


**The Partnership for Domestic Violence Prevention:
Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Among Hispanics**


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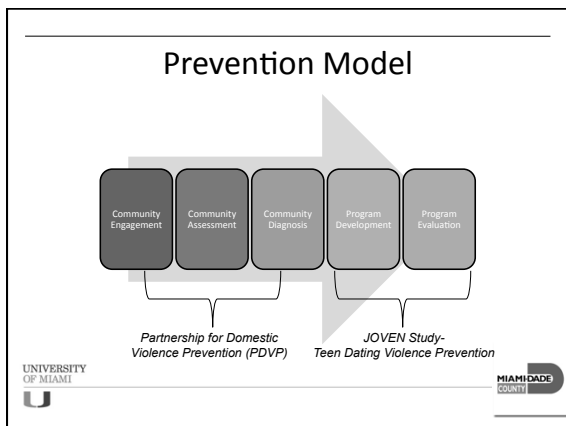
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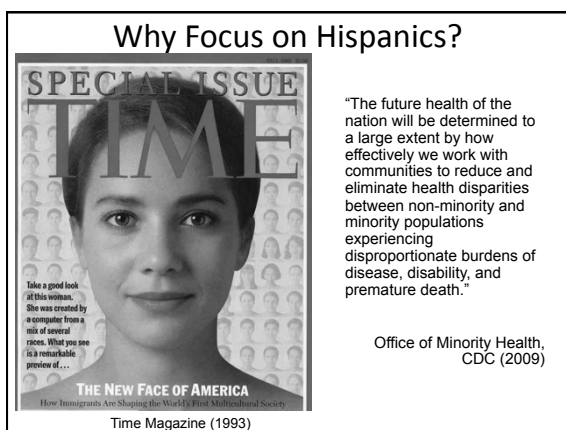
Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will:

1. Describe the development of a community-based participatory research study aimed at assessing the needs and preferences for preventing intimate partner violence (IPV) among Hispanics in South Florida
2. Identify risk and protective factors for IPV among Hispanics
3. Describe cultural considerations that should be integrated into IPV prevention programs specifically targeting Hispanic youth



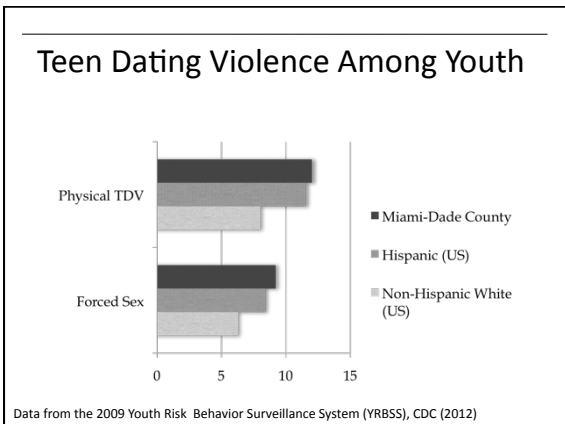




IPV Health Disparities Among Hispanics

- Hispanics are:
 - 2 times more likely to report IPV
 - More likely to report negative psychological outcomes
 - More likely to report severe forms of abuse

(Caetano et al., 2005; Gonzalez-Guarda et al., 2008, 2009)



The Partnership For Domestic Violence Prevention (PDVP)



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Study Personnel

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- Volunteers
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Community Advisory Board (CAB)

- Juanita Cendar - Legal Aid Society
- Marcia Ocio - Sisterhood of Survivors (SOS)
- Belinda Paulicin - BFC/Advocate Program
- Carrie Soubal - State Attorney's Office
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- Juan Ferreiro - State Attorney's Office
- Heather Winters - Family Counseling Center/ The Journey Institute
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- Maria Jose Fletcher - Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
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Specific Aims of the PDVP

