

Welcome to





Welcome

Call to Order



Special Guests



Updates from the Board and Chairs



Minutes Approval

<https://vpca.org/meeting-minutes>



Monthly General Membership Meeting Minutes

DATE	March 4, 2026
TIME	7:00 PM
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Heather McQuillen

IN ATTENDANCE

16 Members In Person

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The nomination to approve February's meeting minutes was passed.

BOARD

No updates.

REPORTS

President Heather McQuillen opened the meeting.

FLPD Officer Victoria Rodriguez provided crime statistics for February 2025.

Code Compliance Officer Jean Claude Noel provided updates on the most common violations and complaints.

New business:

- President's Update: Please join our social media sites, 2026 meeting dates announcement, traffic calming update, stormwater improvement update, sewer update, and bridge replacement request update.
- Treasurer's Update: cash flow is positive!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are actively seeking volunteers for special committees, including the Aesthetics committee, to oversee landscaping for our association.

NEXT MEETING

April 1st, 2026

Signed Danielle Rios, VPCA Secretary 3/9/2026



Agenda

Monthly Membership Meeting
April 1, 2026

Welcome

FLPD Crime Statistics

Code Compliance Statistics

Smart Water Meter Program

Women in Distress

President's Update

Other Board Updates





March Statistics





Fort Lauderdale Code Compliance

Jean Claude Noel

Code Compliance Officer # 322

City of Fort Lauderdale

JeNoel@fortlauderdale.gov

(954) 828-5282

*Call the City's 24/7 Customer Service Line
at 954-828-8000 before you call 911
to report a noise complaint*

CEenhancement@fortlauderdale.gov

(must include your name & address)

COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

1. YARD MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

Maintenance of yards and swales/rights-of-way abutting property are the responsibility of the property owner. The right-of-way must be free of obstructions caused by trees, vegetation, or other objects

2. INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLES

Inoperative and/or derelict vehicles are not permitted. A vehicle is considered inoperative if a current tag isn't displayed and/or it is not fully equipped to legally and safely operate on public streets

3. JUNK, TRASH AND DEBRIS

Junk, auto parts, furniture, trash, tires, building materials, tree trimmings, and any other debris cannot be left in the yard and must be properly disposed of.

4. PARKING

Parking is permitted for passenger cars and motorcycles in residential properties only on a legal driveway or in a garage.

5. COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Commercial equipment and vehicles cannot be parked or stored in a residential area unless they are in a fully enclosed structure.

6. MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES

Exterior building structures and walls shall be maintained in a secure and attractive manner.

7. CONDITION OF STRUCTURES

Any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens, and other exterior parts of a structure must be maintained in weather tight, rodent proof, sound condition and in good repair. An owner may need to board up a vacant structure.

8. OUTDOOR STORAGE

Outdoor storage is prohibited. You may not keep indoor furniture, household appliances, auto parts, building materials, or any other similar items outside.

9. ILLEGAL DWELLING UNITS

Dwelling units added to interior/exterior of a structure without proper permits are illegal regardless of how long they have existed.

10. PROHIBITED BUSINESSES

Most businesses are not allowed to operate in residential areas. Engaging in a business requires a Business Tax Receipt and zoning approval.



Use [FixIt FTL](#) to Report:

Potholes

Flooding

Clogged Storm Drain

Graffiti or Vandalism

Streetlight Outage

Street Sign Issues

Code Enforcement Issues



Guest Speakers





Smart Water Meter Program



Installation Questions

Q: Can residents who have had unexpectedly high bills due to "phantom spikes" request priority / apply for early installation ?

A: In general no, but it can be evaluated on a case -by-case basis, and it is based on if preplanned scheduling will allow it.

Q: Will my existing meter box and lid need to be replaced?

A: Lids will be replaced or drilled to allow for the antenna to be mounted to the lid. Boxes will only be replaced if they are broken or if there are obstructions that prevents the installation.

Q: How long should I expect to be out of water when the meter is installed?

A: 15-30 min

Meter Questions

Q: If the wires from the meter to the radio transmitter become damaged, how will the City read my meter? Or will the City estimate my water usage for billing purposes?

A: We get an alert if there is no communication from the meter and we send someone out to investigate.



Smart Water Meter Program



Meter Questions Continued

Q: What is the brand name and model of the smart meters?

A: Sensus Ally Water Meter

Q: What is the estimated life of the meter battery? And does the meter need to be replaced when the battery dies?

A: Battery life is 15 years. Yes, the meter needs to be replaced when the battery dies.

Billing System Questions

Q: When will the RF radio meter information be used for billing purposes? Immediately after installation of the smart meter, or at the end of the meter installation phase in 2027?

A: We are planning to start using the billing in the summer of 2026 and phase in more meters as they get on the system.

Q: Is the City implementing a new utility billing software system in conjunction with the smart meter program?

A: The City is implementing a new billing system separately from the AMI installation and the implementation of the new billing system may overlap with the tail end of the AMI installations by mid 2027.



Smart Water Meter Program



Billing Questions Continued

Q: Envocore will be installing the meters. Who is responsible for integration of the RF radio meter information into the utility billing system software? If it isn't Envocore, who is it?

A: Core and Main is our contractor that is using Envocore as their subcontractor to install the meters. Once the meters are installed Core and Main has been engaged to monitor and maintain the system for 15 years.

Q: How will I know that my water bill is based on my meter and not my neighbors? Data errors in the billing system can associate another RF transmitter with my account. Will I be able to physically read my meter to check it against my billing statement?

A: Transmitters and meters are commissioned jointly (linked) and entered into our billing system to your account preventing RF transmits from a neighboring meter. Yes, you can still read your meter manually on a digital display.

Community Updates

- Website & Social Media
- Playground Updates
- Stormwater Improvements Project
- Ongoing Sewer Main Rehabilitation

Open Chair Positions – Most Needed

- Aesthetics
- Finance
- Welcome Committee

Chairs and committee members are appointed by the President based on matching interests, expertise, and special qualifications.

These are autonomous roles where you will be expected to own your position. Participation in conference calls, group chats, committee meetings, and fundraising is expected in these roles.



President's Update

president@vpca.org

Website & Social Media



www.vpca.org

www.facebook.com/victoriaparkcivicassociation

www.instagram.com/victoriaparkcivicassociation

<https://nextdoor.com/g/pjemhr6rt/>

New Playground Coming to Victoria Park

After years without a functional playground nearby, as part of the requested improvements through the Parks

Victoria Park Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements Project

Sewer Main Rehabilitation and Replacement – Phase 5

Read More

History of VPCA

At the turn of the last century, Mary Brickell recognized how special Victoria Park was. When developer Henry Flagler wanted to drive his Florida East Coast Railway through our oak hammock on his way to Miami, Mrs. Brickell...

[Read More](#)

Photos

See all photos

Victoria Park Civic Association
December 29, 2025 at 4:48 PM

Hi neighbors, please scan the QR code below or email Arielle if you're interested in participating in this study. All residents who currently OR previously lived in Vi... See more

Heather M.
Victoria Park · 18 Dec

Neighbors, please see below. More info is on our website as well at vpca.org.

City of Fort Lauderdale
Senior Strategic Communications Specialist Dayana Diaz · 18 Dec

TRAFFIC ADVISORY
Victoria Park Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements Project

The City of Fort Lauderdale is working with David Mancini & ...

victoriaparkcivicassociation Following Message

395 posts 1,133 followers 159 following

Victoria Park Civic Assn
@victoriaparkcivicassociation

Community Organization
Nestled in the heart of downtown Ft Lauderdale FL, Victoria Park is a vibrant urban community.
@vpca.org

Followed by laurenkahnouthfloridaealor, glassman4ftl + 16 more



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Victoria Park Playground



The City has released a new design for the playground to be installed in Victoria Park, near the waterfront in the greenspace just south of Annie Beck Park where the gazebo is located .

The revised design includes a larger play structure, swings for older children, and benches for caregivers .

The design include a nature - themed play structure that will be placed under existing trees, as indicated in the photo, to take advantage of their canopies for shade. No trees are being removed.

The playground was requested by residents as part of the Parks Bond.

Plans are on track to complete the installation around the **summer of 2026** .



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Holiday Park Playground



The next steps towards completing the Holiday Park Playground are as follows:

1. Award the construction contract
2. Execution of the construction contract
3. Engage contractor / transfer all licenses and permits
4. Draft target construction schedule
5. City authorizes contractor to proceed
6. Contractor orders equipment and initiates the process of engineering, permitting/approval, manufacturing, and shipping
7. Installation

We are targeting a groundbreaking ceremony later this spring – stay tuned!

The splash pad with new restrooms will be including in Phase III at a later date .



