Decolonizing our Understanding of Domestic Violence

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Domestic Violence in Multi-Generational Homes

Domestic violence is defined as a pattern of abusive behaviors between intimate partners, family members or close individuals. It is a product of an imbalance of power and control.

Domestic violence can happen beyond a heteronormative idea of "nuclear family" and can be perpetrated by anyone including in-laws, aunts, uncles, parents, siblings, etc.
Understand the Impact of Intergenerational Trauma

Trauma that happened prior to current generation can still impact the ways in which individuals understand, cope, and heal.

Survivors may carry intergenerational, collective, secondhand, and direct trauma simultaneously.
Violence & Harm Do Not Exist on a Hierarchy

Physical violence is not the determinant of abuse. Domestic violence can manifest mentally, emotionally, spiritually, economically, digitally, etc...

All forms of violence are not okay. We do not have to validate the harm we've experienced through a hierarchy.
Domestic Violence is an Abolitionist Issue

Understanding the history of policing and distrust in the criminal justice system for survivors is crucial to building "survivor-centered" spaces.

Let's shift the conversations around domestic violence to center healing, safety, prevention, and community organizing over carceral punishment.
A/PI Survivors are LGBTQIA+, Gender Queer, and Non-Binary

We always have been—historically and now.

Anti-violence work must exist and imagine beyond the binary.
If you or someone you love has experienced domestic violence and is seeking support please contact A/PI DVRP at:

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