agencies
- 27.3% -- Religious organizations
- 18.2% -- Glendale colleges and universities
- 54.6% -- Human service organizations/nonprofits
- 20.0% -- Glendale service clubs (Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.)

EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE

- 76.3% know someone who has experienced domestic violence.
- 81.1% know someone who has been emotionally abusive (e.g. yelled at, called names) towards a partner.
- 62.6% know someone who has been physically violent (e.g. slapped, pushed, or kicked) towards a partner.
COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE

Almost all respondents were able to identify examples of physical acts of domestic violence. However, not all respondents recognized acts of emotional, technological and financial abuse as forms of domestic violence:

- 100.0% -- Slapping, pushing or punching a partner
- 97.3% -- Forcing a partner to have sex
- 97.3% -- Throwing or smashing objects near a partner
- 98.7% -- Threatening to hurt children, family members or pets of partner
- 81.3% -- Yelling at a partner
- 80.0% -- Making fun of or calling a partner names
- 89.3% -- Preventing a partner from seeing friends or family
- 81.3% -- Controlling’s partner spending (e.g. denying partner money or giving partner an allowance)
- 76.0% -- Looking at partner’s email, social media or phone messages without partner permission

A SURPRISING STATISTIC: ONLY 57.5% OF RESPONDENTS BELIEVE THAT VIOLENCE CAN BE PREVENTED.

ATTITUDES TOWARDS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Almost all respondents agree that domestic violence is not a private matter. However, less than 60% of respondents felt that domestic violence is a problem in Glendale, that violence can be prevented and expressed understanding in why people experiencing abuse might stay in that relationship:

- 58.7% believe domestic violence is a problem in the community of Glendale.
- 72.6% feel that most people turn a blind eye to, or ignore, domestic violence.
- 38.7% say it is hard to understand why people stay in violent relationships.
- 6.8% believe domestic violence is a private matter to be handled in the family.
- 4.1% feel that doing something about domestic violence is solely the job of domestic violence agencies.
- 94.6% believe it is important for all community members to play a role in keeping everyone safe.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 12.0% do not think there is much they can do about domestic violence in their community.
- 27.6% have recently attended a training or workshop about domestic violence.
- 40.5% have recently taken part in activities or volunteered their time on projects focused on addressing domestic violence.
BYSTANDER EFFICACY

The most promising results from the Community Climate Survey involved the confidence our respondents expressed in intervening in situations of violence:

- 64.5% believe there is something they can do in their community about violence.
- 75% believe their peers will listen to them if they speak out against domestic violence.
- 58.9% believe they already have the skills to help support someone who is in an abusive relationship.

MOVING FORWARD: We are happy to learn that community norms are shifting: more people are identifying domestic violence as a community issue and more people are feeling like their voice matters in issues of domestic violence. YWCA Glendale commits to working alongside the community to help strengthen understandings of violence and the community’s role in preventing it. Together, we can create a community free from violence.

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YWCA IS ON A MISSION

YWCA Glendale is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. We provide resources and support to survivors of domestic violence and their children and through our education and prevention efforts we empower women, girls and families to build healthy relationships, achieve self-sufficiency, and live free from violence.

If you would like to learn more about our vision and work, please visit our website at glendaleywca.org.