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# Child Protection Team

## Mission Statement

“To promote the safety and well being of Florida’s children by providing medically led multidisciplinary assessment services for children suspected of being abused or neglected.”



child protection team  
**Children’s Medical Services**



## Local Team

Medical Director: **Randell Alexander, M.D.**

Team Coordinator: **Valerie Stanley**

Team Psychologist: **Vacant**

3 Assistant Team Coordinators

14 Case Coordinators

3 Intake Coordinators

10 Medical Staff

4 Support Staff

2 Rapid Response Program Advocates

1 On-site Therapist

# Types of Cases Appropriate for Services

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse/Assault
- Exposure to Domestic Violence and Substance Misuse
- Malnutrition and failure to thrive
- Medical, physical or emotional neglect
- Child death as a result of abuse/neglect
- Witness to a crime
- Children at high risk for abuse/neglect

# Counseling Services

- Victims of Crime Act- Compensation
- Child Victim Rapid Response Program "Rapid Response"
- Sexual Abuse Treatment Program (SATP)
- Physical Abuse and Domestic Violence

# Exposure to domestic violence, in itself, is a form of child abuse

“Harm to a child’s health or welfare can occur when any person:...

(i) Engages in violent behavior that demonstrates a wanton disregard for the presence of a child and could reasonably result in serious injury to the child.

(j) Negligently fails to protect a child in his or her care from inflicted physical, mental or sexual injury caused by acts of another

Florida Statutes 39.01(30)



# Domestic Violence Affects Children Because.....

- When adult spouses are abused, children are likely to be abused too
- Children who witness domestic violence are likely as adults to continue the cycle
  - Boys may grow into men who abuse their partners
  - Girls may grow up expecting to be abused

# Risk Factor in Child Death

According to State of Florida Abuse Death Review Committee.  
Annual Report, December 2011:

- Top 5 perpetrator risk factors in child deaths:
  - Substance/Alcohol Abuse History
  - Prior History with DCF
  - Criminal History
  - Domestic Violence
  - Mental Health Diagnosis



# Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is discussed with each child and family regardless of allegations that prompted CPT involvement

Adults typically minimize; children may be protective of parents.

Children more likely to accurately describe home life than parents. Especially if not aware that anyone is concerned about domestic violence.

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## Domestic Violence

	2021	2022*	Total
Flagler	218	82	300
Statewide	3,9171	13,989	53,160

\* through May 19

# STALKING: DEFINITIONS, PREVALENCE, AND SUPPORTING SURVIVORS

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# Importance of Self-Care

This presentation will cover stalking, interpersonal violence, and other topics that are sensitive in nature. These topics could trigger some feelings that may be uncomfortable.

Please practice self-care throughout this presentation.



# Goals of the OVW Grant

- Create awareness programs for the campus community to reduce the four crimes classified as Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) crimes:
  - Sexual assault
  - Domestic violence
  - Dating violence
  - Stalking/Cyberstalking
- Develop relationships with community partners to provide victim services
- Work with College Administration to improve policies and procedures as they pertain to the VAWA crimes & student conduct

# What is Stalking?

- General definition of stalking: “A pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear for their safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress” (SPARC, 2022)
- Stalking is a crime in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories, but definitions of stalking may differ by state
- 2021 Florida Statutes:
  - In Florida, “a person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows, harasses, or cyberstalks another person commits the offense of stalking”



# Is It Stalking?

- Stalking differs from harassment, although harassment can be part of the stalking pattern
  - Individuals who experience harassment typically are not afraid of the perpetrators
- Individuals who are being stalked are more likely to report experiencing fear and often make changes in their lives to avoid their stalker
  - Anger, irritation, and minimizing the behavior may indicate fear
- With stalking, the context matters:
  - Stalking behaviors may have symbolic meaning to the victim
- Stalking is often minimized and normalized in the media
  - Stalking behaviors are portrayed as “romantic”