City of Fort Lauderdale Holiday Park

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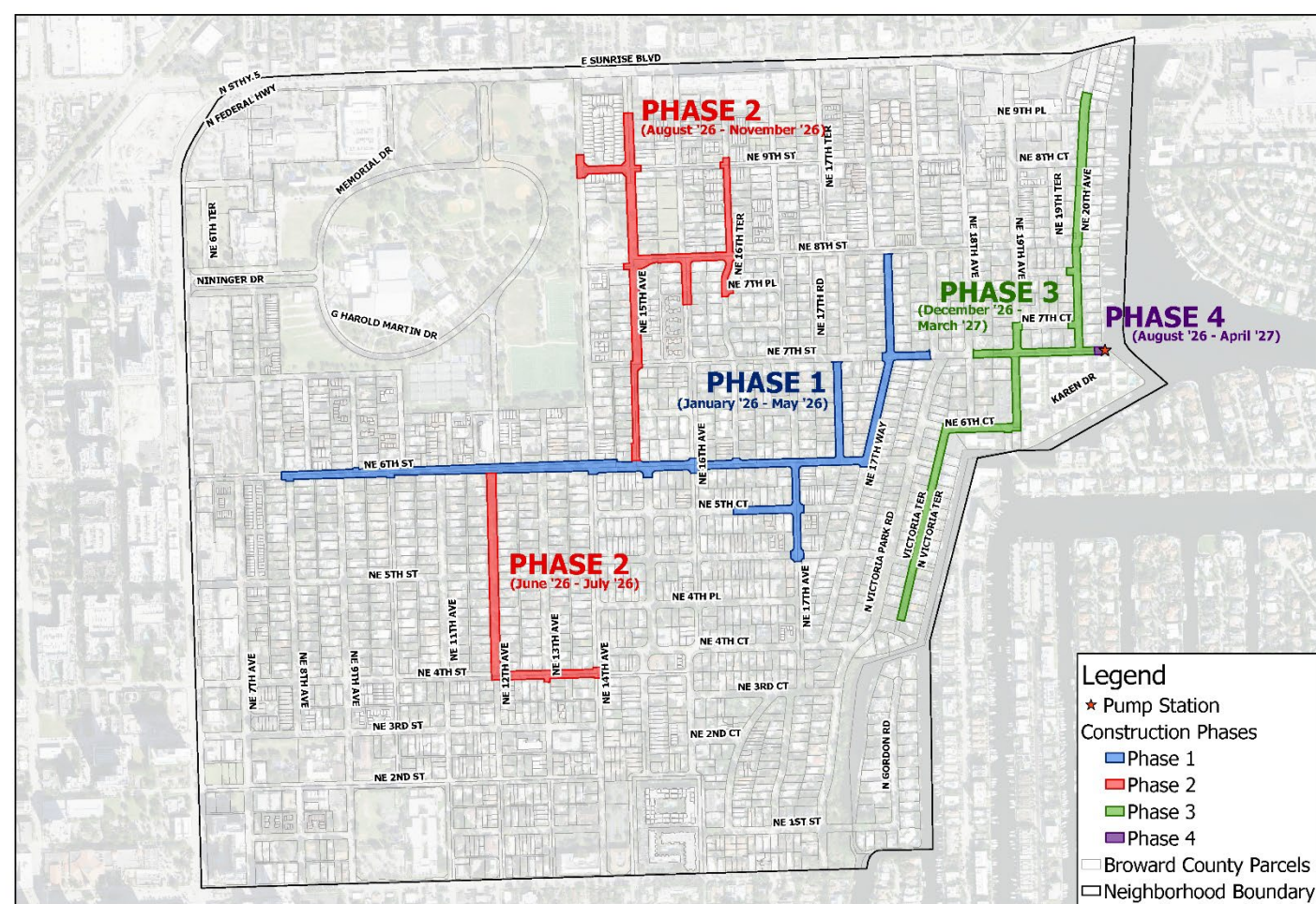
Victoria Park Stormwater Improvements Project



Preliminary work began February 2, 2026. Construction to be completed in early 2028.

Lane closures and full road closures are expected along neighborhood streets during construction.

Notices will be shared prior to the start of any full closures that require detours.



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<https://ftlcity.info/vpnsip>



City of Fort Lauderdale
Victoria Park Stormwater Improvements
Construction Phasing

0 230 460 US Feet





Sanitary Sewer Force Main Rehabilitation and Replacement



Ongoing Construction Update

The City of Fort Lauderdale is working with Lanzo Construction Co. to make improvements to the City's sewer system in Victoria Park. Traffic will be detoured with posted signs and traffic control personnel as needed.

Crews are using a process called cured -in-place pipe (CIPP) lining, which is a trenchless method to rehabilitate underground sewer lines and extend their longevity while minimizing excavation and disruption.

Construction is expected to be completed by May 2026.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Project Hotline: 1-800-214-4095

Email: FTLSewerRehabProject@GarthSolutions.com

City of Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Service Center: (954) 828-8000

Website: www.fortlauderdale.gov/fixitftl

For the most up-to-date project information, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://ftlcity.info/sewerproject>



Monthly

- Vendor Payments
- Reconcile Books
- Report to Membership

Ad Hoc

- Maintenance (Entrances & Memorial Greenway)
- Newsletters & Flyers

Yearly

- FL Not-for-Profit License (Sunbiz)
- Taxes
- Insurance
- Mailbox

Special Events

- Centennial Celebration

\$1,200

Monthly Operating Costs

Upcoming

Update on Annual Budget
1st Quarter 2026 Review

Treasure's Update



Next Meeting: May 6, 2026





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SMART WATER METER PROGRAM

Agenda

- What is the Smart Water Meter Program?
- How do Smart Water Meters work?
- Key Benefits
- Current Status
- FAQ
- Stay Connected

What is the Smart Water Meter Program?

The City of Fort Lauderdale is rolling out a **Smart Water Meter Program** to upgrade approximately **65,000** water meters, enabling automatic reading, improved water efficiency, and proactive leak detection.

The **first phase of installation** began in **late 2025** and includes **replacing meters** according to our billing cycle schedule, organized by neighborhood clusters.

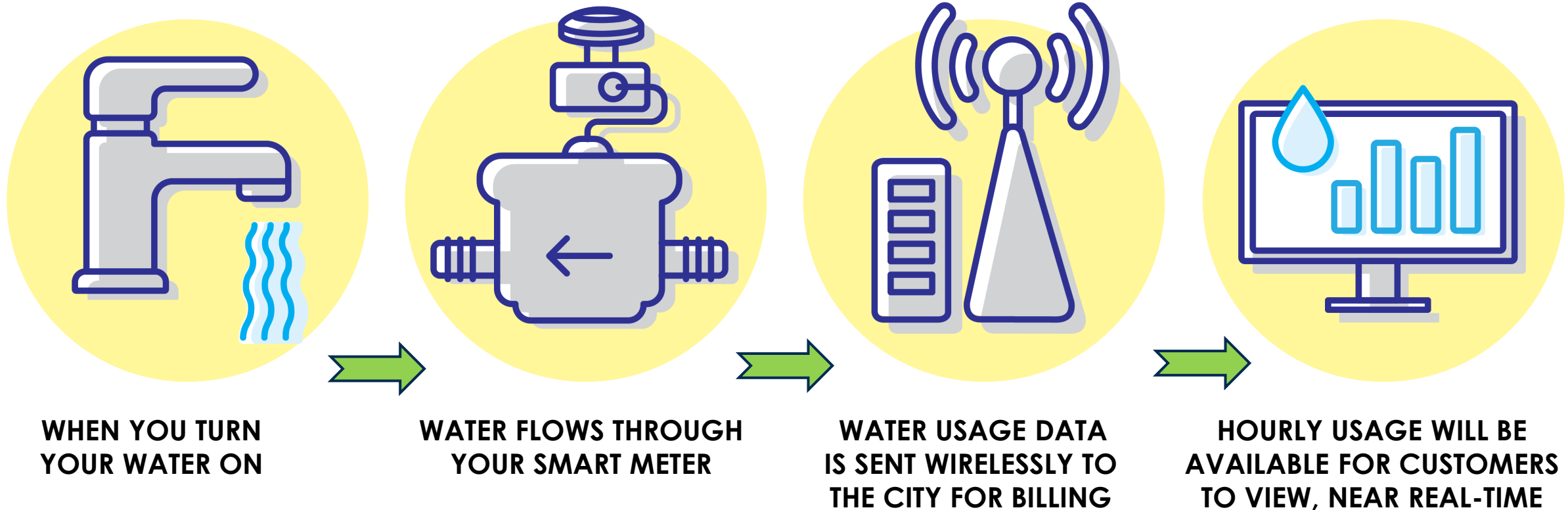
Customers will be able to **view their hourly usage** at a future date to help them better understand and manage their water consumption.

The City is committed to **keeping customers informed** throughout every step of this process to ensure a smooth transition to the new system.



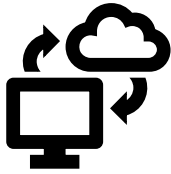
How do Smart Water Meters work?

Smart water meters track water usage hourly, allowing the City to remotely read meters and provide customers with near real-time information about their water consumption.



Key Benefits

These are the key benefits you can expect from the Smart Water Meter Program:



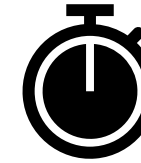
Remote Reading

Fewer service vehicles on the road and fewer property visits to get timely water usage information.



Improved Water Management

Near real-time hourly usage insights enable better understanding of consumption and smarter conservation decisions



Reading Accuracy

Updated technology provides hourly usage measurements for more accurate billing



Timely Leak Alerts

Early identification and notification helps spot and address leaks quickly to avoid damage and waste

FAQ Examples

Here are some questions customers may have about the **Smart Water Meter Program**, with answers. Please visit SpotlightFTL.com for more (link on final slide).

General Information

What is the Smart Water Meter Program?

The City of Fort Lauderdale is upgrading all water meters to smart meters. These devices automatically track your water usage multiple times daily, allowing the City to remotely read the meter and provide you with up-to-date information about your water consumption.

Benefits & Features

How can I save money using smart metering?

Smart meters track your water usage in near real-time, helping you detect leaks early. Additionally, you can set up personalized alerts for high water usage and adjust consumption habits accordingly.

Installation Process

Will I be notified before installation?

Yes, the City will send communications a few weeks before your scheduled installation. The installer will also knock on each customer's door prior to installation with post-notification.

What's Next?

Neighbors will receive notification that their Smart Meter is coming. The installation process should be minimally disruptive.

NEW SMART WATER METERS ARE COMING SOON!

Water meter upgrades will begin in your neighborhood in the coming weeks.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is upgrading water meters citywide to new smart meters that improve accuracy, reliability, and service. These advanced meters provide near real-time data to help detect leaks faster and ensure better customer service.

