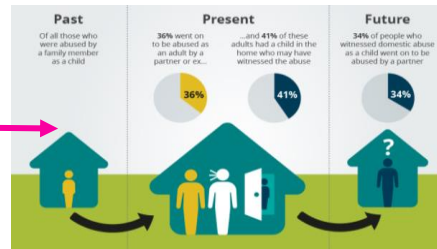


The Unseen Abuses-

The abuses that cannot be seen but have detrimental mental health consequences. They include mental, emotional and psychological abuses.

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Children



Women



COVID-19 and Abuse

Unfortunately as COVID-19 has stay at home rules, abuses are increasing recommendations for increasing awareness, incorporating equity in public service and collaboration (2020).

Researcher believe assessments worldwide regarding rates worldwide have been dramatically underestimated as many victims do not report abuse for a variety of reasons (2020)

Global Advancement Towards Safety

RESEARCH

A three-level categorization code created by researchers shows success in coding psychological abuse for cross-country comparison to support highly needed global research to create safety measures and programs.

INCREASING AWARENESS & SERVICES

A survey of 600 programs conducted by the National Alliance found that 89% of programs need emergency stimulus funding to respond to current requests from survivors and 40% of programs have experienced increased demand for services. Public administrations and community organizations need to educate the public about available safety resources.

INSPIRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Programs in France and Spain allow victims to report at pharmacies. The Spanish program encourages victims to use the code word "mask-19" to report (Kottasová & Di Donato, 2020). Los Angeles County, CA established "Behind Closed Doors" to assist victims afraid of filing claims of abuse.

- ❖ Approximately 40 million children under the age of 15 endure child abuse each year (WHO).
- ❖ 62% of children abused children experienced psychological abuse (APA).
- ❖ A global study with 7,082,279 participants concluded that child emotional abuse is a universal problem

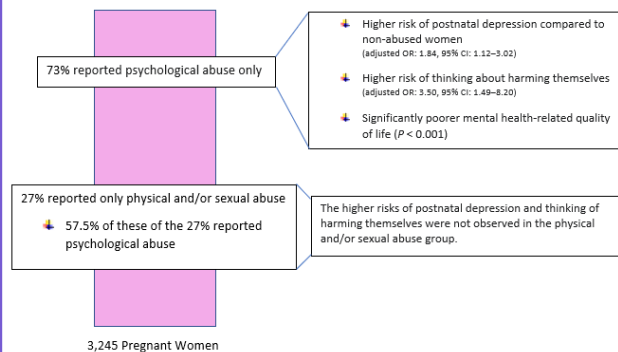


2017 Study: psychological abuse is highly prevalent, ranging from 12% to 58% across countries.

Journal of Interpersonal Violence Study

- 623 female participants
- 77% reported experiencing psychological abuse during the 6-month period dating history.
- 43.1% for physical abuse
- 91.2% for psychologically abusive incident.

Psychological Abuse in Pregnant Women



Women become dependent upon men for economic stability, and this gives more power and authority to men within the household. This equates to the man feeling the power to manipulate his wife and/or children as they rely on the man for shelter and food. (The American Review of Public Administration 2020)

Just because the pain and wounds can't be seen doesn't mean they don't exist.