



Adolescent Intimate Partner Violence: Deadly Outcomes and the Need for Effective Prevention Strategies



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Question for the Viewers



How would you describe your knowledge of intimate partner violence as a public health issue?

- A. High level
- B. Moderate level
- C. Low level
- D. Other (please type in chat)

IPV and Public Health: Background



Adolescent IPV: Epidemiological Data



Strategies for Addressing Adolescent IPV



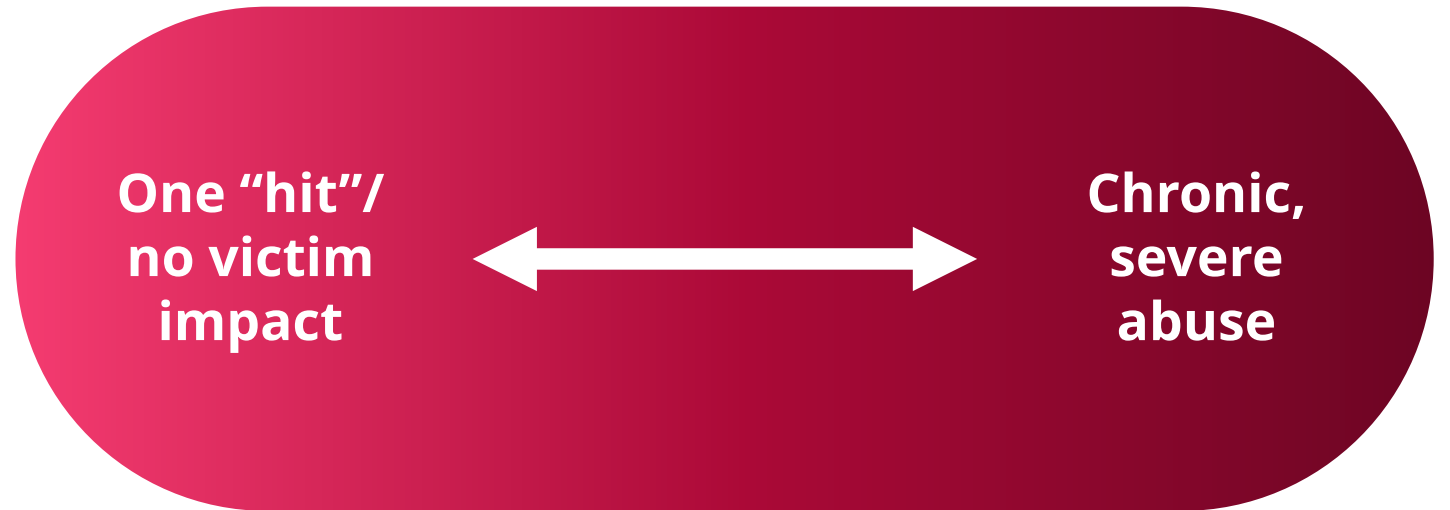
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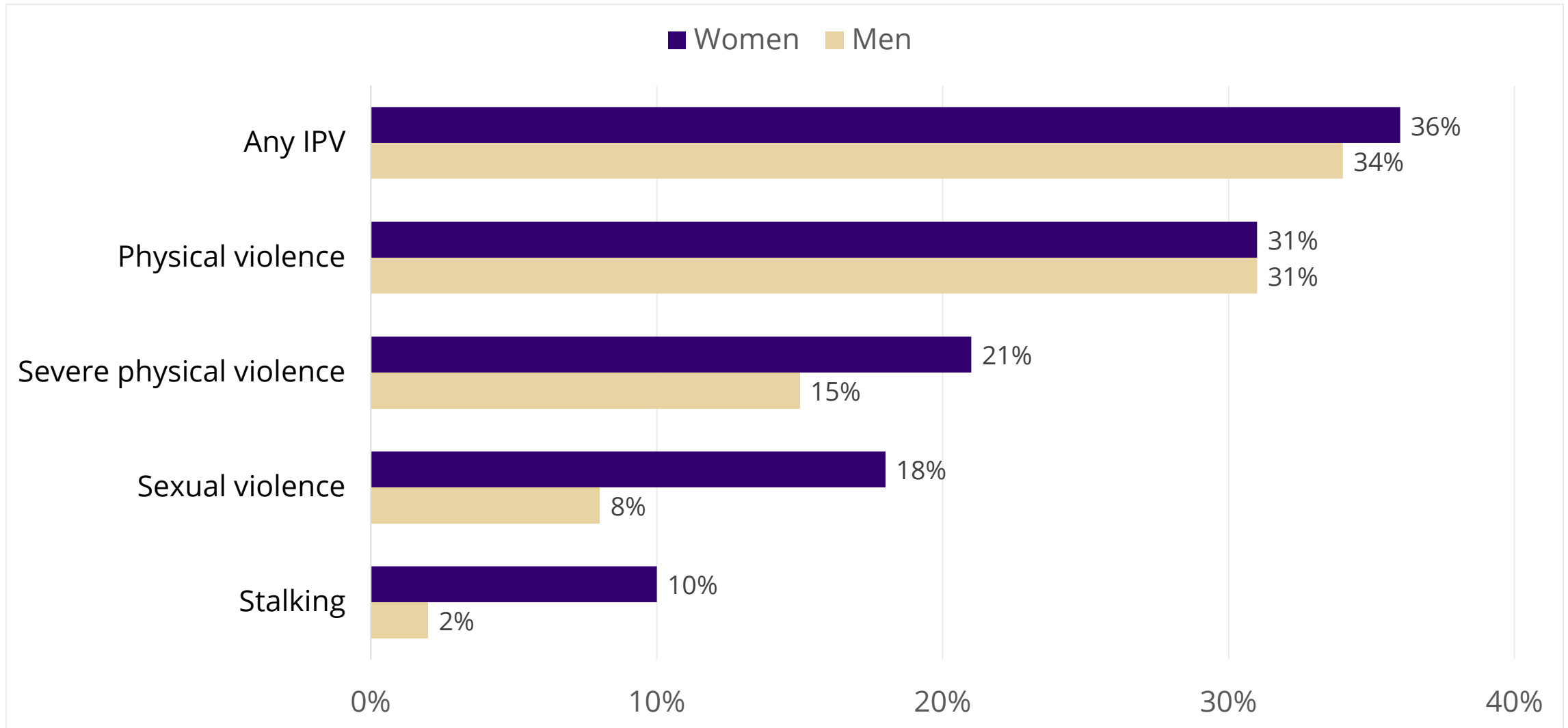
Defining Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