What This Means for You:

- Faster leak detection
- More accurate billing
- Better customer service

The City provides more detailed updates on the dedicated Smart Water Meters project page. Scan the QR code or visit: <https://bit.ly/smartmetersftl>



For more information, please contact the dedicated project line at (954) 745-0567, extension 308, or email SmartMetersFTL@brizaga.com.



Smart meters mean better service and a more sustainable future for Fort Lauderdale!

Pre-installation Postcard



New Meter Installation



New Smart Water Meter

STAY CONNECTED

There are several ways to get program updates and answers to any questions about the Smart Water Meter program!

Visit SpotlightFTL.COM



Follow the City of Fort Lauderdale on social media:

FTLcity.info/connect



Call us on the Smart Water Meter Hotline:

954-745-0567, Extension 308

Send us an Email:

SmartMetersFTL@brizaga.com

THANK YOU!

WOMEN IN DISTRESS OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC

Domestic Violence 101

& Agency Services

WOMEN *in*
DISTRESS





OUR MISSION

TO **STOP** DOMESTIC ABUSE FOR **EVERYONE** THROUGH
INTERVENTION, **EDUCATION** AND ADVOCACY.

Our Services



24 Hour Crisis
Hotline



Residential
Shelter



Pet Shelter

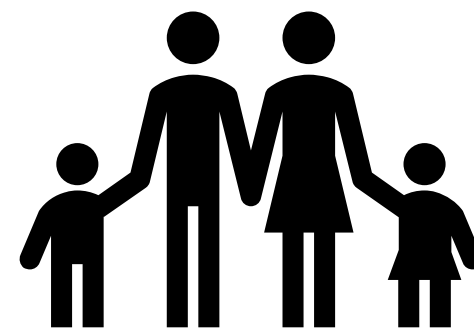


Outreach
Services

Our Services



Injunction for
Protection
Attorney
Program



Co-Located
DV Child
Welfare
Advocates



Economic
Empowerment
Services



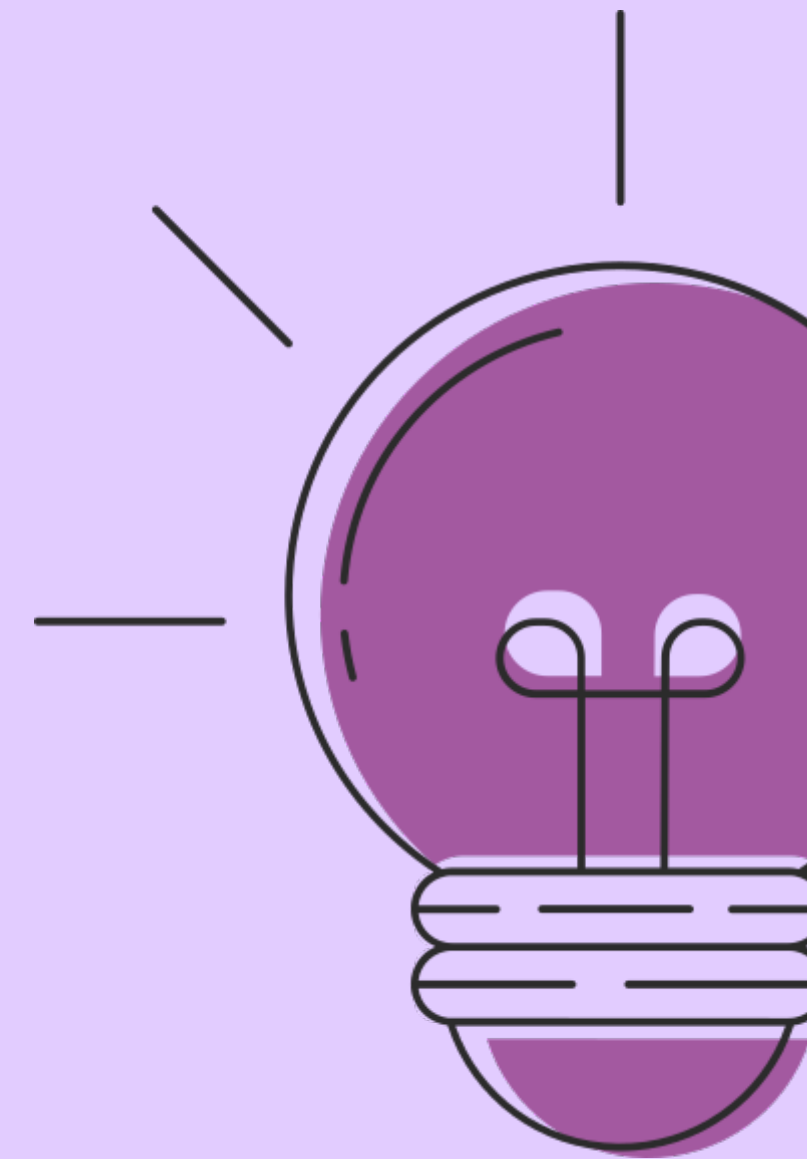
Education and
Prevention



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

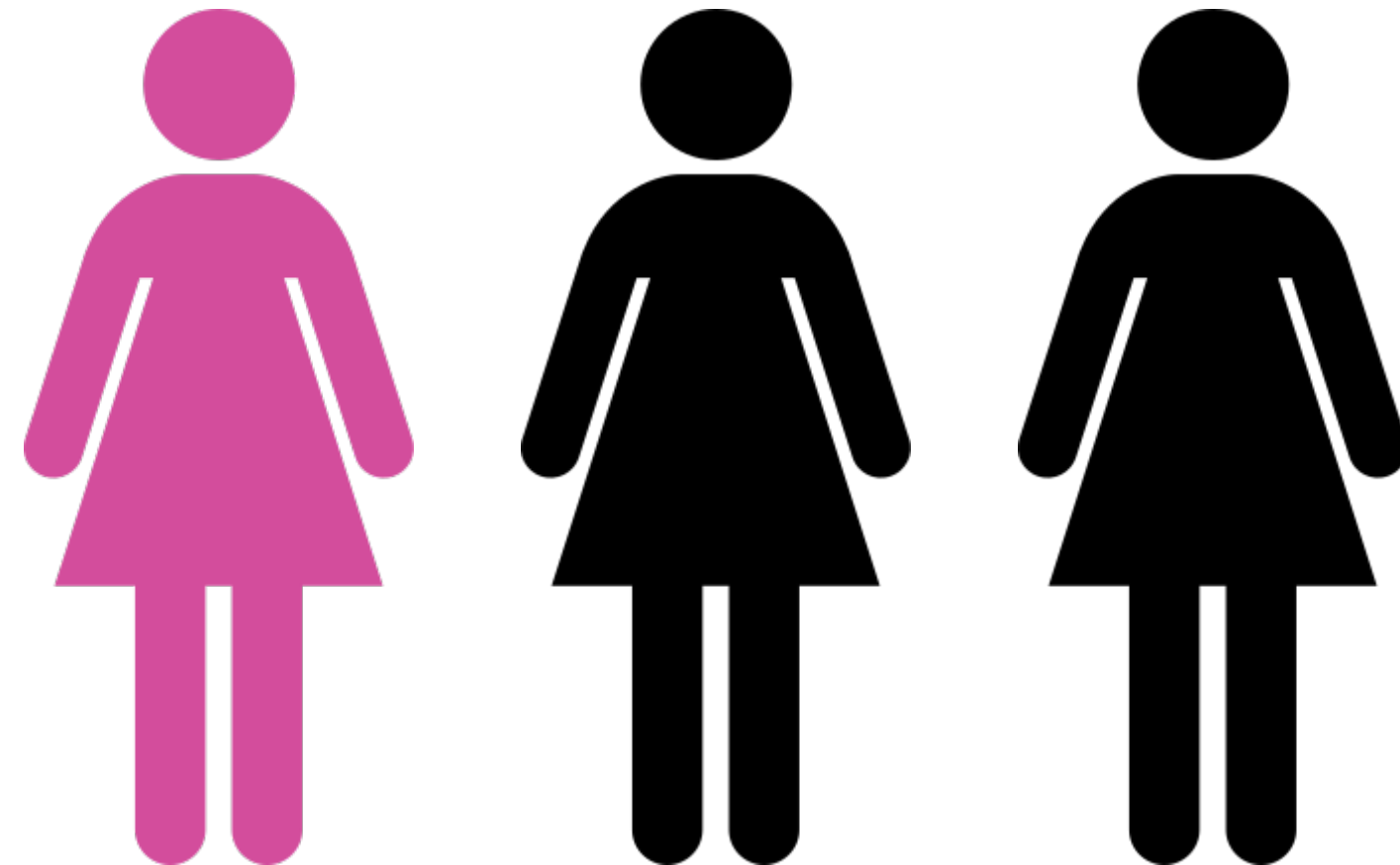
CROSSES **ALL** BOUNDARIES OF
CULTURE, AGE, RACE, SEX, GENDER
IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,
EDUCATION LEVEL, SOCIOECONOMIC
STATUS...

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE AFFECTED?



