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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SUBSTANCE USE
Hope, Healing, and Advocacy for Family Justice
Centers

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New Resources and the Collaborative Creation Process

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Needs Assessment

SUBSTANCE USE AND FJC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. What percentage of your Family Justice/Multi-Agency Center (FJ/MA) clients are experiencing problems related to their substance use (including alcohol use)?

Please select one:

- ☐ 0%-10% ☐ 11%-25% ☐ 26%-50%
- ☐ 51%-75% ☐ 76%-90% ☐ 91%-100%

2. Does your FJ/MA Center include a substance use provider as an onsite partner agency? Please select one:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

3. When a survivor who is using substances comes to your FJ/MA Center, how do Center staff members and onsite law enforcement officers respond?

4. Does your FJ/MA Center provide services to survivors who arrive and appear to be intoxicated from alcohol and/or other drugs? Please select one:

This Needs Assessment has been created to help Family Justice/ Multi-Agency Centers assess some of their center's needs around increasing assessable and trauma-informed services for survivors who use substances (including alcohol). The questions were developed by the project team consisting of: Alliance for HOPE International, the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, Essex County Family Justice Center, and Strength United Family Justice Center. This Needs Assessment is also supported by the Office on Violence Against Women, Grant No. 2018-TA-AX-K034.

6. Which substances are creating the most problems for survivors seeking services in your FJ/MA Center?

Please select all that apply:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PCP hallucinogens (LSD, mushrooms, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphetamines (Adderall, Ritalin, speed, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Opioid pain relievers prescribed to survivors by their physicians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benzodiazepines (Valium, Ativan, or Xanax) | <input type="checkbox"/> "Party" or "Club" drugs (MDMA, ecstasy, ketamine, GHB, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cocaine (powder or rock) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inhalants (duster, glue, gas, nitrous oxide, etc.) | |

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Lesson 1: Understanding the Dynamics and Context of Substance Use for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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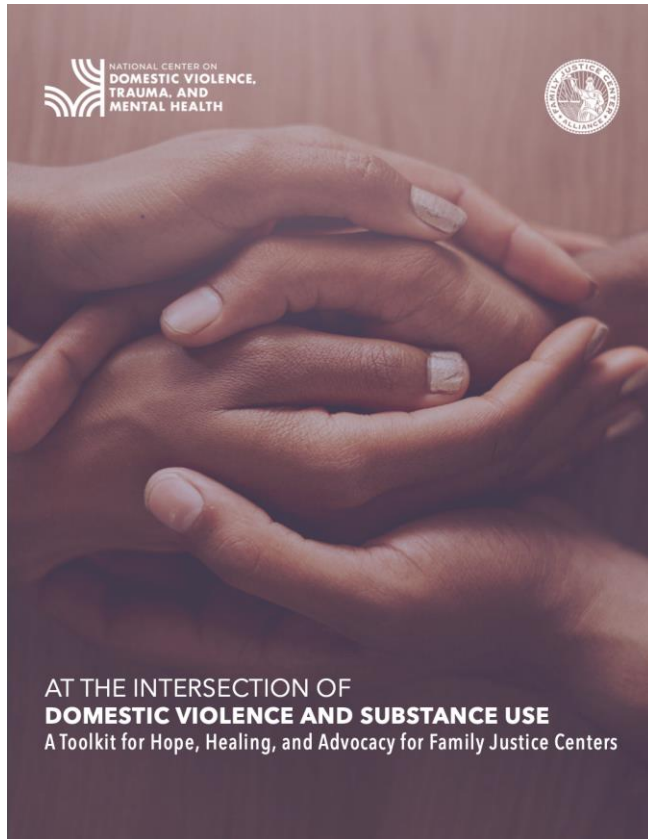