Intimate partner violence (IPV):

Includes physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, and psychological or emotional harm by a current or former partner or spouse. It can occur between heterosexual or same-sex couples, and occurs on a continuum of frequency and severity



Lifetime Prevalence of IPV among Adults in the US



Source: CDC National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (2015)

Consequences of IPV

Health consequences of IPV can be severe and long-lasting



Mental health



Physical health



Reproductive health



Unhealthy behaviors



Death

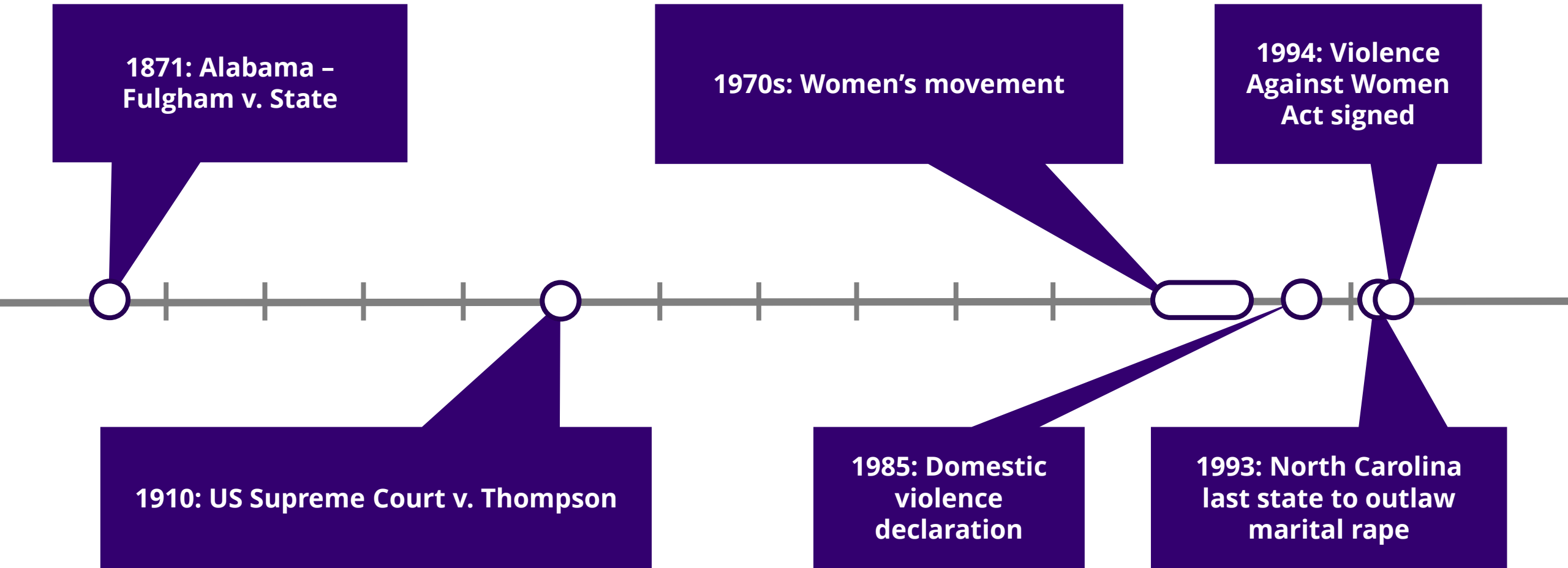


Beyond victim



Societal costs

A Brief History of IPV in the US



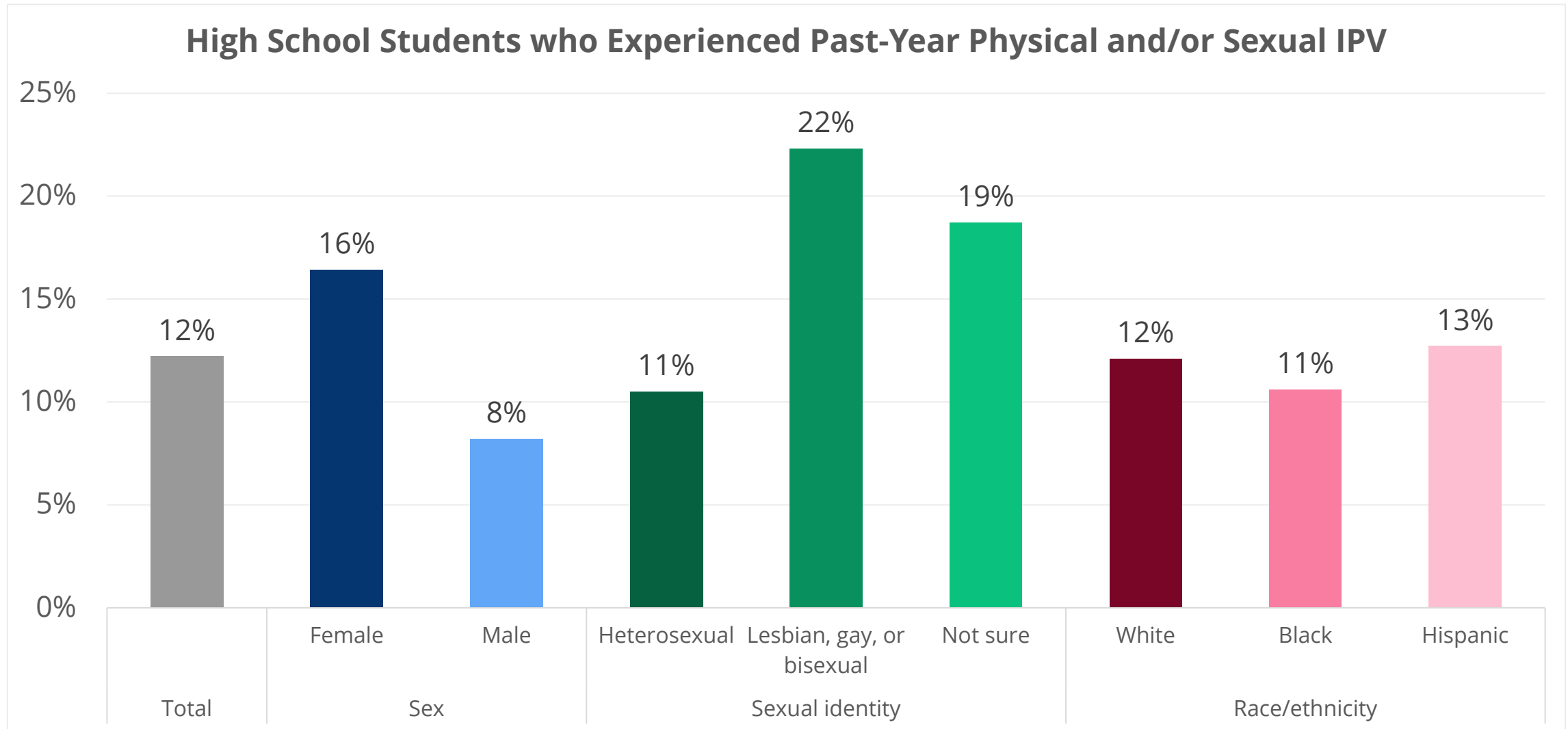
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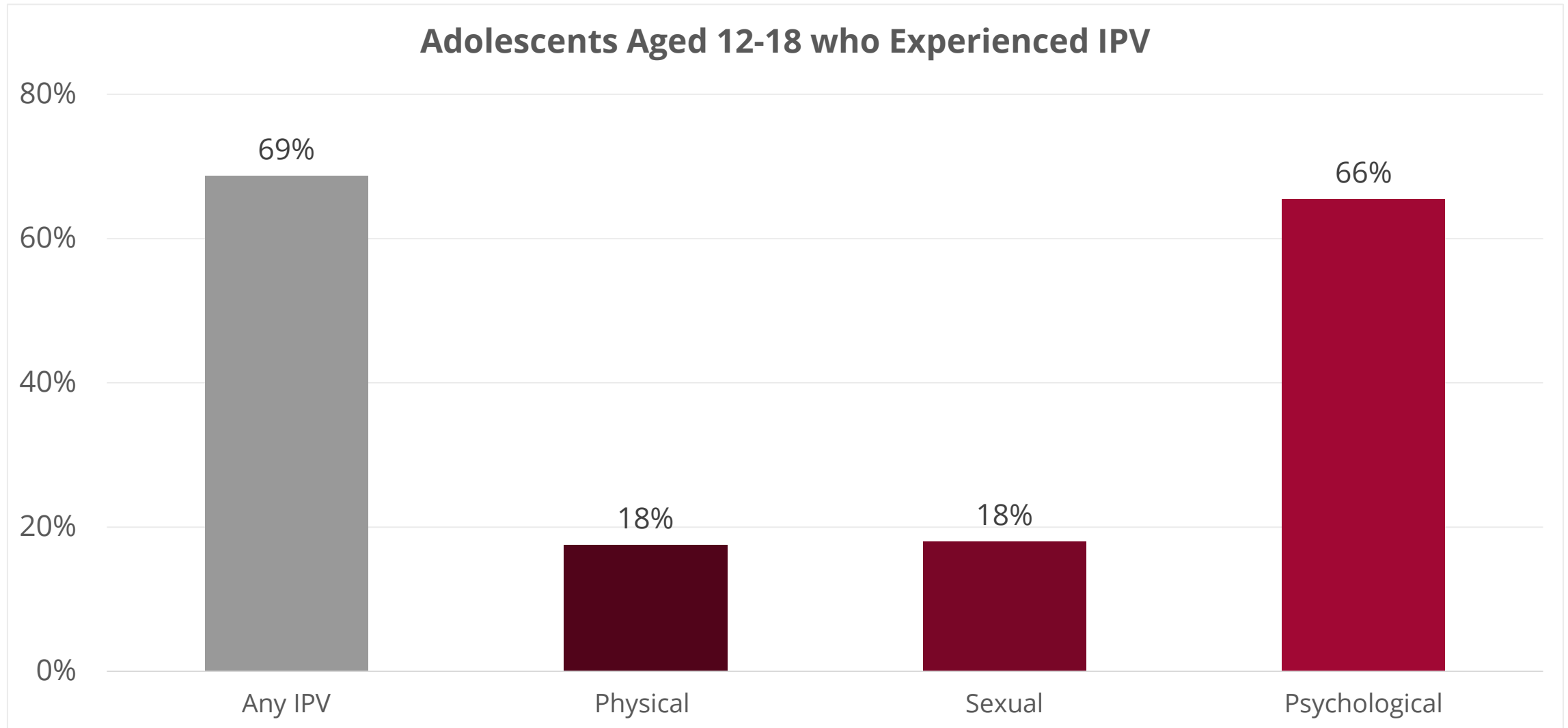
Adolescence is a critical time for experiencing IPV