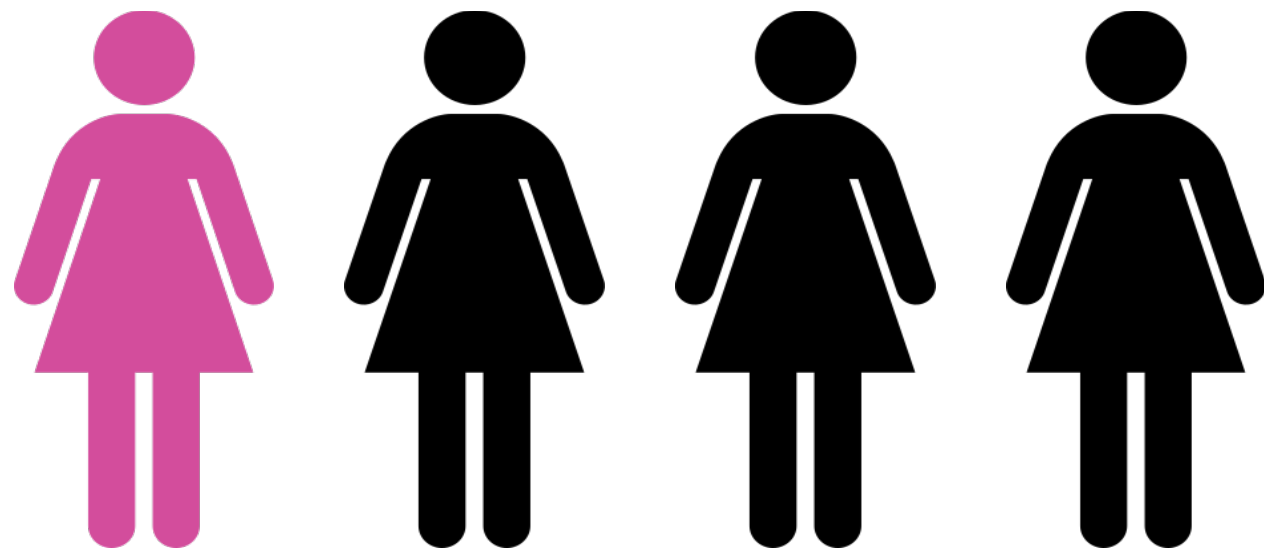
Unless otherwise noted, all statistics & data were retrieved from:
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
(NCADV)

1 in 3 women experience intimate partner violence worldwide.

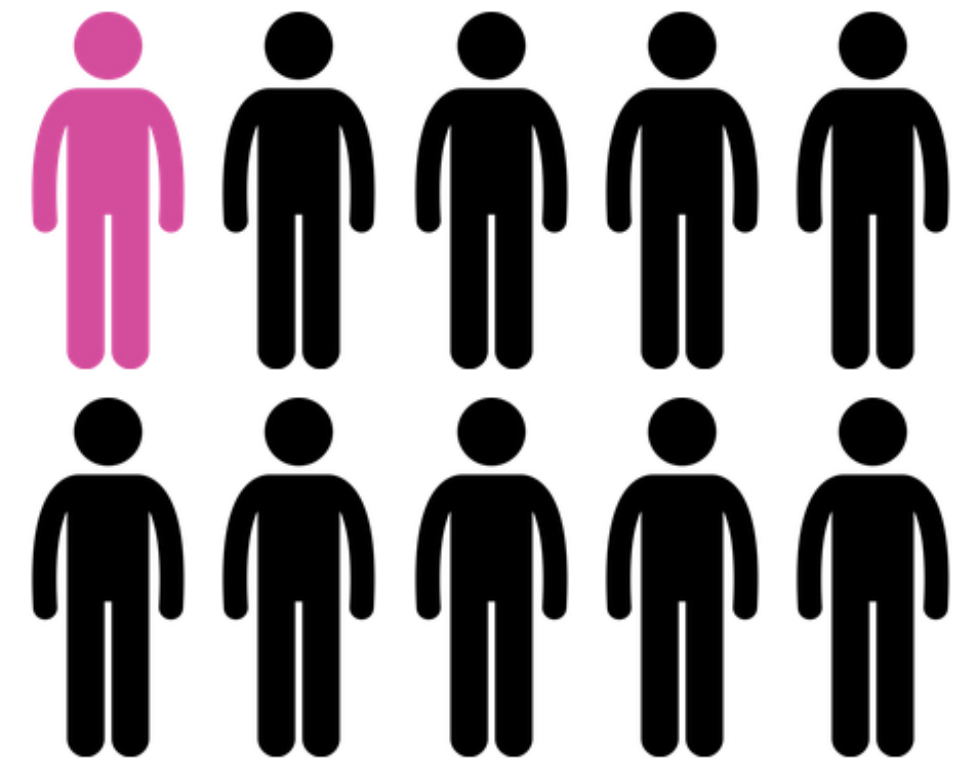


In the United States...

1 in 4 women
experience intimate
partner violence.



1 in 10 men experience
intimate partner
violence.



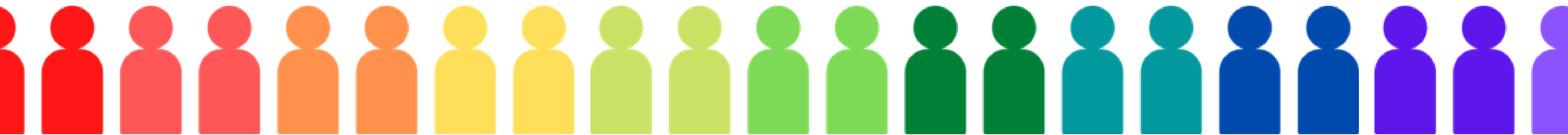
LGBTQ+ people experience intimate partner violence at the **same or elevated rates** as their non-LGBTQ+ peers.

43.8% of lesbian women and **61.1%** of bisexual women, and **26%** of gay men and **37.3%** of bisexual men have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime

(National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Study, 2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation)

In 2012, **fewer than 5%** of LGBTQ+ survivors of IPV sought orders of protection.

(National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV-Affected Intimate Partner Violence in 2012)



1 in 2

female murder victims

&

1 in 13

male murder victims

are killed by intimate partners.

More than
15 million

children are exposed to domestic
violence **each year.**



1 in 3

teens experience dating
violence in the U.S.



81%

of parents believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it's an issue.

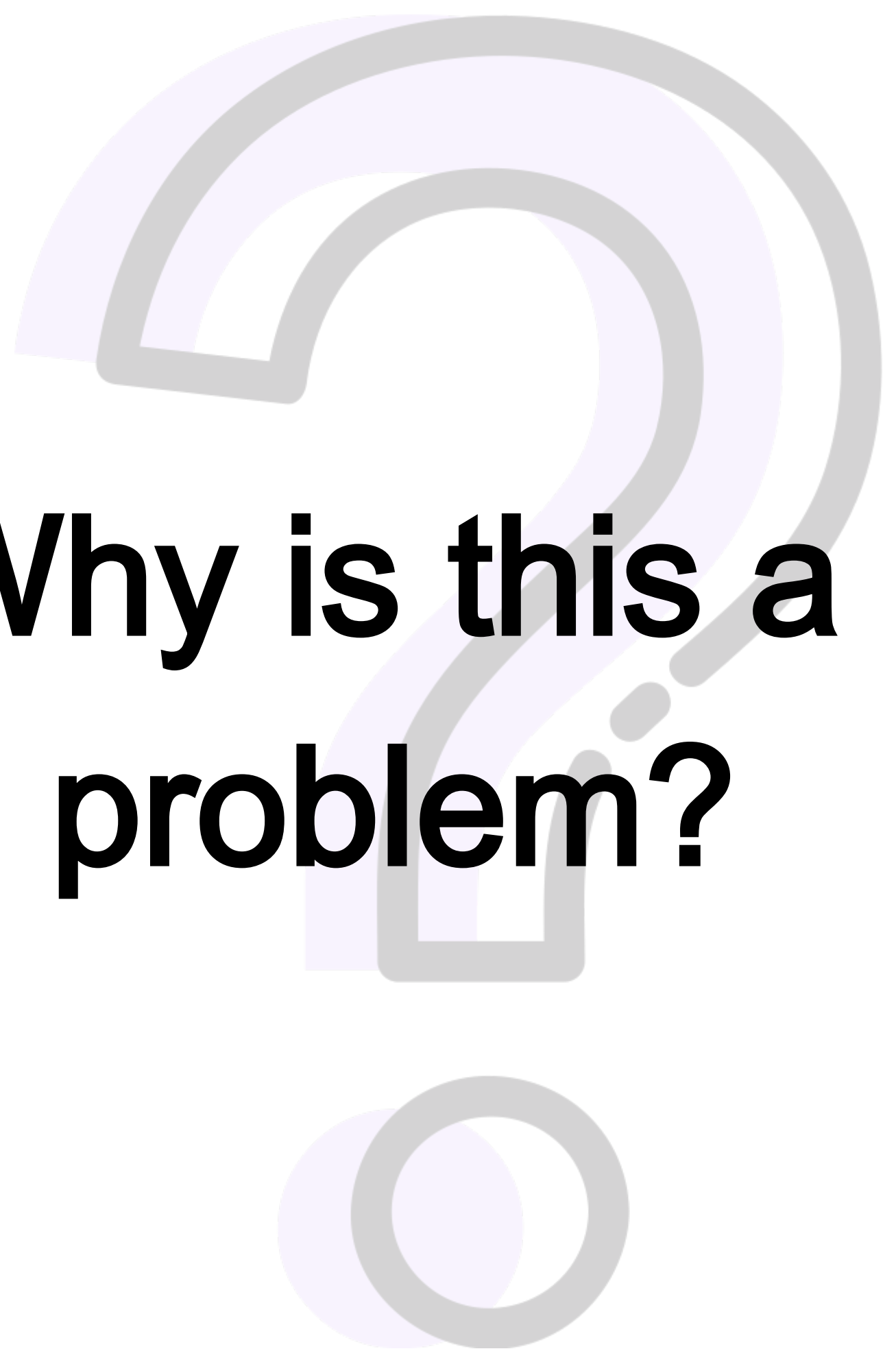
Though **82%** of parents feel confident that they could recognize the signs if their child was experiencing dating abuse...