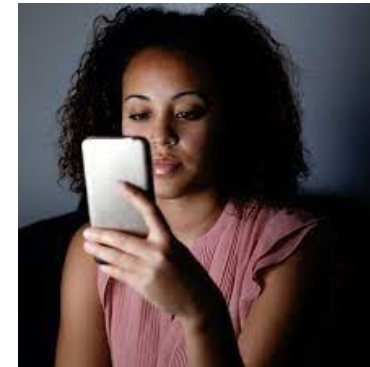


# With Stalking, Fear is Present:

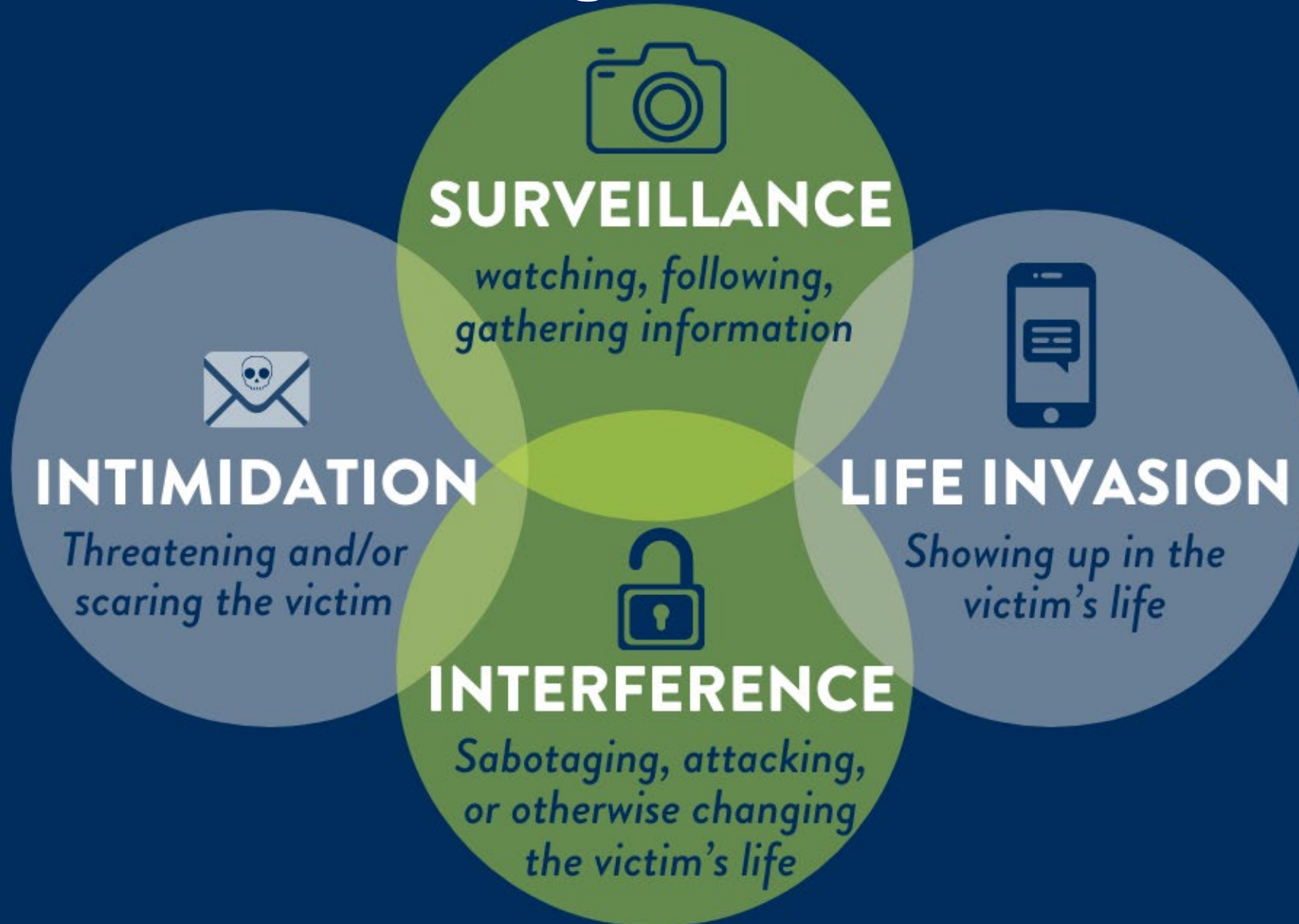


# Stalking Behaviors

- Stalking is a pattern of behavior
- Stalkers often engage in multiple stalking behaviors when stalking their victims
- Examples of common stalking behaviors (SPARC 2021):
  - Unwanted contact
  - Following/spying on the victim
  - Sending the victim unwanted gifts
  - Tracking the victim through technology
  - Hacking the victim's online accounts
  - Showing up/waiting for the victim
  - Damaging the victim's property
  - Spreading rumors about the victim
  - Harassing co-workers, family, and/or friends of the victim
  - Threatening to harm the victim or those close to the victim



# Stalking Behaviors





# Stalking Prevalence



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experience **stalking** in their lifetimes.

