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# The High Cost We Pay to Tolerate Domestic Violence

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# The Harm from DV Has Always Been Understated

ACE Found DV is Far More Harmful than Previously Understood



Health Cost Calculations Limited to Immediate Physical Injuries



Victims and Children Cannot Reach their Potential



DV Causes More than Just DV Crime

We spend  
\$14.1 Trillion  
on ACEs,  
(Mostly DV)

## The Ten Adverse Childhood Experiences

- Emotional Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Neglect
- Physical Neglect
- Separation of Parents
- Domestic Violence
- Mental Illness
- Substance Abuse
- Death/Incarceration of a Parent



**LOTTERY TICKET**  
**\$11,000**  
**PER YEAR FOR LIFE**

## **Lottery Ticket Offers \$11,000 per Year for Life**



**The ticket is free**



**Everyone in your family  
can have one**



**Winners receive increased  
life expectancy**



**Reductions in cancer, heart  
disease, suicide and many  
other diseases**



**Crime would be dramatically  
reduced**



**Over half of all mass shootings  
would be prevented**

# The Research Your Benefits Depend On

United States Spends

**\$3.6 Trillion Annually to Tolerate DV\***

\$2.1 Trillion in Health Care Costs

\$1.3 Trillion in Lost Potential

Other Costs Include Crime, Property Damage, and Education

\*Peterson C, Kearns MC, McIntosh WL, Estefan LF, Nicolaidis C, McCollister KE, Gordon A, Florence C. Lifetime Economic Burden of Intimate Partner Violence Among U.S. Adults. Am J Prev Med. 2018 Oct;55(4):433-444. doi: 10.1016/j.amepre.2018.04.049. Epub 2018 Aug 22. PMID: 30166082; PMCID: PMC6161830.

# What is Needed to Cash Your Lottery Ticket

Create	Create Campaign to Prevent DV Like We Did for Smoking
Stop	Family Courts Must Stop Enabling Abusers
Focus on	Law Enforcement Must Focus on Accountability
End	Media Must End False Equivalency Between Victim and Abuser



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Public Service Commercials to Discourage DV

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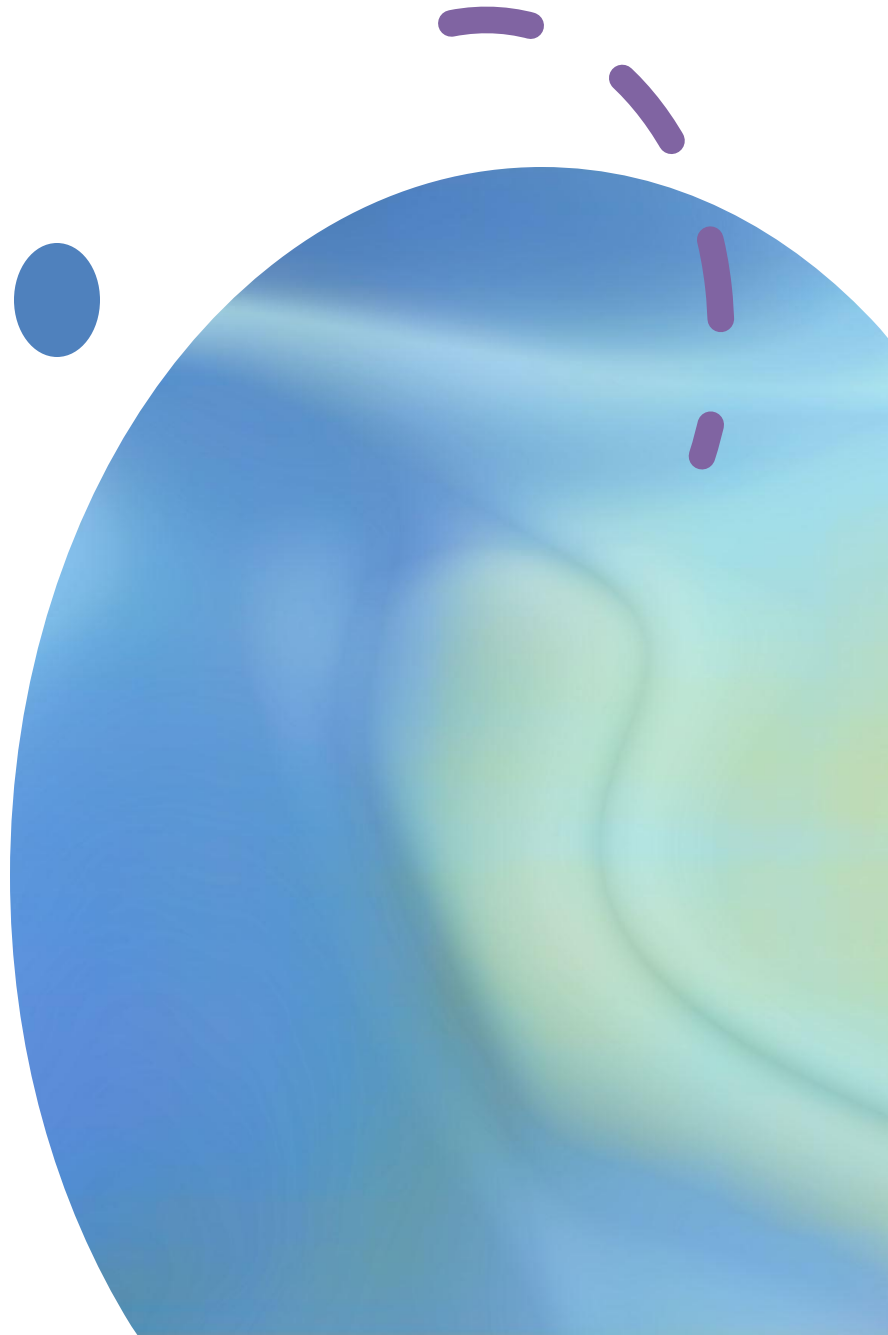
Medical Professionals to Educate the Public

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Cancer Society and Heart Association Should Lead

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Religious Leaders Must Condemn DV and Support Victims



# Summary/Questions?

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