

Session Seven

- Must cover mandated reporting
- Must give permission for clients to say as much or as little as they would like
- Must give permission for clients to leave the room if necessary (accompanied by staff)
- Putting up the statement before group about “If you were abused...and it must stop.”
- Setting up the sheets before group by listing out the different types of abuse
- Mini lecture needs to include most if not all bulleted items in the facilitator guide
- Cover the prevalence data included in the facilitator guide
- Follow amended structure – for all four types of abuse: Begin with physical, then verbal, then emotional, and finally sexual. Begin with physical because it is the easiest for the men to identify. It is important that you go through each question with each form of abuse to provide the “layering down” effect that is essential to this exercise.
 - First question: list examples of each type of abuse (all four kinds)
 - Second round of questions: “How many of you know someone who...” AND “What do you think it was like for them?”
 - Third round of questions” “How many of you were ever...” AND “What was it like for you?”
 - Fourth round of questions: “How many of you ever...” AND “What do you think it was like for them?” AND “What is it like for you now thinking about it?”
- Do not attempt to resolve disagreement; give it back to the clients (“What do the rest of you think?”) However, do not allow the clients to engage in prolonged debate.
- You may have your own strong opinions, but resist the impulse to resolve any disagreement or moralize the issue. You are primarily a neutral facilitator.
- Let the men know that there is often a delayed response to this depth of material and to be mindful of this for the next several days
- Reminding the men about self-care
- Asking about a plan to take care of themselves
- Checking in directly with any men who seemed particularly dissociative or agitated
- Offer to see anyone during the week
- Be willing to call the men between groups