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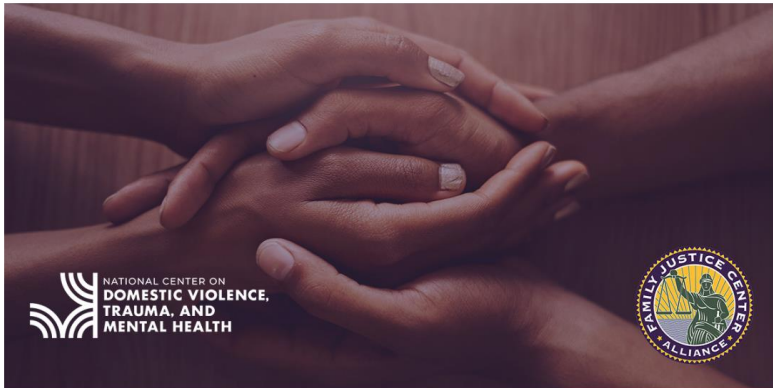
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Course Topics:

Lesson 1: Understanding the Dynamics and Context of Substance Use for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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Module Overview:

The relationship between domestic violence, sexual assault, trauma, mental health, and substance use (including substance use coercion)

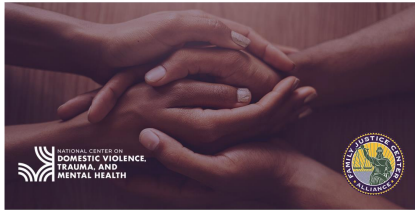
Trauma-informed and anti-stigma framework for contextualizing substance use (and related behaviors) for survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Why might survivors use substances?



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Clinical assessment

Evidence-supported interventions

Continuing recovery planning and aftercare services

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Trauma-informed and anti-stigma framework for contextualizing substance use (and related behaviors) for survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Why might survivors use substances?

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CHAPTER 2

UNDERSTANDING SUBSTANCE USE

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, TRAUMA, AND SUBSTANCE USE

- It is not uncommon for people who have experienced abuse, trauma, and victimization to use substances as a way to cope with the physical and/or emotional pain of abuse.
- Many survivors are introduced to substances by a partner who is seeking to exert power and control over them and may even be pressured or forced to use substances as a tactic of abuse.
- Intimate partners often play a large role in escalating substance use problems.
- Abuse and victimization can increase the risk of developing a substance use disorder, while at the same time, substance use can increase the risk of being targeted for abuse or victimization by someone seeking to cause harm.



COERCION RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

- In addition to the adverse health effects survivors can face because of victimization, people who seek to cause harm or control their partners often directly target survivors' mental health and substance use in patterns of abuse known as mental health coercion and substance use coercion.

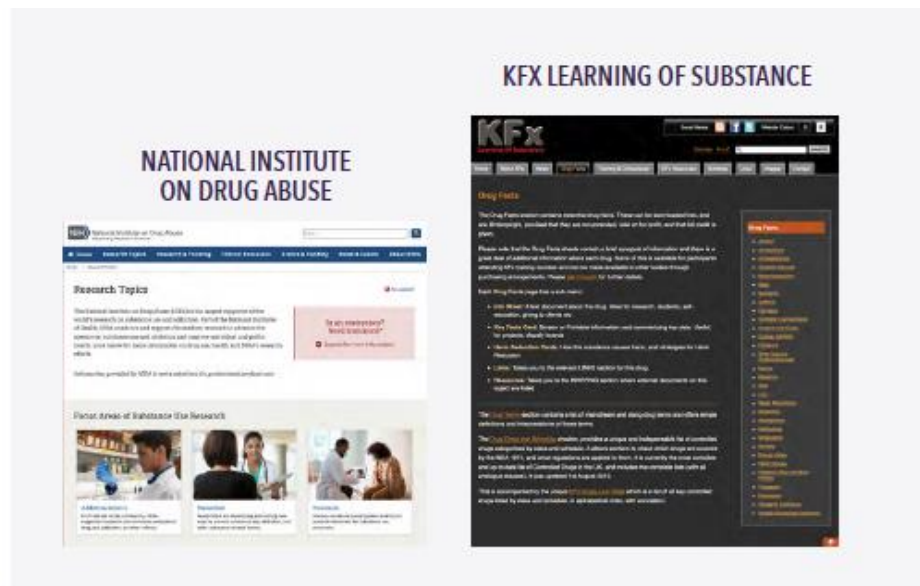
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- [Common Tactics of Substance Use Coercion](#)
- [Why Might Survivors Continue to Use Substances?](#)
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