

The U-M Injury Center is pleased to provide regular injury topic spotlights, including information about a Center member working on the topic, links to local and national resources, and an “Issues and Solutions” sheet.

INJURY SPOTLIGHT – Intimate Partner Violence

October has been designated as *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. During this awareness month, the U-M Injury Center is focusing on the prevention of intimate partner violence (IPV).

United States Statistics:

- Women are disproportionately affected by IPV, sexual violence, and stalking.
- 22.3% women have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, compared to 14.0% of men.
- 81% of women who were victims of rape, stalking, or physical violence by an intimate partner, reported significant short- and long-term health impacts, compared to 35% of men.
- Of those with lifetime intimate partner violence (IPV), 36% of female and 16% of male victims reported a need for at least one IPV-related service (e.g., housing or legal services).

UM Injury Center Member Highlight

Dr. Cris M. Sullivan is Professor of Ecological/Community Psychology and the Director of the *Research Consortium on Gender-based Violence (RCGV)* at Michigan State University.

Dr. Sullivan is internationally known for her work in intimate partner violence (IPV) and sexual assault. She has extensive research experience and expertise conducting longitudinal evaluations of community interventions for battered women and their children, as well as improving community response to gender-based violence, and evaluating victim service programs.

To read more on Dr. Sullivan click here....

State & National Resources

- U-M’s Issues & Solutions Brief: *Community Advocacy Project (CAP)* (attached & linked here)
- Michigan State University | Research Consortium on Gender-based Violence -
- [National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey Reports](#) – most recent data on the public health burden of sexual violence, stalking and intimate partner violence victimization.
- [World Report on Violence and Health \(Chapter 4\)](#) – Downloadable report – comprehensive review of IPV on a global scale and prevention strategies.
- [Violence Prevention Evidence Base](#) – Database of evidence-based programs/interventions effectively preventing violence. Includes abstracts on IPV, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual violence, and youth violence.
- A profile of Dr. Cris M. Sullivan and her work in intimate partner violence (see link).

We invite you to explore these resources as well as our **Tools & Programs database**, which includes evidence-based injury prevention programs, databases of evaluated prevention programs, and best practice educational materials. [Click here to search the database.](#)