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FACTS AND STATS ABOUT ECONOMIC JUSTICE ISSUES

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Mission

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence seeks to engage all people in a movement to change the social and political systems that perpetuate violence against women. We do this through education, advocacy and quality victim services.

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FACTS AND STATISTICS ABOUT ECONOMIC JUSTICE ISSUES AND HOW THEY RELATE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The costs to the community are staggering. According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- There are **5.3 million incidents of intimate partner violence** (physical assault, rape, and stalking) against women age 18 and older **in the United States each year**. These incidents result in 1,300 deaths and 2 million injuries, 555,000 of which require medical attention.
- **Victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of nearly 8 million days of paid work** (the equivalent of over 32,000 full-time jobs) and 5.6 million days of household productivity each year.
- The **costs of these victimizations exceed \$5.8 billion annually**.
- A recent study of abusers in the workplace found that domestic violence offenders were likely to use work time and workplace resources to contact victims for abusive purposes.
- Seventy percent of men who attend batterer's intervention programs report losing work time due to domestic violence arrests.

Since work is often tied to economic empowerment, understanding how abusers interfered with work is one step to understanding economic abuse.

- **16% to 59% of recipients report that their partner discouraged or prevented them from working** (Allard, 1997; Curcio, 1998; Sable, Libbus, Huneke, & Anger, 1999)
- For those survivors who do work, **35% to 56%** reported that they were **harassed by their partners at their place of employment**
- **55% to 85%** reported being late, leaving early, or missing work completely as a result of abuse
- **44% to 60%** reported being reprimanded at work for behaviors related to their abuse
- **24% to 52%** reported losing their job as a result of the abuse (Review data at GA 1999)