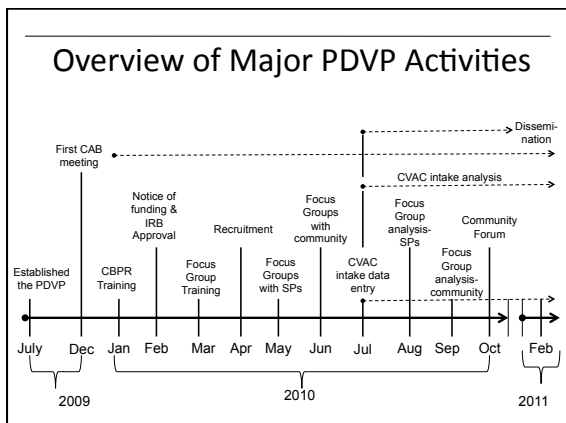
1. To lay the groundwork for an enduring community-academic partnership to promote the prevention of domestic violence among Hispanics in MDC
2. To assess specific needs and preferences for prevention with regard to domestic violence among Hispanics in MDC



Methods

- Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR)
- 9 Focus Groups (N = 76)
- Community Forum (N = approx. 150)
- Secondary Data Analysis (N = 407)





Focus Group Participant Characteristics (N = 76)

Variable	%	Mean (range)	SD
Age		42 (19 - 72)	13.04
Years in the US		23 (1-64)	15.49
Education		14 (2 -21)	4.03
Monthly Family Income			
< \$500	9%		
\$500 - \$999	16%		
\$1,000 - \$1,999	16%		
\$2,000 - \$2,999	16%		
\$3,000 - \$3,999	11%		
\$4,000 - \$4,999	8%		
\$5,000 - \$5,999	7%		
≥ \$6,000	9%		
Health Insurance	59%		

Focus Group Participant Characteristics (N = 76)

Variable	%
Hispanic	93%
Race	
White	68%
Biracial/Multiracial	19%
Black	7%
Asian	1%
Other	4%
Country of Origin	
US	27%
Cuba	25%
Colombia	16%
Nicaragua	9%
All countries in Latin America were identified	≤5%
Haiti	3%

Focus Group Participant Characteristics

Variable	%	
Male	37%	
Marital Status	Married	37%
	Single	23%
	Divorced	16%
	Separated	15%
	In relationship, not legally married	4%
	Widowed	1%
Employed	68%	
Service Provider	40%	
Personally Affected by Domestic Violence	42%	

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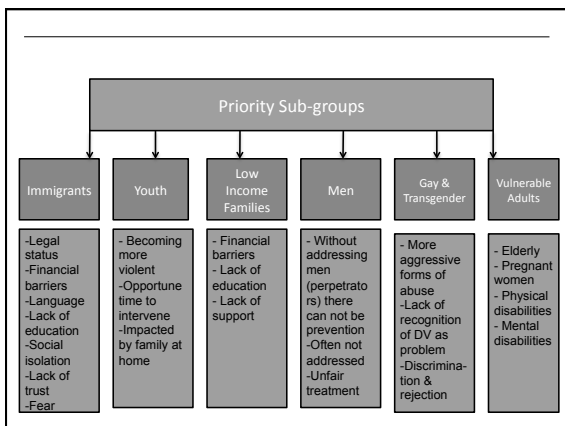
Focus Group Results

