

The Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence, HIV, and Affordable Housing in Durham, North Carolina

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CONTEXT & METHODS

North Carolina

- Dillon's Rule
- NC General Assembly
- Progressive cities absorb the repercussions



Methods

- Literature Review
- Nine in-depth Interviews

Policy Issues

- Intimate Partner Violence, HIV, and Affordable Housing

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV)

IPV in North Carolina

- Over 150,000 residents experience IPV annually
- Costs the state more than \$300 million annually
- Durham Crisis Response Center

Did You Know?

At least **1 in 4** women,



and **1 in 7** men, are victims of severe violence from a partner at some point in their life.



Interpersonal violence can be physical, sexual, or psychological, and also includes stalking.

CONNECTING WITH HIV

- HIV transmission – exchange of bodily fluids, mother-to-child during pregnancy or childbirth
- Durham County is ranked 6th in newly-diagnosed HIV rates
- HIV is closely associated with IPV

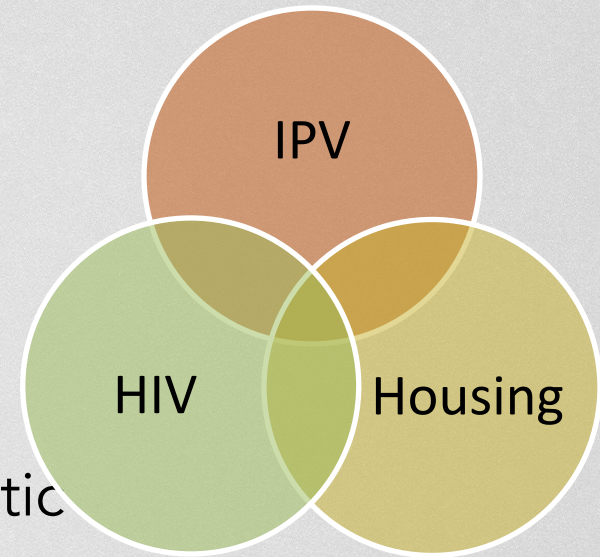


AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Rapid economic growth and severe gentrification in Durham, NC
- Residents can no longer afford the price of living
- Local government officials working to develop affordable housing alternatives

THE ESSENTIAL INTERSECTION

- IPV, HIV, Affordable Housing
- North Carolina Case Example
 - “No money, no job, no place to go”
 - “There is a shame about HIV... which prevents women from going to domestic violence shelters”
 - “When women are really pregnant and have other children, public transit is hard”
 - “A lot of these women have been involved in medical or social services for their entire lives and never felt valued”



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Partnership between Ryan White and Uber/Lyft to increase access to HIV care
- Request the protected status for those experiencing IPV
- Create exception in state law to requirement that father be informed of infant's HIV-positive status
- Implement Durham Crisis Response Center (DCRC) programs for women living with HIV

CONCLUSION

- The effects of various issues are altered when experienced simultaneously
- Real change requires the cooperation of the North Carolina General Assembly

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