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GEORGIA LATIN@S AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
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**Overcoming the Myths and the Barriers of Domestic Violence and the Latin Community  
 - A Step to Moving Forward -**

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## About the Presenters

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## Overview of Intimate Partner Violence

A pattern of cohesive behavior which includes physical, sexual, economical and psychological abuse.

## Myths / Barriers

- ⊙ Alcohol and drugs cause intimate partner violence
  - "Its not really that bad, only when he drinks"
- ⊙ Immigration Status
  - "He says he will have me deported or not file for status"
- ⊙ Intimate Partner Violence is a family issue
  - "Its ok because of our family upbringing"
  - "He is a good father, he only hits me"

## Myths / Barriers

- ⊙ Language
  - "I don't understand"
  - Materials and resources are only in English
- ⊙ Mother will lose custody of children
  - "He threatens to take out a warrant for my arrest"
- ⊙ Religion
  - "Divorce is not acceptable"

## Numbers in Georgia

- ⊙ Georgia was recently ranked **15th** in the nation for its rate of **men killing women**.
- ⊙ GA has been in the top 20 for all 11 years of the study(2009)
- ⊙ 46 Safe Houses in the State to serve 159 Counties
  - 3.5 Counties per Safe House
- ⊙ Approximately 33 estimated Bilingual Advocates in the State

## Moving Forward

Creating the Georgia Latin@s Against  
Domestic Violence Task Force

Why?

- ⊙ Education
- ⊙ Building Relationships
- ⊙ Accomplishments

## Education

- ⊙ Law Enforcement
  - Roll Call Training
- ⊙ Intimate Partner  
Violence 101
  - Other Social Services  
Agencies
  - Corporate Training
- ⊙ Our Own Community
  - Identifying Issues
  - Immigration Laws
  - Spanish Support Groups
- ⊙ Faith Based  
Community
  - Community Fairs
    - Health Events

## Building Relationships

Collaborative Communication

- ⊙ Partners:
  - Partnership Against Domestic Violence
  - Caminar Latino
  - Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
  - Latin American Association
  - Atlanta Legal Aid
  - Georgia Tech University
  - Norcross Human Services
  - Mexican Consulate
  - Health and Mental Health Care Providers
  - Georgia Commission on Family Violence
  - Community Members

## Accomplishments

- ⊙ Media coverage
  - Radio- El Patron
  - Newsprint- Mundo Hispanico
  - Social Networking- Facebook: GLADV Taskforce
- ⊙ Latin food drive
  - GA Tech/Latin America Association
- ⊙ Polled Latin collaborative partners
- ⊙ Bilingual Advocate List
- ⊙ Encuentro Latino Training in GA 6/10

## 2011 GLADV Goals

- ⊙ Increase Community Awareness
  - Outreach letters
  - Bilingual advocate list
  - Law Enforcement involvement
- ⊙ Stronger voice in Legislations
  - Georgia dropped Immigration Bill mirroring  
Arizona style law

## Closing

- ⊙ Question and Answer Session



THANK YOU!!

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