Interpersonal Violence: Interview Questions

Directive Questions

- During the past year, did your boyfriend or girlfriend do anything physically to you that made you feel very uneasy or uncomfortable?
- Do you feel safe at home?
- Do you feel safe in your relationship?
- Have threats of violence been made?
- Does your partner seem jealous, controlling, or possessive?
- Have you ever been forced to have sex?
- Have weapons been used against you?

Probing Questions

- Tell me about a time when you have felt unsafe in your home.
- Tell me about a time when you have felt unsafe in your relationship.
- To what types of violent behaviors have you been subjected?
- Tell me about your partner’s behaviors related to jealousy, control, or possessiveness.
- Tell me about your experiences when you were forced to have sex.
- Tell me about your experiences when weapons were used against you.

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