Analysis of the Lack of Resources for Intimate Partner Abuse

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Intimate Partner Violence

- IPV is defined as violence perpetrated by an intimate partner, or family member including former spouses and non-marital partners (Truman & Morgan, 2014).

- Intimate partner violence and domestic violence is a threat to the mental and physical health of people world-wide (Izaguirre & Calvete, 2014).
Demographics of IPV

- Most research on IPV focuses on CIS females (Truman & Morgan, 2014).


  - Resources for individuals experiencing IPV can be scarce, or specialized to one group over another (Langenderfer-Magruder et al., 2015).

Hypothesis

- The purpose of this study is to determine what resources are available to individuals seeking help who are experiencing IPV.
Methods: Search Terms

- Clear search history
- Type Key Search Terms into Google and Bing
  - Abuse
  - Domestic Violence
  - Intimate Partner Violence
- Autofill suggestions
  - Abuse Hotline and Domestic Violence Hotline
Methods: Compiling the Database

- Enter Search Terms in Google and Bing
- Look at the first page of search results
- Click on each of the links and look for:
  - Hotline
  - Online Chat
  - Shelter Information
  - Prevention
  - Financial Aid
  - Resource Lists
  - Automatic help button
  - Amount of clicks that it took to get help
  - Help for LGBTQ individuals
  - Help for pregnant women
  - Help for women being abused by an alcoholic partner
Safely Alert: Computer use can be monitored and is impossible to completely clear. If you are afraid your internet usage might be monitored, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or TTY 1-800-787-3224.
HOTLINE AND ONLINE CHAT

ONE-ON-ONE CHAT
As you read this info, remember that you can click the chat icon to talk to an advocate everyday from 7AM-2AM CST.

RED FLAGS
Learn more about power, control, and the warning signs of the many different types of abuse.

24/7 CALL SERVICES
If anything you read here makes you want to talk to someone, call us at 1-800-SAFE (7233), available 24/7.
Welcome to AARDVARC: An Abuse, Rape & Domestic Violence Aid & Resource Collection

This site is for victims of violence, their families and friends, and the agencies and programs which serve them, both public and private. The goal of this website is to assist efforts to aid and support those trying to remove themselves from abusive situations and build healthier, stronger lives. For individuals, we hope to provide general educational and reference material as well as a comprehensive nationwide directory of services for “one stop shopping”.

Domestic Violence
Learn how to recognize abuse, understand reactions to abuse, explore aspects of abuse, and find resources.

Sexual Violence
Learn about the various aspects of sexual assault, date rape, offenders, victim reactions, and find resources.

Stalking/Privacy
Learn about stalkers and their behaviors, strategies for safety, information on harassing phone calls, and more.

Statistics & Research
Find crime statistics from various public organizations and researchers - nationally, and by state.

Victim Assistance
Learn about victim rights, where to get help, and civil and criminal aspects of victimization issues.

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Discussion

- The majority of the websites that came up under a search did not offer usable resources for IPV victims.
- Resources were predominantly for heterosexual, non-pregnant women.
- Resources on the websites were often difficult to find, and could require multiple ‘clicks’ to access.

- Conclusion: Individuals searching for help, who may have to fear retribution if their search was discovered, are put at risk with the resources currently available.
Limitations

- Are these the terms that individuals experiencing IPV would use when looking for resources?
- Limited terms
Future Research

- Partner with an IT professional to create a best practice website template for non-profit organizations.
  - GA Coalition Against Domestic Violence
  - Create a website with the best resources
- Survey