58%

of parents **COULD NOT** correctly identify all the warning signs of abuse.





**Why is this a
problem?**

THE CENTERS FOR
DISEASE CONTROL &
PREVENTION

UP TO
\$12.6 BILLION

8 MILLION

57%

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.

COST OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE EACH YEAR.

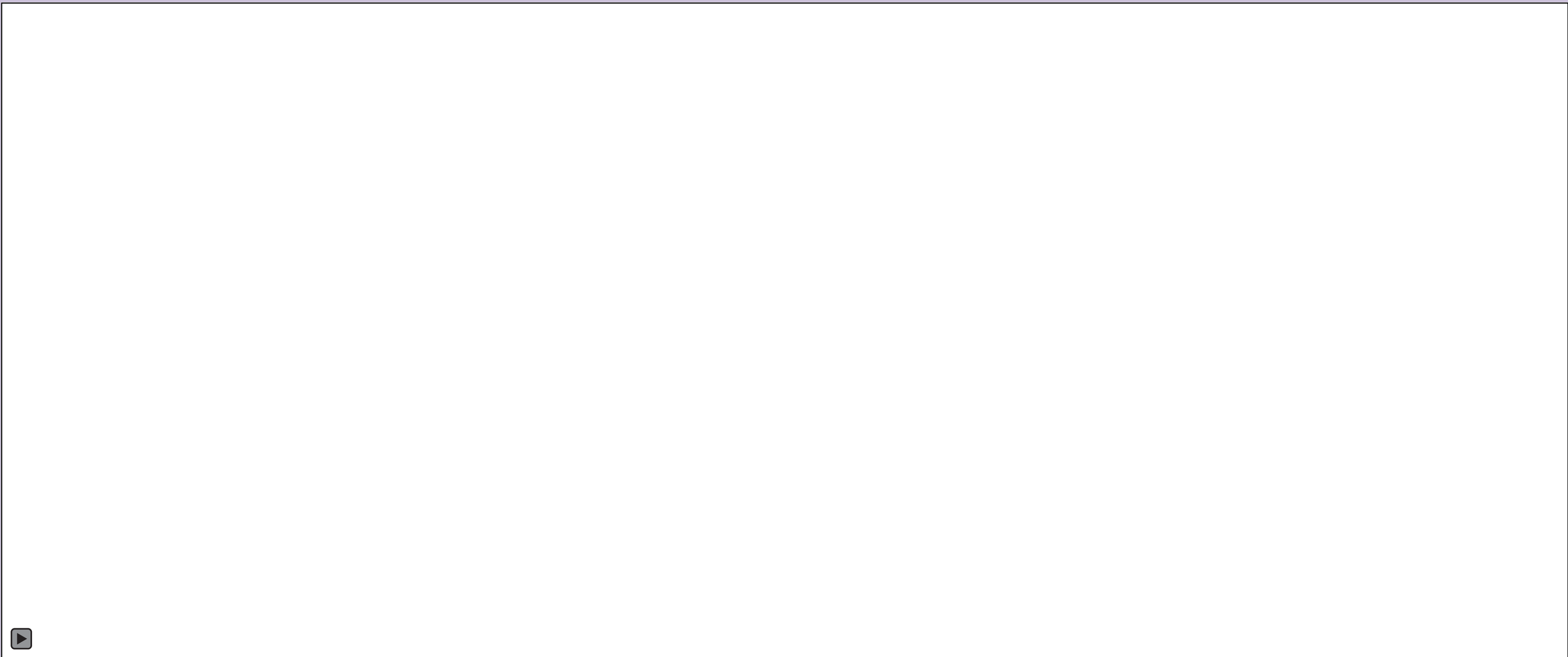
DAYS OF PAID WORK ARE LOST TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE EACH YEAR.

HOMELESS FAMILIES ARE ATTRIBUTED TO DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE.



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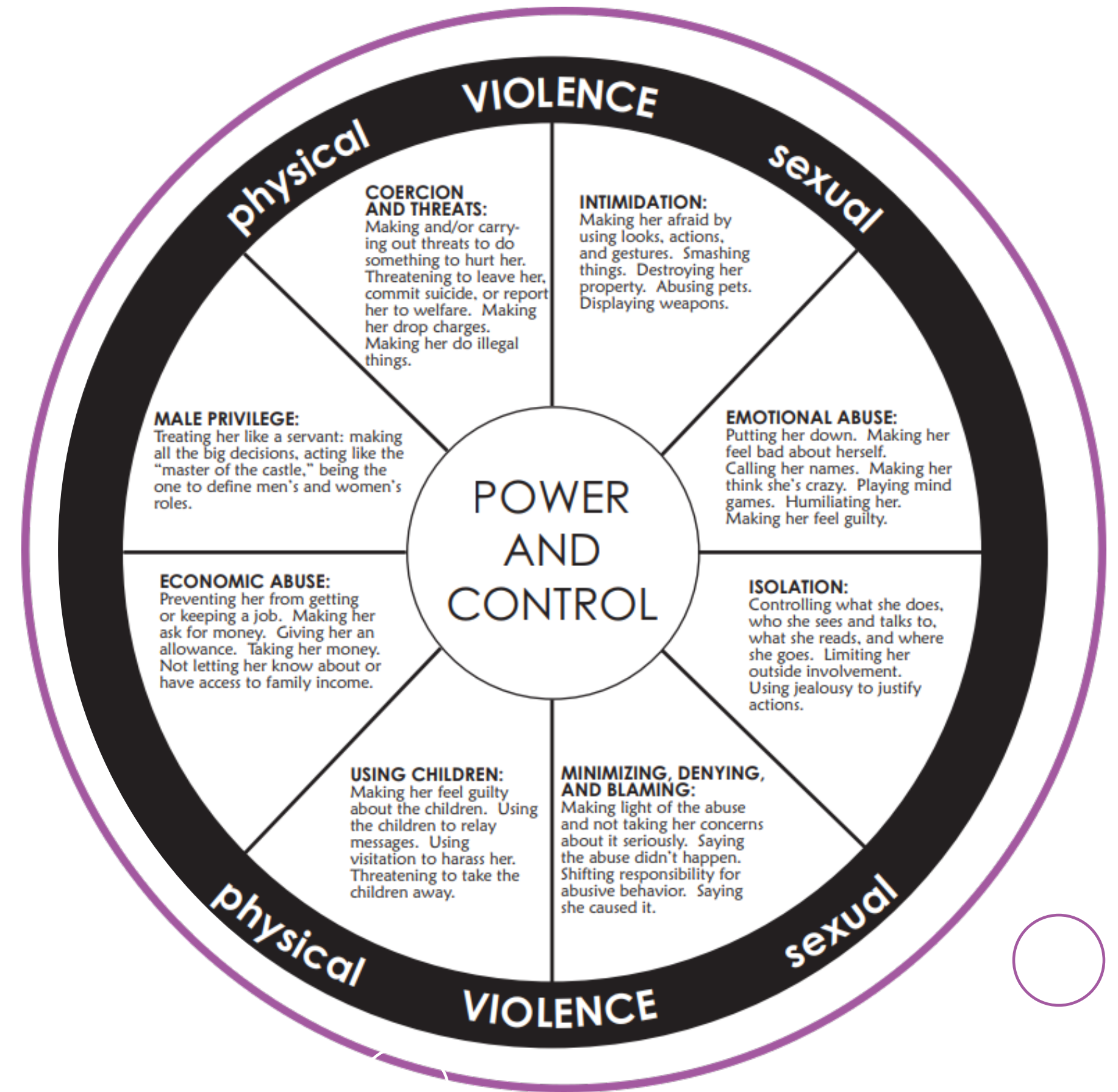
**INTIMATE PARTNER
VIOLENCE**



Intimate Partner Violence

Definition

- Intimate partner violence - a **broad term** for domestic violence and dating violence
- A pattern of **abusive behaviors** through the use of **power and control tactics** used by one person over another in an **intimate relationship**.
- It is a **learned behavior**.



TYPES OF ABUSE

POWER & CONTROL



PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

ISOLATION

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

USING CHILDREN

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

USING PRIVILEGE


VERBAL ABUSE

THREATS &
COERCION

STALKING

ECONOMIC ABUSE


MINIMIZING,
DENYING, &
BLAMING



Q: Most people will end a relationship if it becomes abusive.

A: **FALSE**

On average, a survivor will leave an abusive relationship 7 times before she leaves for good.



Q: Victims of abuse often feel embarrassed, ashamed, and feel as though the abuse is their fault.

A: **TRUE**



WHY DO VICTIMS STAY?

THERE ARE
MANY
REASONS



#1 FEAR & SAFETY

CHILDREN

LEGAL BARRIERS

SOCIAL PRESSURES

FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE


LOVE

RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL BELIEFS

ISOLATION

BLACKMAIL & THREATS

LACK OF RESOURCES



Q: Alcohol and drug use is a major cause of domestic violence.

A: **FALSE**

Domestic violence and substance abuse must be understood and treated as independent problems.



Q: The abuser has anger management issues.

A: **FALSE**

THE BETTER QUESTION...

WHY DO
THEY
ABUSE?




SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT

IT IS A LEARNED BEHAVIOR

SOCIETAL REINFORCEMENT

NOT CAUSED BY DRUGS OR
ALCOHOL

NOT CAUSED BY ANGER



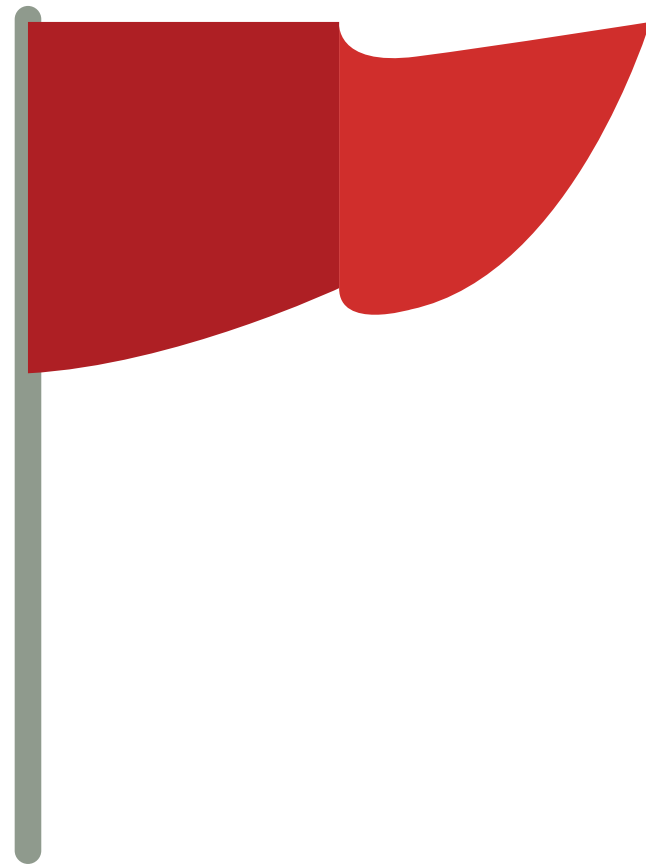
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**WHAT ARE THE
SIGNS?**

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS

RED FLAGS



FREQUENT CRITICIZING

GASLIGHTING

THREATS (HARM, SUICIDE)

