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Theme: Prevention and Awareness

P.A.C.E. provides a range of crisis intervention, support, & counseling services involving sexual abuse/assault, child abuse, and trauma. It is known that education and understanding are key elements in prevention. At P.A.C.E. it is our objective to educate while providing accurate information and resources within our community. Our presentations are a combined endeavor of lectures, powerpoint, discussions, videos, and handouts.

Critical Elements

- Workshops help identify and engage individuals in violent relationship.
- The framework for understanding domestic violence is very important in helping those exposed to domestic violence contextualize their situation.
- Education is also important for helping victims understand the emotional abuse and how it can hurt them.
- Through public education we also help identify the need for treatment for the offenders.
- If battered women are truly heard and supported and given information about the treatment needs of the offender then they can protect children better when they are leaving the battering relationship.
- A full assessment of battery is essential, to ask women about all dynamics no matter how small.
- Service providers have to be comfortable and not be afraid to talk about domestic violence in all detail in order to really help women. It is important that they truly understand how bad it can really be – and that service providers are not afraid of the material or of the offender.