

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE QUIZ

For each of the statements below, check whether you think they are true or false. To obtain the answers, contact John Hamel, LCSW at: [johnmhamel@comcast.net](mailto:johnmhamel@comcast.net)

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| 1. 95% of domestic violence, also known as intimate partner abuse, is perpetrated by a man upon his female partner. The other 5% is divided between female-on-male and same-sex assaults.   | — | — |
| 2. The most reliable, up-to-date statistics tell us that women are seven times more likely than men to suffer a physical injury in a domestic violence encounter.   | — | — |
| 3. Older children who witness domestic violence are more impacted, in terms of internalizing and externalizing symptoms, than younger children.   | — | — |
| 4. According to most surveys, male and female domestic violence victims are physically injured at about the same rate   | — | — |
| 5. Women who physically assault their intimate partners sometimes strike first, but usually are acting in self-defense.   | — | — |
| 6. Most physical child abuse is perpetrated by fathers, who typically are also battering the mother.  | — | — |
| 7. Female-perpetrated violence is more often than not “expressive” (reactive and the result of escalating conflict); whereas male-perpetrated violence is usually “instrumental” (used to gain power and control over the partner.) | — | — |
| 8. Although physical abuse is predominantly perpetrated by men, women engage in verbal and most other forms of emotional abuse three times as often as men.   | — | — |
| 9. The latest statistics indicate that women make up approximately 35% of all spousal abuse arrests in California.  | — | — |
| 10. Studies using a random-assignment-to-conditions design indicate that the same-sex group format is safer and more effective than couples groups.   | — | — |
| 11. In the average relationship, intimate partner violence increases over time.   | — | — |
| 12. There is a correlation between perpetration of intimate partner violence and child abuse, but only for men.   | — | — |

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