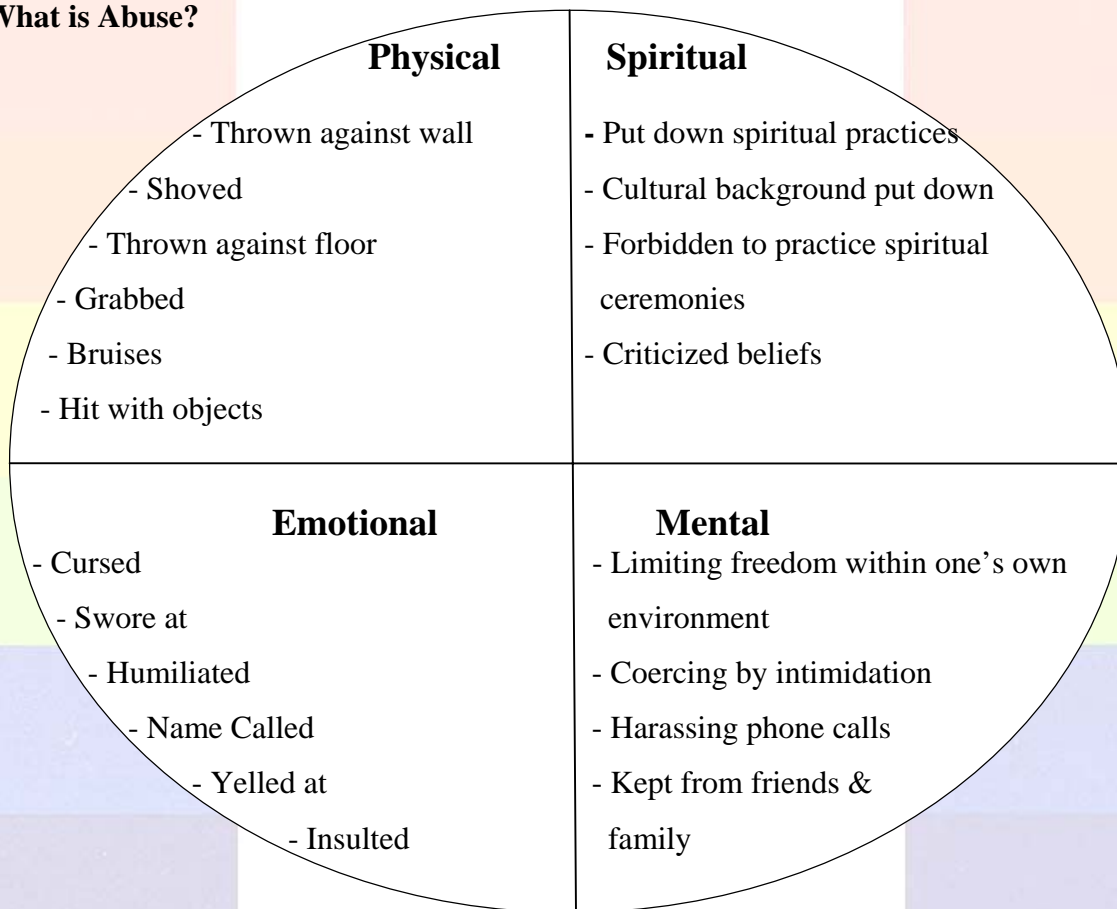


Aboriginal Trans Community Member Domestic Violence Fact Sheet

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

How do I know I am being abused?

What is Abuse?



What are some of the results of Abuse?

- Cuts
- Black Eyes
- Guilt
- Feelings of shame
- Feelings of lowered self worth
- Feelings of Isolation
- Scratches on Body
- Bruises
- Feelings of self-doubt
- Feelings of lowered self-esteem
- Feelings of Fear

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT

Of the Trans Identified community members we surveyed this is what they have experienced:
(Please refer to the final report on Domestic Violence).

- 1 in 3 trans members were afraid to access social services because of transphobia, racism & homophobia
- 60% of Trans members had their partners stalk them
- 70% were able to access counselling BUT only ½ felt safe to disclose abuse to social service agency staff
- 78% of Trans members feel pride in their cultural background BUT 1 in 4 have been put down, criticized or ridiculed for their racial identity
- Trans members do not feel included in social service agencies because of the language used at the agency or by the staff's insensitivity

Services Providers need to:

- Non-Native agencies need to partner with other agencies that Two Spirit men/women & Trans community members access
- Have Trans representation in staff, volunteers & in decision making positions of the agency
- Help Trans members by listening to & believing their experiences therefore validating their experiences
- Provide Trans members with safety planning
- Be respectful of Trans members
- Be non-judgmental
- Be culturally sensitive
- Be accessible

Elders need to:

- Recognize that native communities have Trans community members
- Acknowledge & validate VIOLENCE in Trans community members relationships
- Provide spiritual guidance for Trans community members
- Be Accepting & non-judgmental

You are capable & deserving of loving relationships

Resources:

- 2 Spirited People of the 1st Nations (416) 944-9300 www.2spirits.com
- The 519 (416) 392-6874 www.the519.org
- Assaulted Women's Helpline (416) 863-0511 outside 416 call 1-866-863-0511 www.awhl.org
- David Kelly Counselling Services (416) 595-9618 www.fsatoronto.com/programs/dkslesgay.html
- Distress Lines (416) 408-4357 www.torontodistresscentre.com
- Gerstein Centre (416) 929-5200 www.gersteincentre.org
- Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy (416) 944-9481 or 1-800-743-8851 www.oahas.org
- Tumivet Youth Shelter (416) 651-6750 www.nameres.org
- Yorktown Family Shelter 416-394-2960 www.yorktownfamilyservices.com