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Abstract

This is the second article, in a series of three, reviewing currently available empirical data on the problem of husband violence. As discussed in the introduction to this series of articles (see Holtzworth-Munroe et al., 1995), marital violence is a serious problem in this country, affecting millions of couples and their children each year. While advocates for battered women have been actively helping women for over twenty years, marital violence has only received widespread attention from researchers and clinicians in the past 10 to 15 years. Thus, many psychologists did not receive formal training regarding marital violence and are not well informed about this problem. For example, Browne (1982) i

(1993) is concerned that therapists often misdiagnose and, thus, mistreat battered women (e.g., medicating depressive symptoms) because they do not consider that a female client's symptoms may be a consequence of abuse rather than a traditional psychiatric syndrome. Similarly, many clinicians do not adequately assess the possibility that the child problems they are treating may result from experiencing interparental violence.

This paper was written to provide others, particularly clinicians, with an overview of the research data on battered wives and their children. By reviewing the available findings, we hope to provide information regarding the psychological effects of marital violence.



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