- Different power dynamics since adolescents often do not have children or similar types of financial dependence
- Less experience with romantic and dating relationships
- Less autonomy to decide where and how to spend their time
- Face more obstacles to getting help
- May experience different types of abuse (e.g., cyber IPV)

Adolescent IPV Victimization



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Adolescent Intimate Partner Homicide

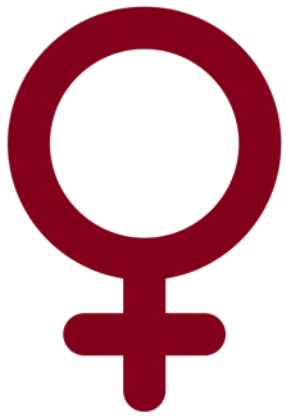
Study: *Intimate Partner Homicide of Adolescents*

- Analysis of National Violent Death Reporting System surveillance data
- Data set spans 2003–2016
- **2,188 homicides** of people aged 11–18 years
 - **7%** perpetrated by intimate partners



Adolescent Intimate Partner Homicide

Victims were often **female**



90%

Guns were often involved



61%

Broken relationships or jealousy were often involved



27%

Question for the Viewers



*Do you agree with the following statement?
“In my work, adolescent IPV is an issue that
I have worked on directly.”*

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I’m not sure

NOTE: If you answered “**Yes**”, please share examples of your work in the chat box.

