Domestic Abuse Women’s Network (DAWN) Advocates focus group

Thursday, February 28, 2013.

Implementation of Reproductive Coercion intake survey tool:

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- Number of Advocates: 7

1. When you first heard about this project, what did you think it would be like to ask survivors about Emergency Contraception (EC) and reproductive coercion?
   - What did you expect to hear?
   - Did you have any concerns?
   - Were there any surprises?

2. How did you use the tool?
   - How did you make it fit into your intake process?
   - Did you use the intro prompt before asking question #1?

3. How did you decide which information to offer? (safety card, birth control methods, EC info, HIV/STD info)
   - Did you use the script and checklist for each question? Or some other method?

4. What would you have done differently?

5. How did women react to you asking these questions?
   - 1-2: Are you pregnant or concerned? Could you have gotten pregnant in the last 5 days?
   - 3-5: Birth control interference, coercion, pressure?
   - Were there any surprises?

6. Once you had EC available on site, did you routinely tell women at intake that it is available?
   - If not→ why not?
7. How did women react when they heard that you have EC and pregnancy tests available on site?

8. Did the safety card prompt questions or discussion?
   - During intake?
   - Later on?

9. Did you address any of these issues with women after intake? Please give examples.
   - In safety planning?
   - Did women have questions about birth control methods that their partner couldn’t see or control?
   - Questions about EC?
   - Conversations about reproductive coercion, pressure to have unprotected sex?

10. Has your knowledge about reproductive coercion and stealth birth control influenced any other part of your work?
    - Work with survivors outside of intake (support group, transitional housing, etc)?
    - Include in training, community education, outreach?
    - Conversations with other advocates, staff, and volunteers?

11. What other training or information do you want?
    - What would help you feel more prepared to help women safety plan around reproductive coercion?
    - Answer questions about birth control and EC?

12. Do advocates and volunteers throughout the agency know that DAWN has EC and pregnancy tests available on site? And where to get it?
Questions for Program Director, DAWN

1. How did you talk about reproductive coercion, emergency contraception and adding a step to the intake process with management team?
   - Why did they decide to do it?
   - Concerns?
   - What did you consider?

2. How did you present it to advocates?

3. Was the training useful for people? Important in getting started?