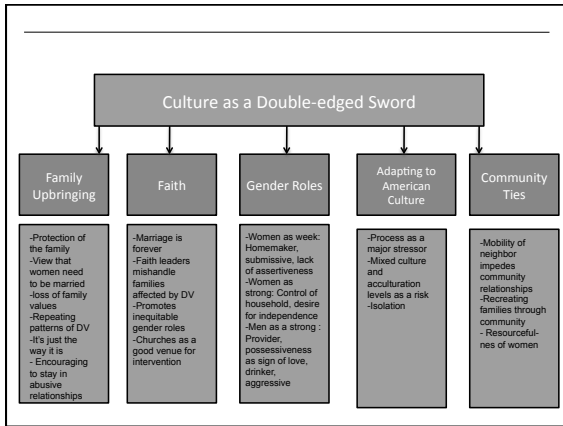
*Three major themes emerged**

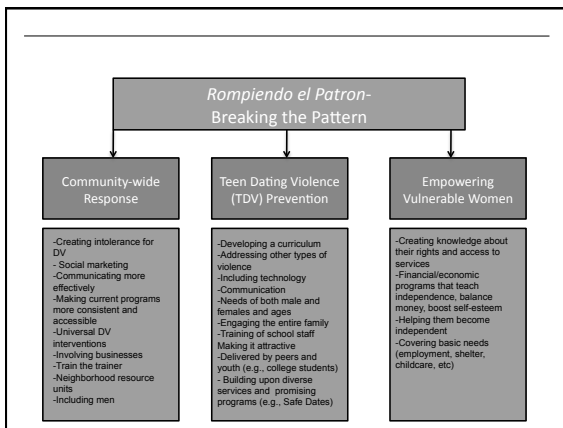
1. Priority Subgroups
2. Culture as a Double-Edge Sword
3. *Rompiendo el Patron*- Breaking the Pattern

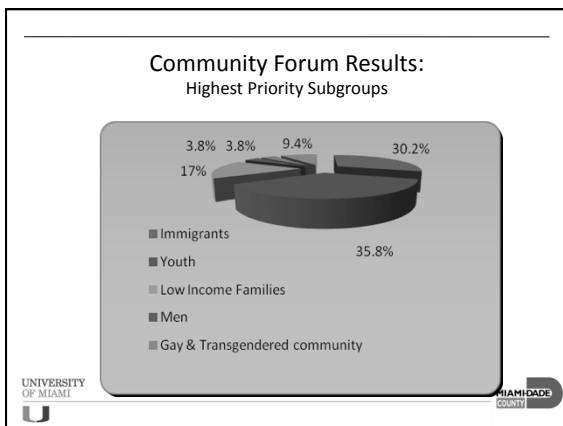
*There was a 4th, but not as relevant to prevention and hence not discussed here

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Community Forum Results:

Percentage of participants that strongly agreed (SA) or strongly disagreed (SD) that specific cultural factors should be included in a prevention program for youth


	SA (%)	SD (%)
Family (n=44)	86	0
Gender Roles (n=49)	82	0
Faith (n=46)	57	12
Adapting to American culture (n=44)	70	5
Community Ties (n=44)	94	9

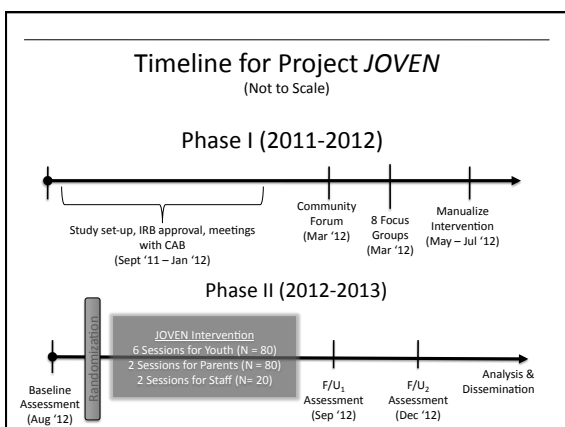



Project JOVEN(YOUTH):
Juntos Opuestos a la Violencia Entre Novios/ Together Opposed to Teen Dating Violence

Specific Aims:

1. Develop, refine and manualize a culturally-specific, school-based and theoretically grounded TDV prevention program, JOVEN, for Hispanic 9th graders, including components for parents and school personnel (Phase I)
2. Pilot test the JOVEN program to assess its feasibility & acceptability (Phase II)
3. Evaluate the preliminary efficacy of the JOVEN program when compared to a no-intervention control group in preventing and reducing the occurrence of TDV and affecting mediators or moderators found to be risk or protective factors for TDV (Phase II)





Discussion

- CBPR empowers and motivates communities towards action
- TDV prevention targeting youth is of high priority
- Interventions that promote positive aspects of Hispanic culture are needed to target specific Hispanic sub-groups
- These should be evaluated and disseminated



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