Strategies for Addressing Adolescent IPV

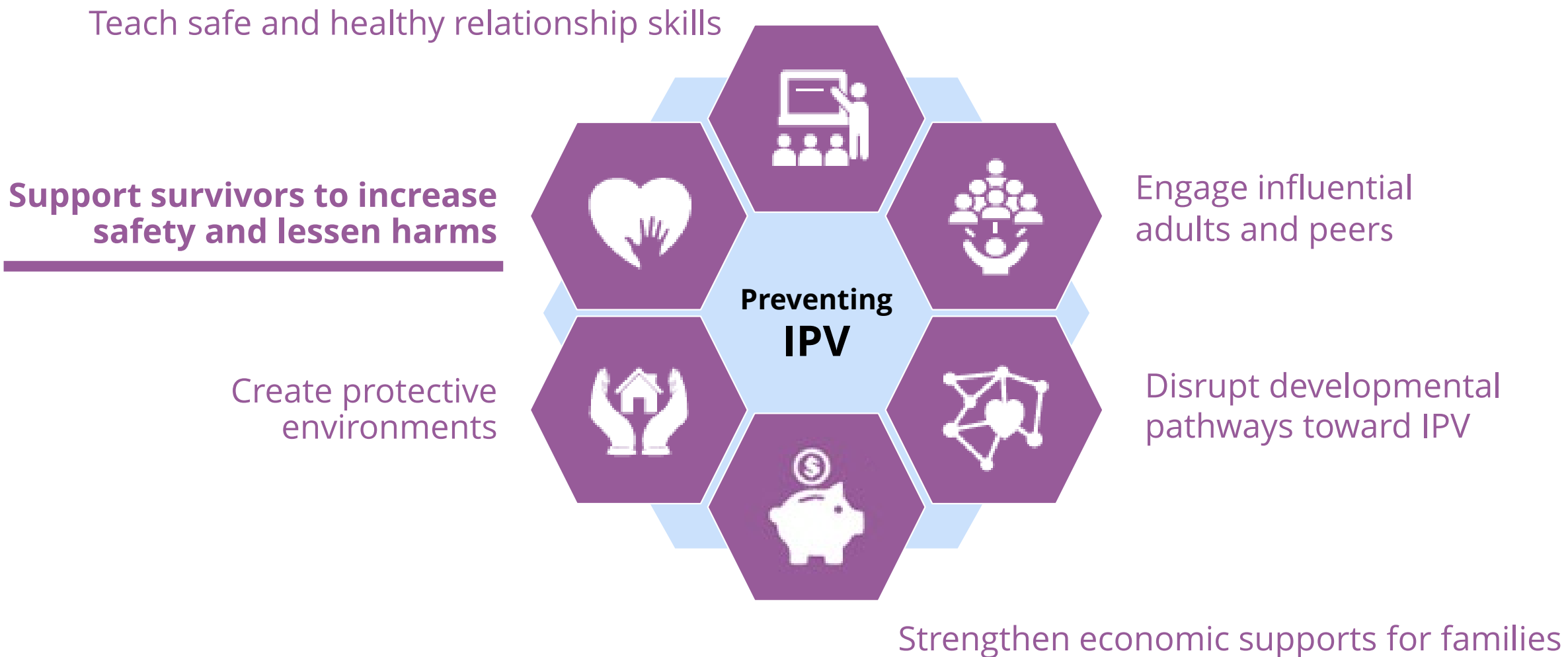
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Evidence-Based Strategies for Preventing IPV



