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TWO GLOBAL MODELS
What are the LONG-TERM Outcomes


(most studies end at 24 months)
8-Year Prospective, Naturalistic, 2-Group Comparative Design

150 Shelter Women

150 Justice Women
METHODS

Face-To-Face Interview Every 4-Mos for 7 years = 21 Interviews
$70 each visit
At 6 years, 93% retained
21 METRICS

Severity of Violence Against Women
Danger for Murder Assessment Scale
PTSD & Depression Inventory
Community Agency Use & Difficulty
Safety Behaviors, Fertility Control
Child & Adult Behavior Functioning
Koci Marginalization Index, Empowerment
General Self Efficacy, Problem Solving Scale
Chronic Pain Scale, General Health
Social Support Index, Food Security
Employment & Schooling & Poverty Index
Adverse Childhood Events
DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE - EDUCATION - RACE & ETHNICITY - MARITAL STATUS

30.7
PARTICIPANTS AVERAGE AGE

64%
PARTICIPANTS BORN IN THE U.S.

61%
PARTICIPANTS ALSO INDICATED THEY WERE SPANISH OR HISPANIC

6% OF PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED 4 OR MORE YEARS OF COLLEGE
Outcomes

- Two thirds of the women report no symptoms of PTSD, depression, anxiety, danger for femicide, re-abuse, or poor functioning outcomes 2 years, 4 years, and 6 years out.

- One third of the women & children report sustained poor outcomes.
Predicting Sustained Problems
Rapid Assessment Tools
A forced marriage happens without the full and free consent of one or both parties. Forced marriage is a marriage that is THREATENED.

Forced marriage includes psychological manipulation, emotional blackmail, deception, and physical threats or violence, kidnapping, and death threats.
Questions Asked to 277 Women

- Did anyone ever try to force you to marry? If yes
- What type of force was used:
  - *Emotional threats* (parent/man threatens self-harm)
  - *Isolation* (cannot leave home)
  - *Social isolation* (outcast to family)
  - *Economic threats* (stop money)
  - *Threats of physical abuse*
  - *Actual Physical abuse*
  - *Sexual abuse*
  - *Death threats*
RESULTS

- 17% of the 277 women (1 in 6 women) report a forced marriage attempt.

- 45% of the women reported the forced marriage attempt before the age of 18 with threats of abandonment and economic deprivation from parents if the girl did not marry.
RESULTS

- 23% report death threats
- 43% report marriage to the person,
- 60% report a pregnancy
- All women who report a forced marriage attempt also report more sexual abuse compared to women not reporting an attempt.
CONCLUSIONS

The frequent occurrence of 1 of 6 women reporting partner violence also reporting a forced marriage attempt, indicates routine assessment for forced marriage attempt as part of comprehensive care for women reporting intimate partner violence.