POSSESSIVE JEALOUSY

BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS

CONSTANTLY CHECKING UP &
MONITORING

BOUNDARY PUSHING & COERCION

FREQUENT INJURIES

MISSING WORK OR
SCHOOL

FEAR OF PARTNER

CONSTANT DEFERENCE
TO PARTNER

EMOTIONAL OUTBURSTS

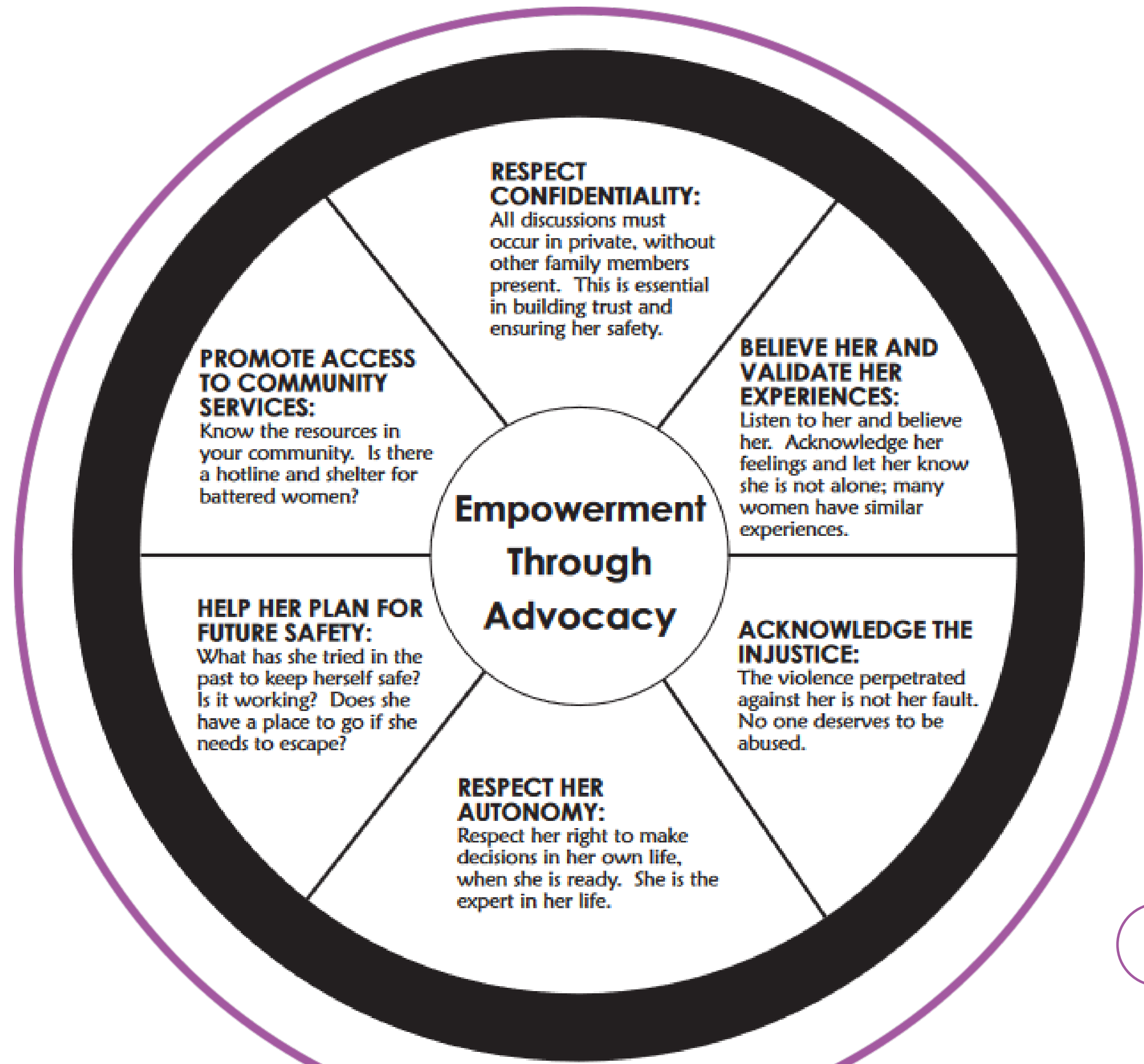
ISOLATION FROM
FAMILY & FRIENDS



**WHAT CAN YOU
DO?**

ADVOCACY EMPOWERMENT WHEEL

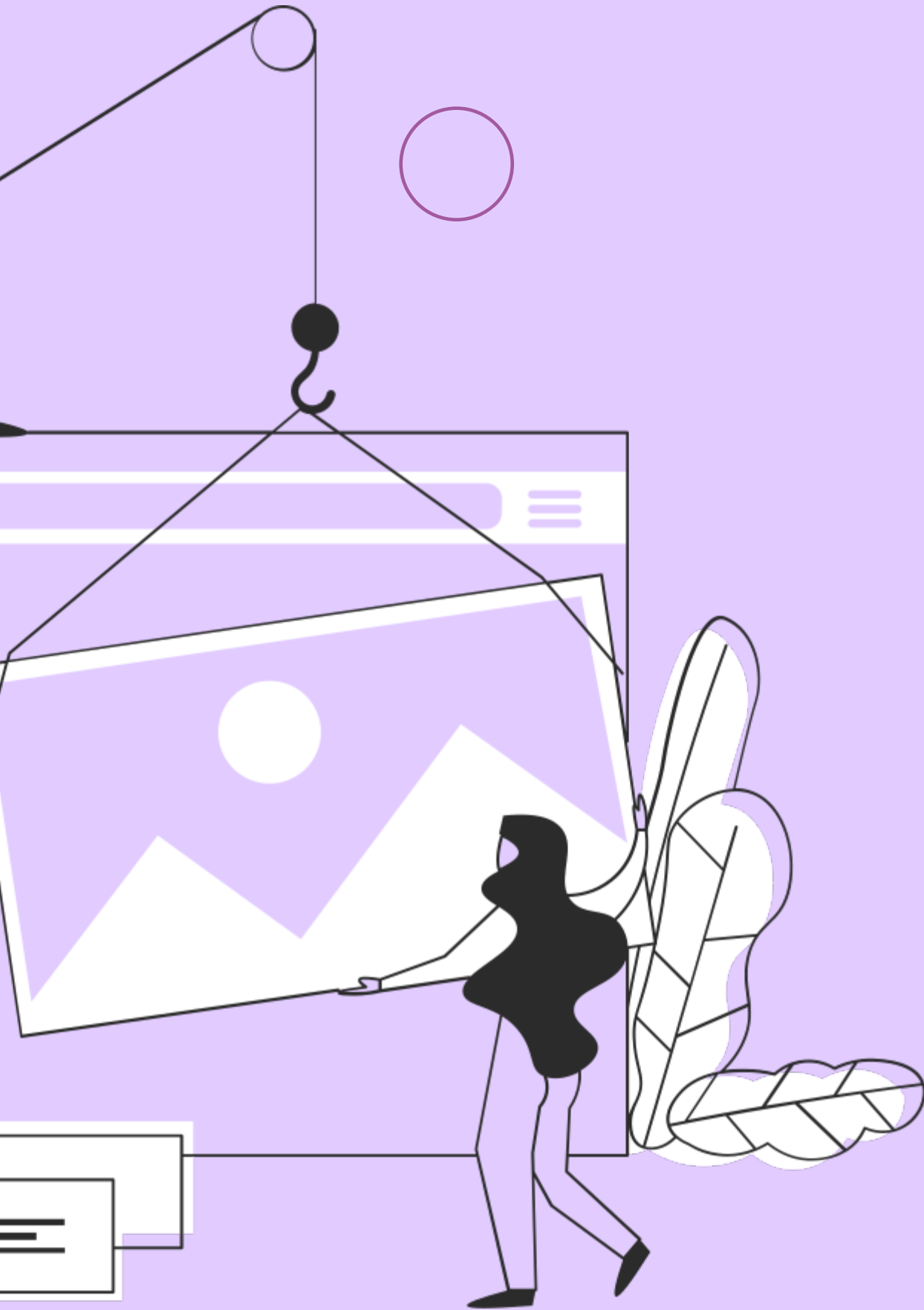
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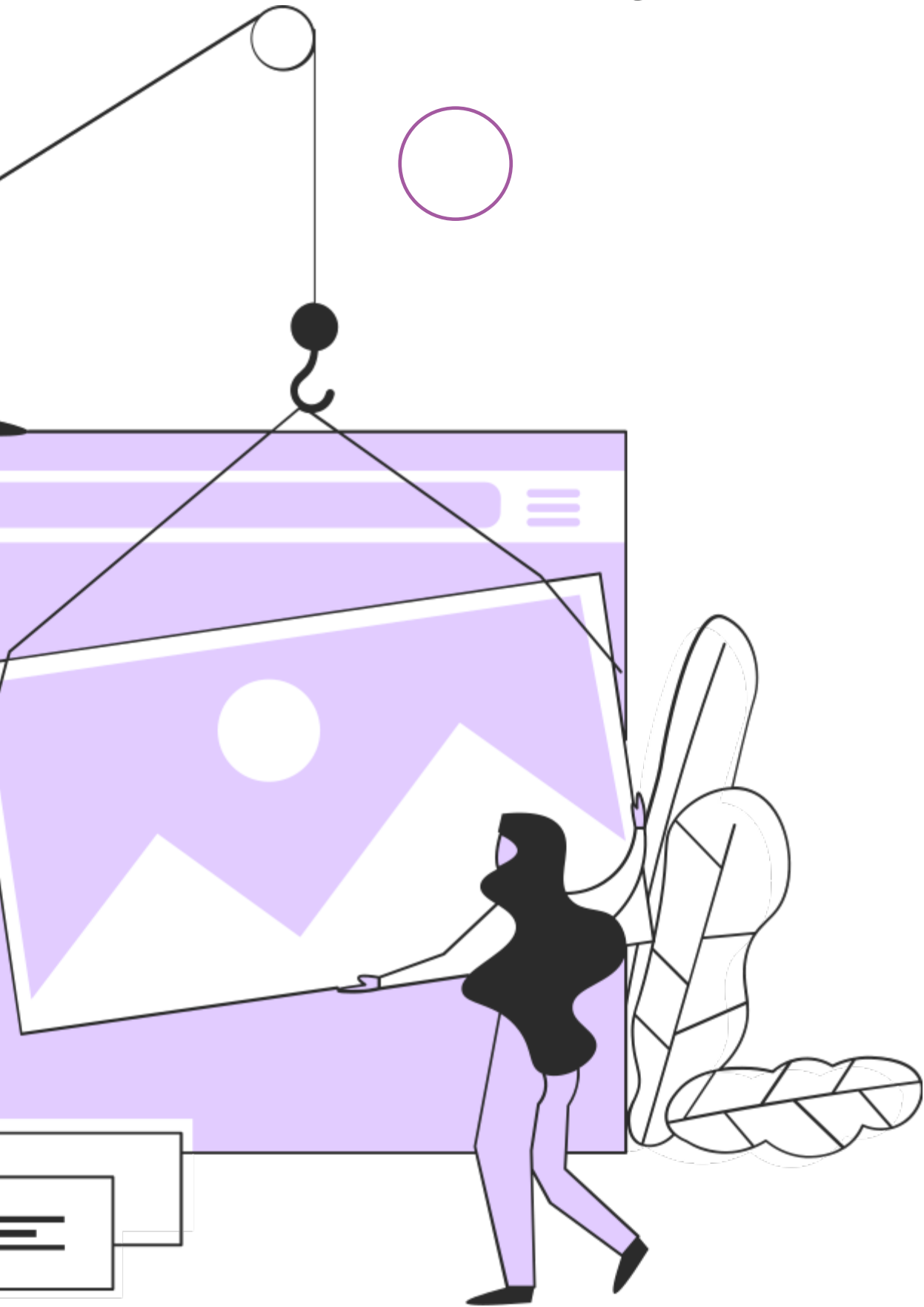
Avoid Victim -Blaming

"THE ONLY ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABUSE YOU EXPERIENCED WAS THE PERSON WHO CHOSE TO ABUSE YOU."

- Abuse is always a choice by the abuser.
- Domestic violence & sexual violence is a crime.
- It is never the victim's fault.
- Recognize that victim-blaming is a way to separate ourselves from an unpleasant reality that we may be afraid to face.
- Awareness of one's own biases and prejudices and avoid imposing your own cultural values.
- Use language that focuses on the abuser's responsibility for the abuse - non-passive.
- Don't judge.

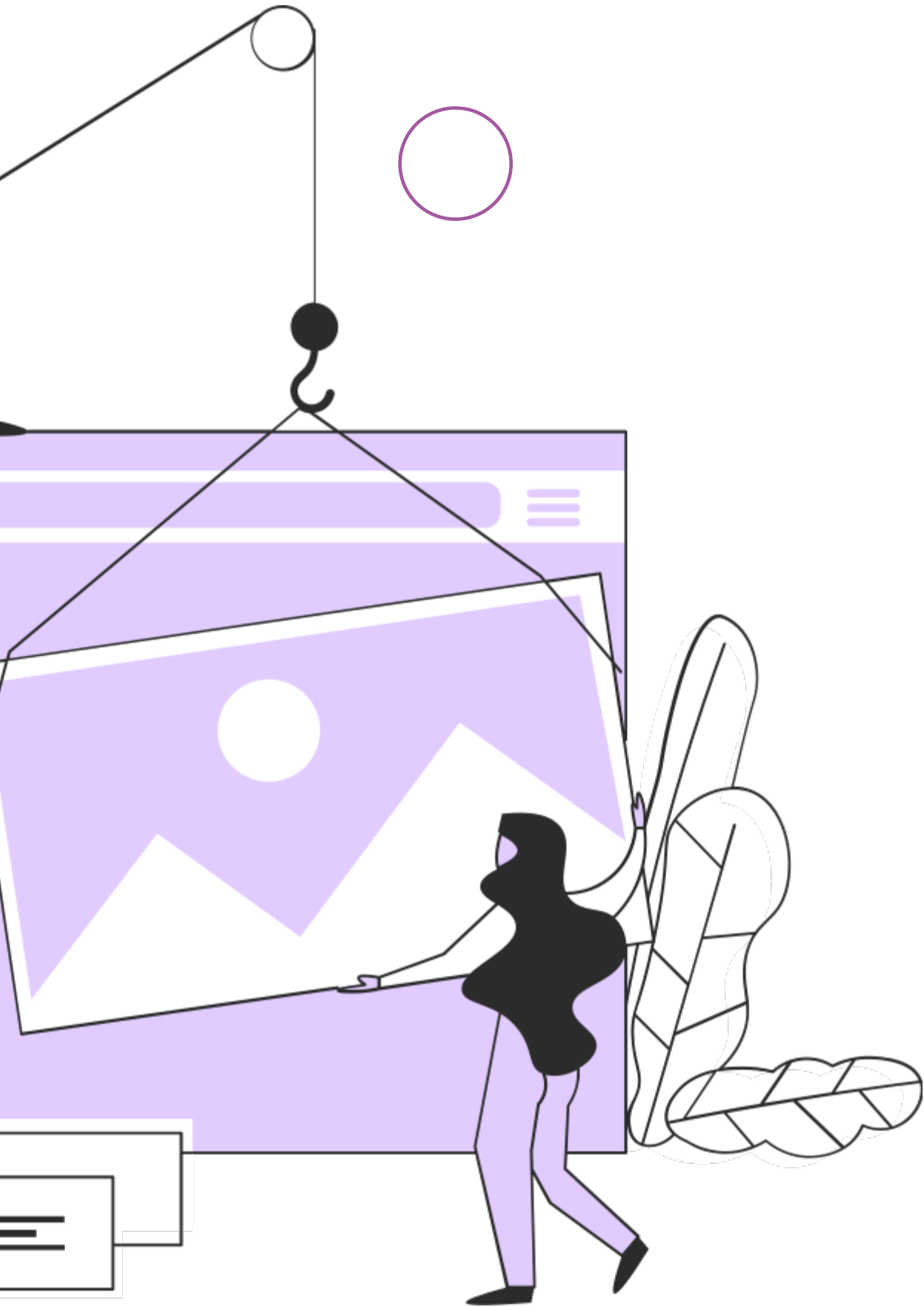


Bystander Accountability



- Recognizing your own power & communal responsibility to take steps in making a situation better or less destructive.
- Hold abusers accountable, send the message that abuse is not accepted in our community.
- Empower others to do the same.
- Encourage a victim to talk.

Educate Yourself!



- Be aware of red flags.
- Understand the barriers to justice.
- Recognize the difficulty of seeking assistance.
- Empathize and understand why victims stay.
- Understand the effects of domestic violence on victims, children, and society.

AWARENESS +

Action

= Social Change



DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
AWARENESS
PROJECT

A project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

For domestic violence
information, resources and
materials visit

www.nrcdv.org/dvam

Know your resources!