Available Legal Protections

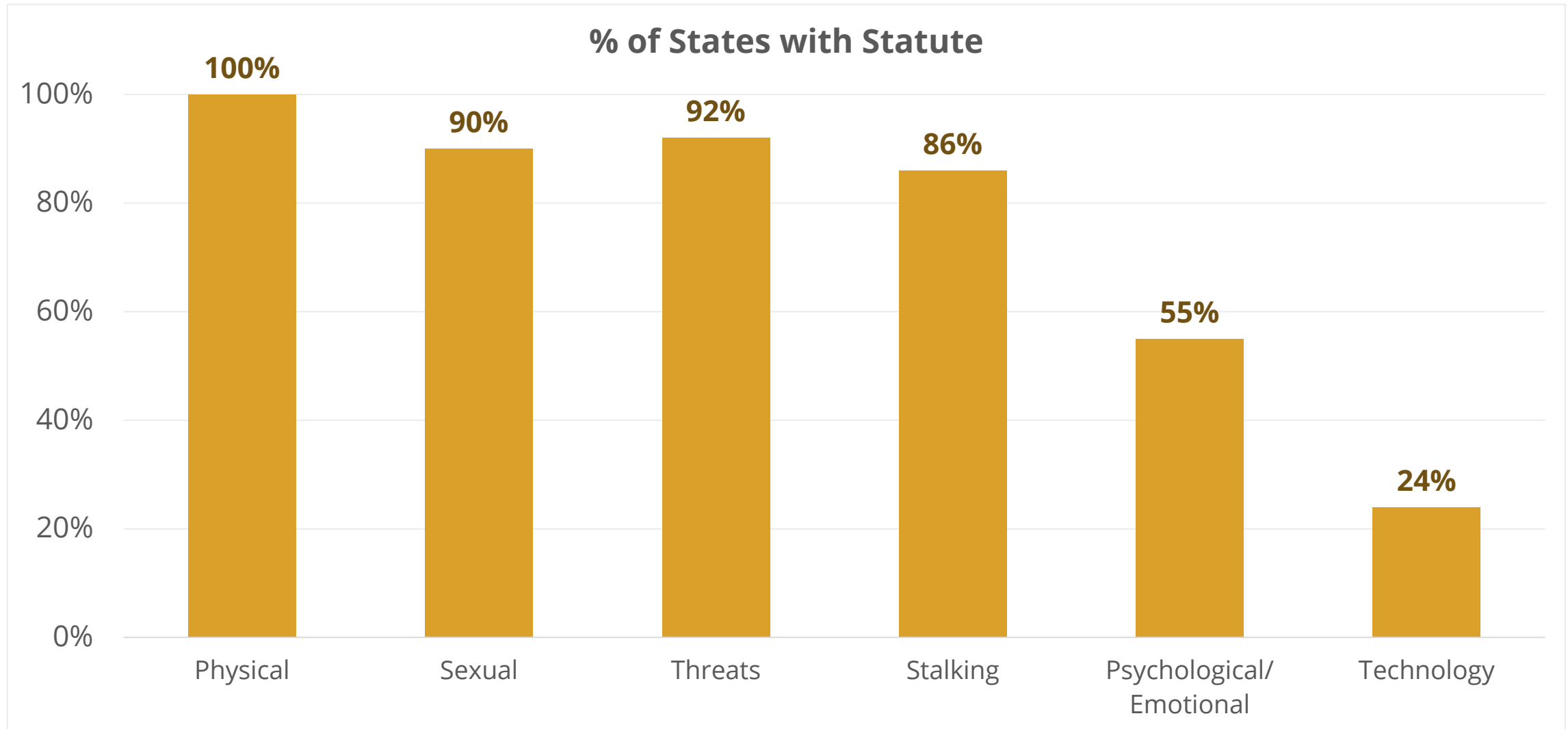
Civil Protection Orders

- Civil legal protection is seen as one important intervention for IPV victims
- Civil protection orders (CPOs) are court-ordered to protect an individual from another whose behavior is abusive, threatening, or exploitative

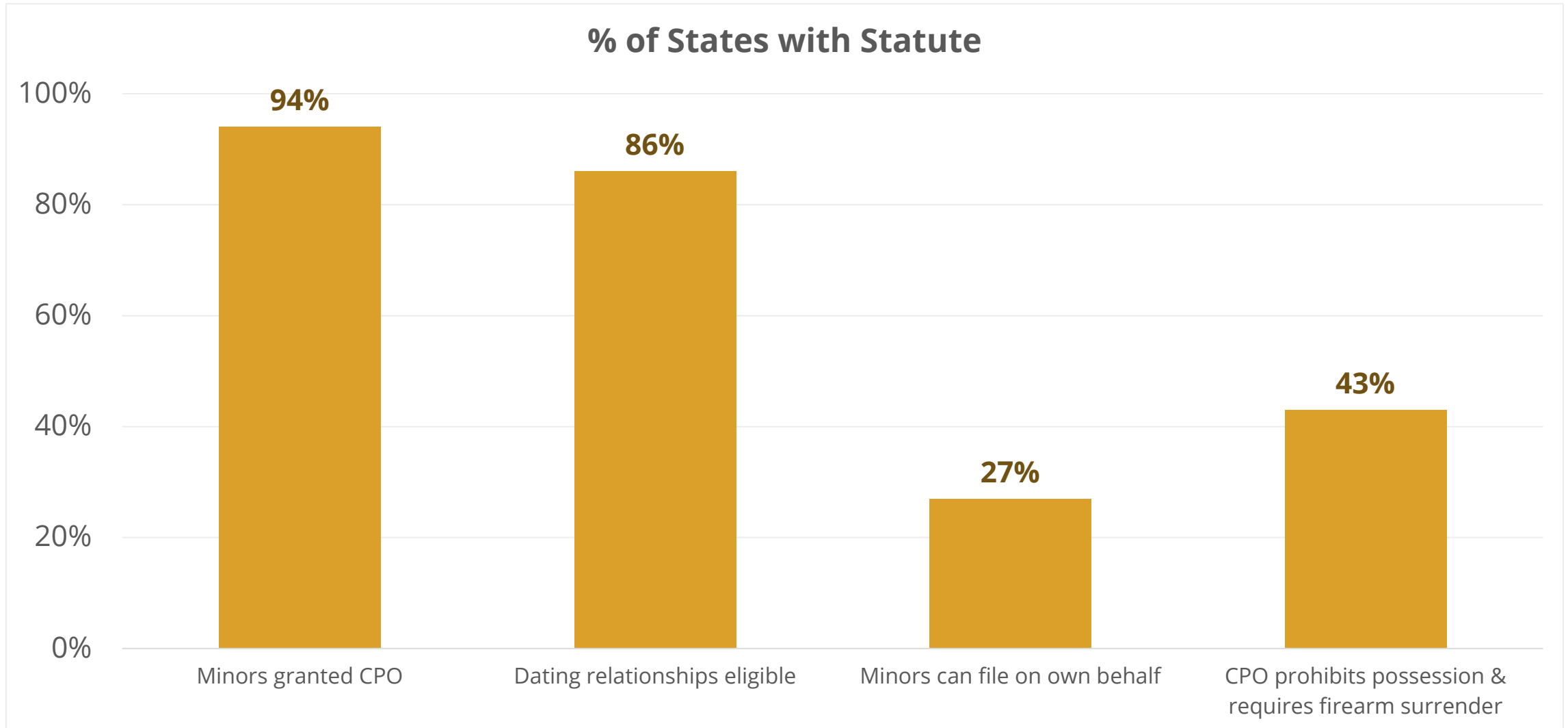
Use & Effectiveness

- ~20% of adult women in the US experiencing IPV annually obtain CPOs
- CPOs shown to be effective for adults in lowering risk of subsequent violence
- CPOs can increase feelings of well-being & safety for victims

