

# McGuire Memorial Conference

ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

A Journey to Justice

# McGuire who?

- Dr. Brian McGuire –Anestheologist
- 1990 Billings Area Family Violence Task Force
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference



# Myths & Reality

## Myth

**It only happens to the poor**

**If a victim doesn't like the abuse he/she can leave**

**Violent abusers are monsters who cannot control themselves**



## Reality

**It happens to all sorts of people and in all professions**

**Victims do not like abuse, they stay for many reasons**

**Abusers are totally in CONTROL**

# Myths & Reality

## Myth

**Police can always protect victims**

**Drug/Alcohol use causes domestic violence**

**He really won't hurt you**



## Reality

**A protective order may give false sense of security**

**Inhibitions are lowered**

**Victims intuition usually right**

## Facts

- 92% of reported abusers are men
- 13 DV deaths in MT in 2008
- DV is #1 cause of emergency room visits
- 1/3 of female murder victims were killed by an intimate partner

# 2008 DV Numbers

	<b>Reported to Law</b>	<b>Reported to Service Providers</b>
<b>Yellowstone Country</b>	669	1,671
<b>State</b>	4,092	11,036

# Power and Control

- Physical
- Verbal-emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Economic coercion
- Threats
- Senior citizen abuse -1.5 million



# Maria's Story

- Abuser Traits
- Victim Traits
- Why women stay
- 80-90% Children witness violence
  - Childhood development is effected in forms of
    - Eating disorders
    - Fearfulness/anxiety
    - Aggression
    - Detachment/avoidance





# Battered women's Delema

REFRAMING DV AS  
COERCIVE CONTROL

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# Hope Card



- Coming soon....
- Lets law enforcement know there is a valid, permanent order of protection in place.
- Contains descriptive information on the protected person and the respondent

# FREPP

- Forensic Rape Examination Payment Program
- Victim chooses not to report rape, 72 hour deadline
- Reimburse providers a max of \$600 for exam after 60days
- Law enforcement/ healthcare professionals have option of online training/certificate



Thank you

○ Any Questions?