Women In Distress

www.widbroward.org

Crisis Hotline: (954) 761-1133

Florida Relay 7-1-1

2-1-1

www.211-broward.org

2-1-1

Florida Abuse Hotline (DCF)

800-962-ABUSE (2873)

800-955-8771 (TTY) or 711

<https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us/>

LoveIsRespect

www.loveisrespect.org

24/7/365 Online Chat (on website)

1-866-331-9474 Call or Text "LOVEIS"

Florida DV Hotline

CALL OR TEXT: 1-800-500-1119

Legal Hotline: Prompt 3

Find your local center:

<https://www.fldvtraining.org/directory>

National DV Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Sexual Assault Hotline

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

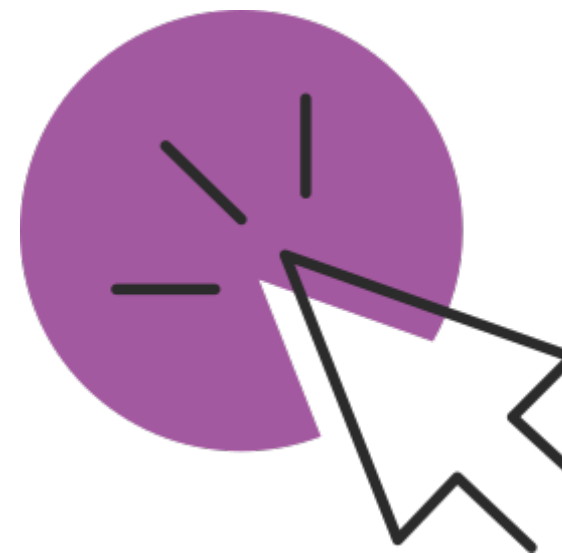
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That's Not Cool

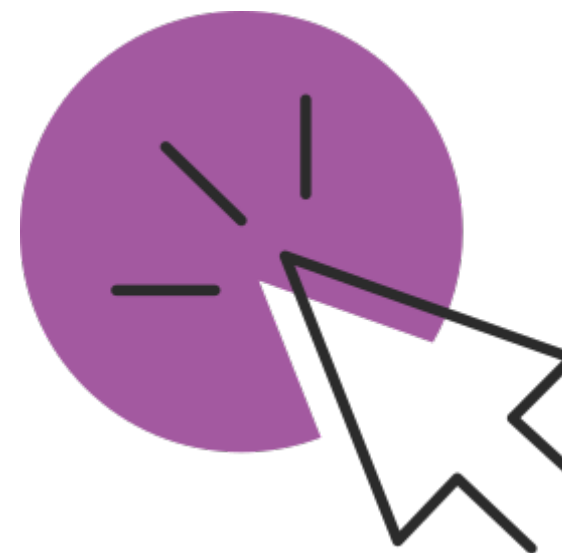
www.thatsnotcool.com

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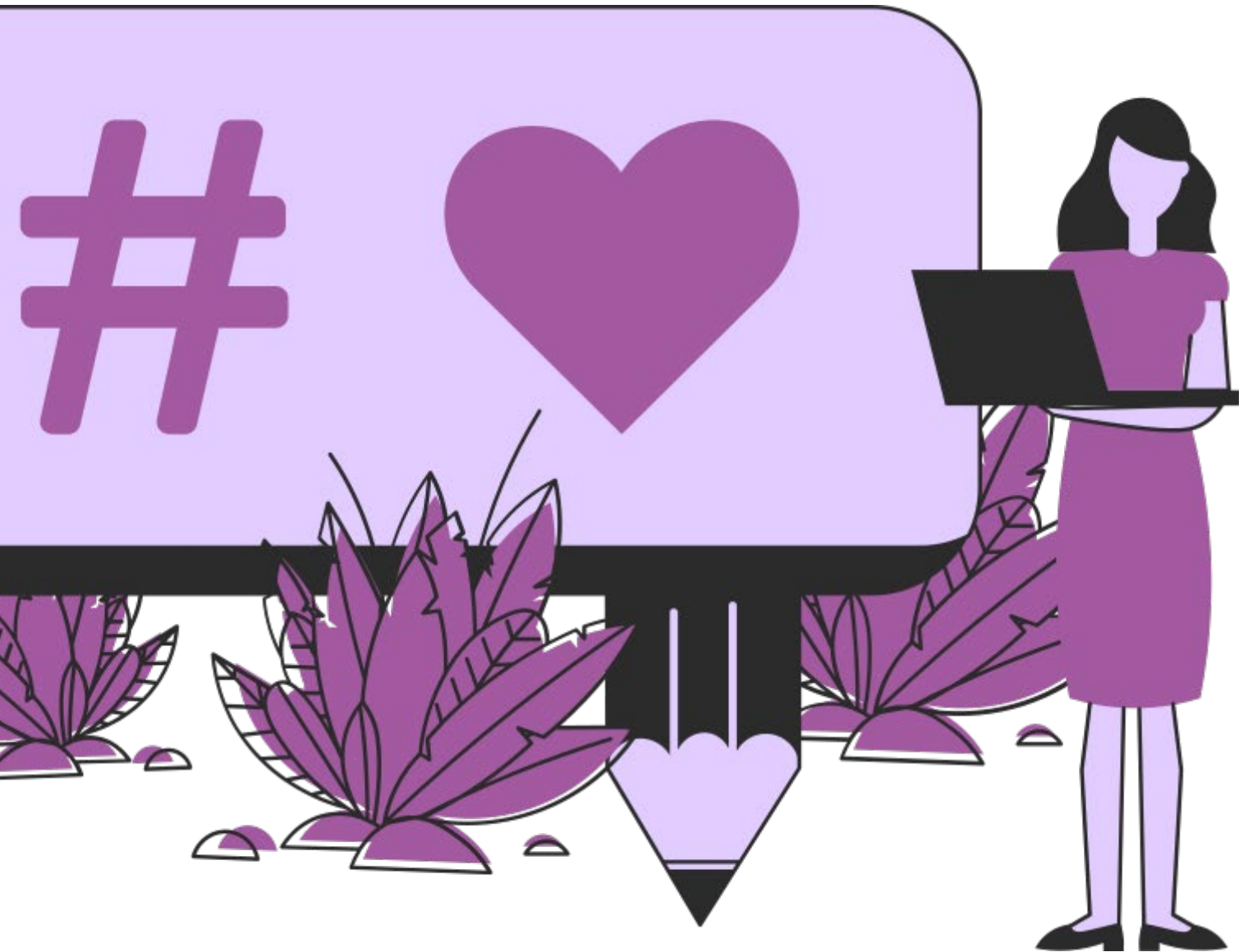
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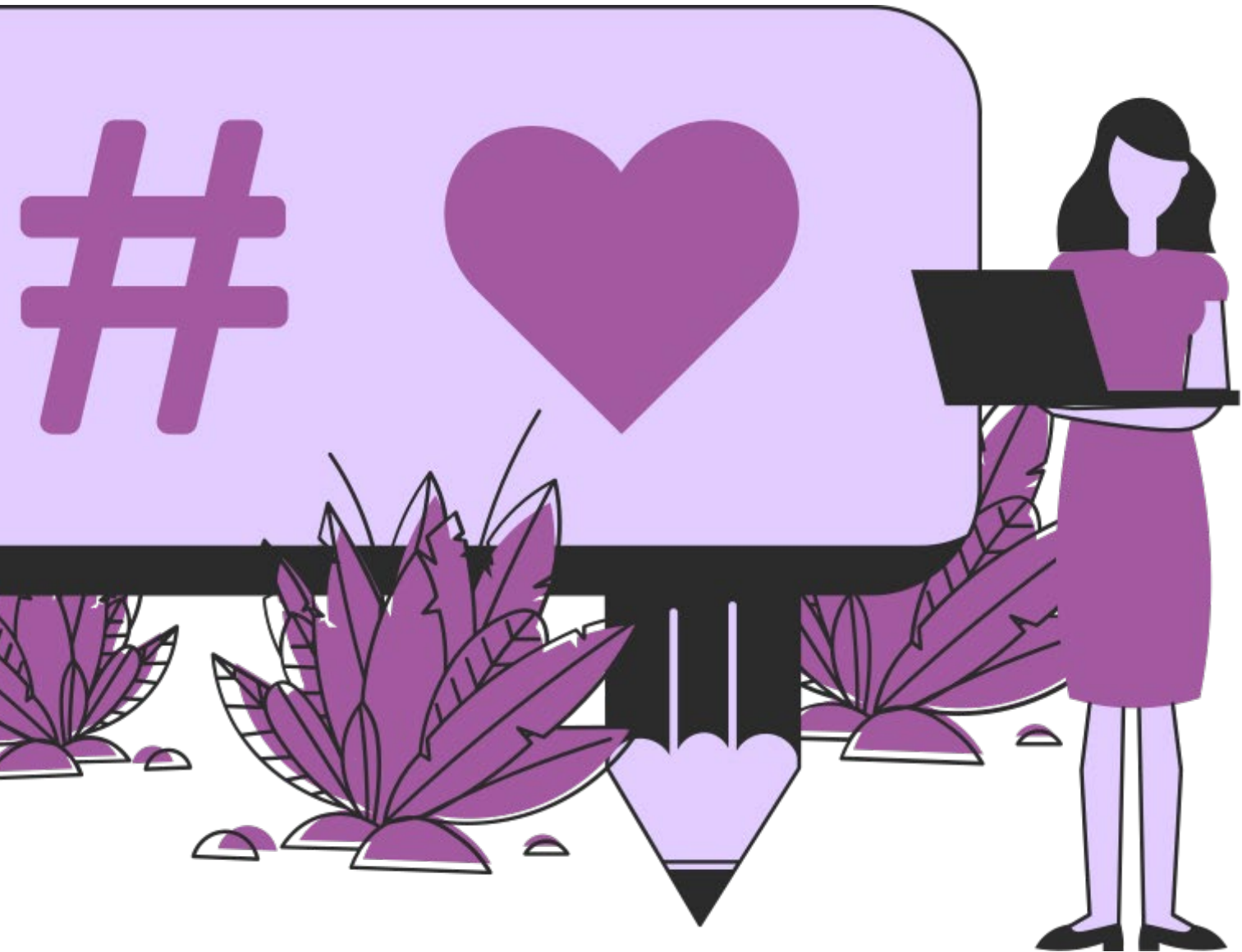
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