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# Prevalence of Stalking

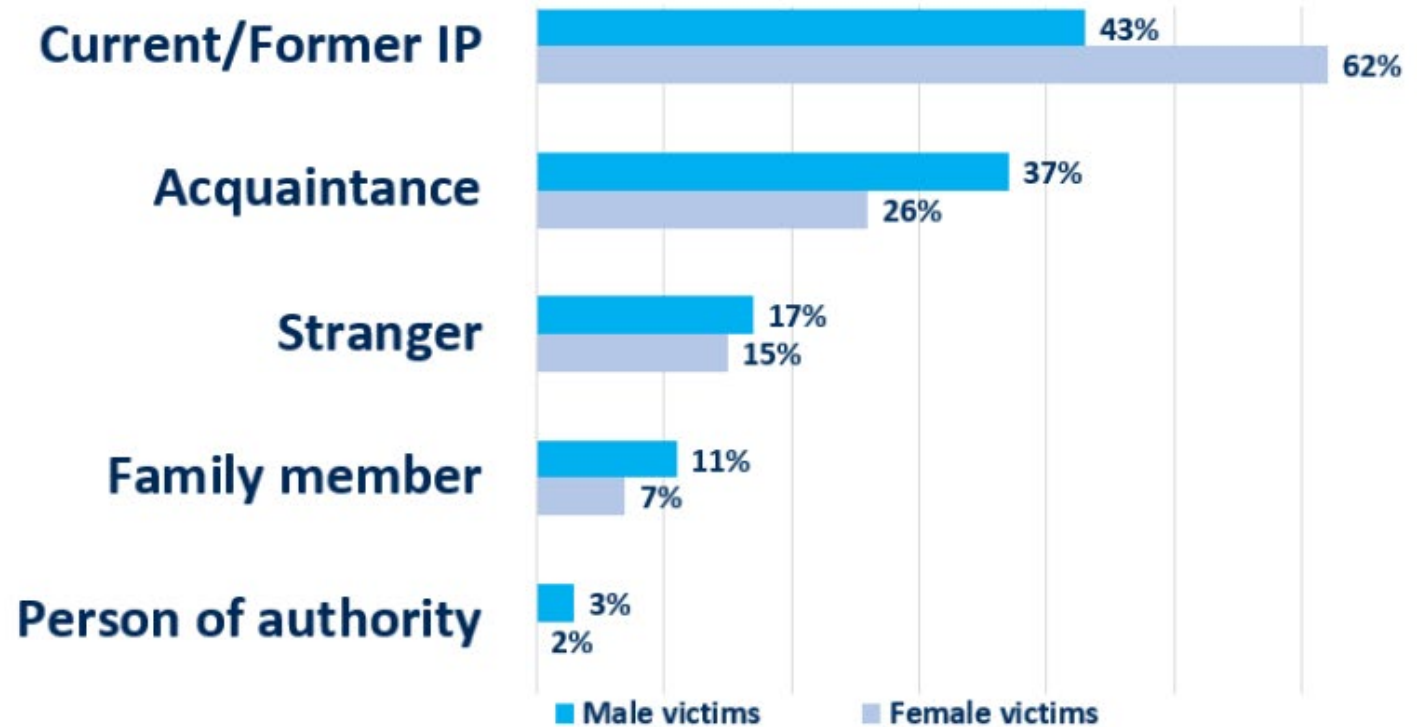
- Individuals between 18-24 experience the highest rates of stalking among adults (SPARC, 2021)
  - The rates of cyberstalking for this age group are almost twice as high as the rates for other adults
- At Daytona State College, stalking makes up the majority of cases of interpersonal violence (DSC, 2021)
- It is estimated that the majority (up to 70%) of stalking victims do not report the stalking to law enforcement (Morgan & Truman, 2022)

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# Who are Stalkers?



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# How Can You Help Someone Who is Being Stalked?

- Listen and believe them
- Remind them that the stalking is not their fault
- If approached by the stalker, avoid sharing information about them
- Encourage them to document all stalking behaviors
- Encourage them to create a safety plan
- Encourage them to seek local support:
  - Victim service providers
  - Campus Safety and/or Law Enforcement
  - Injunction for protection
- Check in with them frequently