Qualifying Definitions of Abuse



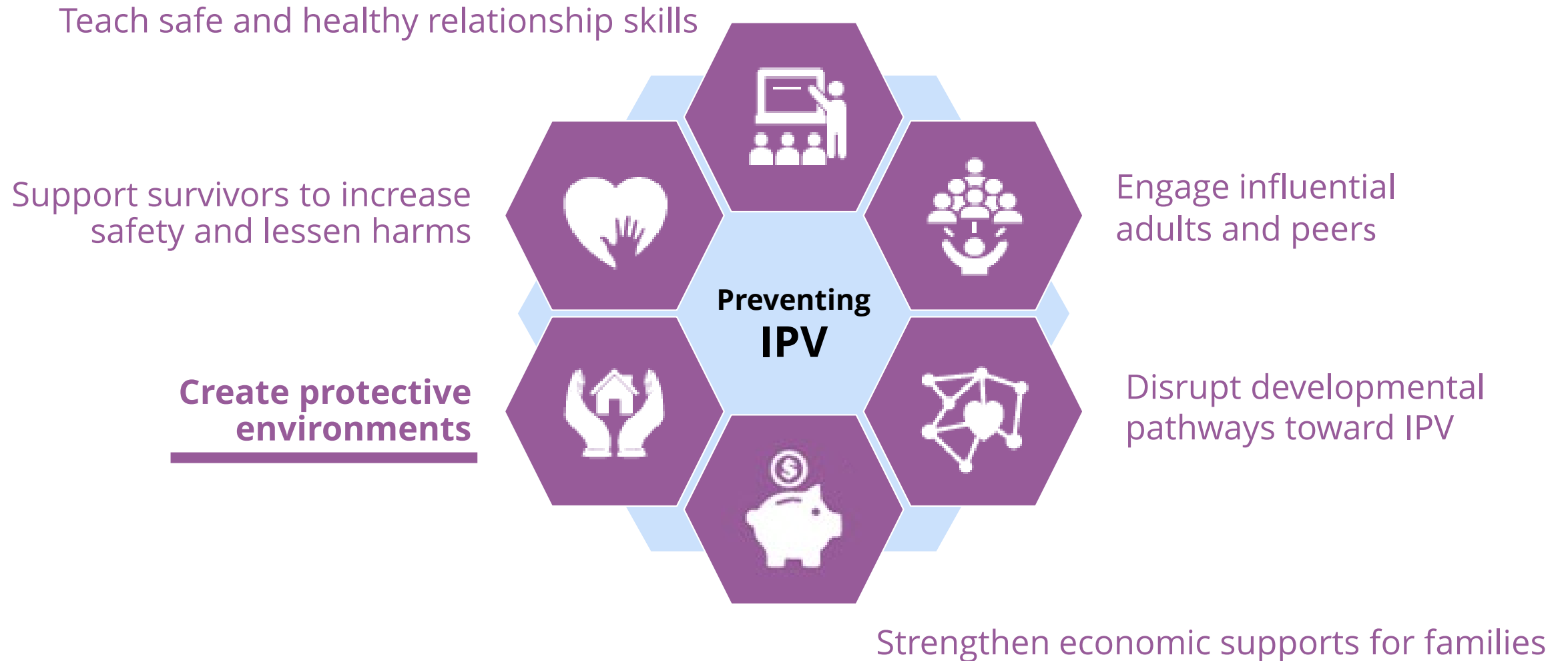
Percent of States with Specific Provisions



Conclusions on Access to CPOs for Adolescents

- **Advocacy is needed to improve state laws** that increase accessibility of CPOs for adolescents
- Education and dissemination of the availability, appropriateness and legal protections afforded by CPOs should be communicated to adolescents
- **CPOs are just one potential option** for protection for adolescents experiencing IPV
- Need to **continue to identify and implement interventions** for the primary prevention of IPV

