INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE COST STUDY PROGRAM ORIENTATION

INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN’S POLICY RESEARCH
ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR SURVIVORS PROJECT
The Institute for Women’s Policy Research conducts and communicates research to inspire public dialogue, shape policy, and improve the lives and opportunities of women of diverse backgrounds, circumstances, and experiences.

The Economic Security for Survivors project (ESS project)

The ESS project seeks to build, protect, and restore the economic security of survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence, and stalking through applied research and technical assistance.

https://iwpr.org/issue/special-websites/economic-security-survivors/
GOALS AND CONTENT OF THE SURVEY

WHAT IS THE COST OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE?
IWPR’S RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What are the direct monetary and indirect opportunity costs survivors face as a result of abuse? What are the dollar values of these losses?

2. What role do economic factors play in survivors’ decisions about whether to stay with or return to abusive partners? Which economic factors pose the greatest obstacles to leaving an abusive relationship?

3. What economic resources do survivors feel have best helped them address the economic effects of abuse and rebuild their lives? Which resources do they wish they had received, or received more of? What do they think it would take for them to fully recover from the economic harm they have faced?
Study Methodology

- Analyze available survey data to estimate the costs of abuse to survivors; and,
- Conduct an online survey of survivors in residential and non-residential programs to collect additional data to supplement available literature.
Survey Structure

- Consent – must be a survivor, 18 or older, and residing in the US
- Section A – questions about experiences of abuse
- Section B – questions about the cost of abuse across a range of areas (next slide)
- Section C – questions about the affects of these costs on survivors well-being
- Section D – demographic information
- Section E – supplemental sexual harassment questions
**Cost Question Topics**

1. Health and mental health utilization
2. Forced pregnancy
3. Diminished educational attainment
4. Employment sabotage and earnings loss
5. Financial abuse
6. Coerced criminal activity
7. Costs incurred while seeking safety and recovering from abuse
8. Expected future costs
FIELDING THE SURVEY

HOORAY FOR DATA COLLECTION!
Getting Started – Materials

- Materials: Flyers, Study Description, Questionnaire
  - Available in English and Spanish
- FAQs for service providers
- Survey URL and password information

*all will be available at IWPR’s website for download*
Safeguarding Confidentiality and Privacy

- No personal identifiable data is collected in the survey
- Respondents are not linked to service providers
- Surveys must be completed at the program site only – do not share the survey URL via email
Potential risks:
- The survey includes questions about intimate partner and sexual violence and its impacts might be upsetting

Remedy:
- We direct respondents to phone and online support lines as well as encourage them to reach out to program advocates

Benefits:
- No direct benefits to participants
- Respondents will be contributing to research that will be used to help advocate for more resources and supports for survivors like themselves
April 15 – May 31: Open Survey

June 1 – July 31: Analyze Data

August 1 – September 30: Draft and Release Report
AGREEING TO PARTNER

- Complete the online interest survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVSBX3S
- IWPR will follow up with programs individually to address questions and complete site agreements:
  - Outline roles and responsibilities of both IWPR and partner
  - Must be signed by an authorized official
WE Couldn’t DO this WITHOUT you!
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