Evidence-Based Strategies for Preventing IPV



The Role of Schools



Schools are a potentially influential context to prevent and respond to IPV

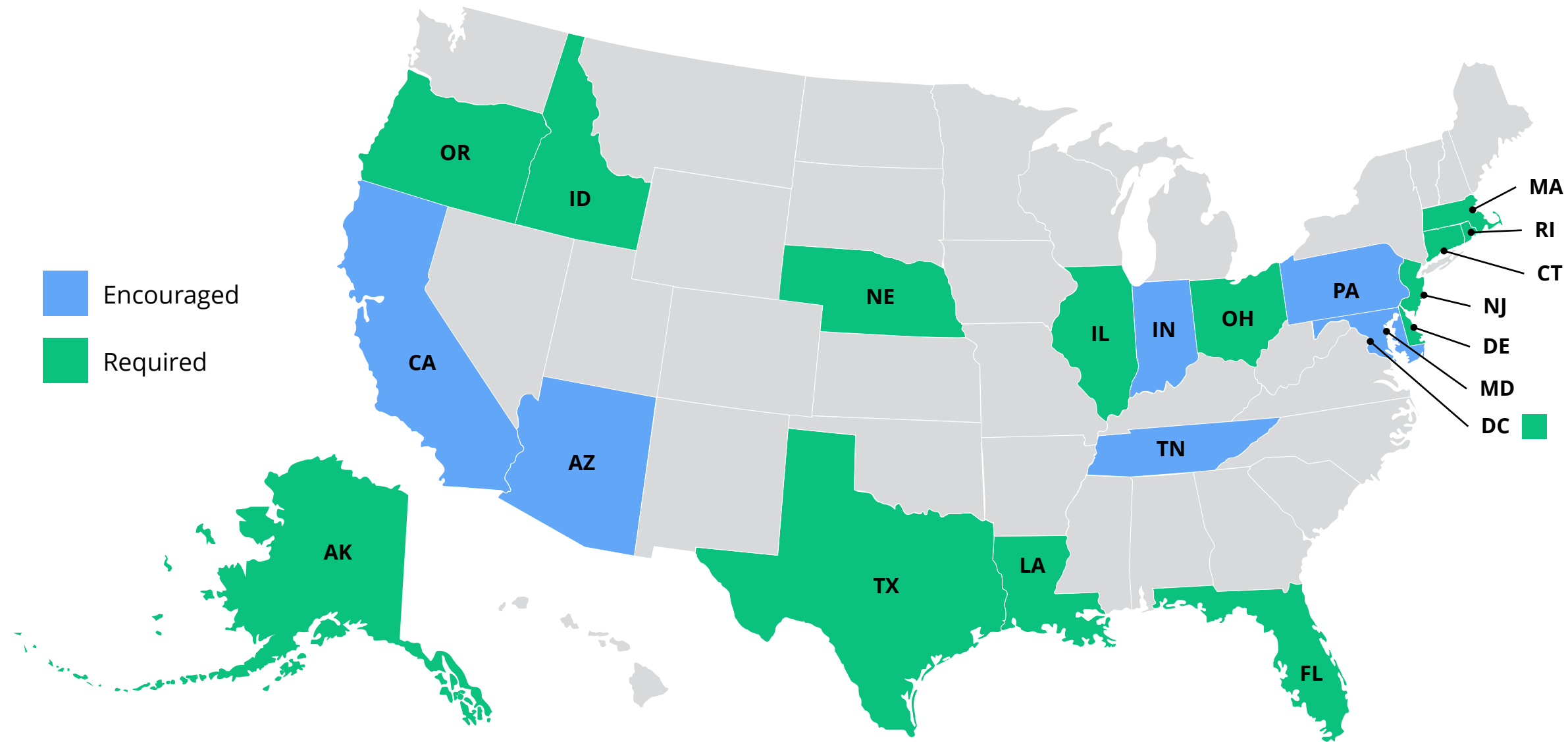
- Where youth spend majority of time outside the home
- Diverse and almost universal audience
- School environments can enhance feelings of safety, promote healthy relationships, and reduce tolerance for violence

State IPV Laws for School-Based Prevention and Response

State IPV laws can encourage or require school districts to adopt prevention education and/or policies for addressing IPV

- Designate administrator(s) to oversee IPV efforts
- Establish consequences for IPV and reporting procedures
- Communicate policy to students, parents, staff
- Provide prevention education to students
- Train teachers, staff, students, and parents to intervene and report incidents

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Comprehensive Sexual Health Education in Washington



As of December 2020, all public schools must provide comprehensive sexual health education by the 2022-2023 school year

Adolescent IPV is prevalent and damaging.

Here's what public health practitioners can do to address it:

- ✓ Support adolescents who are at risk or are currently experiencing IPV
- ✓ Learn what is happening in your state around laws to address adolescent IPV
- ✓ Use data to engage with policymakers to advocate for more inclusive laws and policies to support adolescents and prevent violence

QUESTIONS?

To ask a question, please click the



icon in the Zoom toolbar to open your Q&A Pod.

Resources

CDC Technical Package on Preventing IPV

Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Across the Lifespan: A Technical Package of Programs, Policies, and Practices

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipv-technicalpackages.pdf>

CDC Teen Dating Violence

Fast Facts

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/teendatingviolence/fastfact.html>

National Network to End Domestic Violence

Frequently Asked Questions about Domestic Violence

<https://nnedv.org/content/frequently-asked-questions-about-domestic-violence/>

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Resource Library

<https://wscadv.org/resources/>

love is respect: A project of the National Domestic Violence Hotline

Healthy Relationships for Young Adults

<https://www.loveisrespect.org/>

National Association of State Boards of Education

State Policy Database

<https://statepolicies.nasbe.org/health/categories/social-emotional-climate/dating-violence-policy>