Adolescent Violence: Problem Analysis Diagram

Economics/Social/Policy Level

Economics

Unequal mobility options
High unemployment rates
Monetary dependence
Gendered earning potentials

Social Issues

Cultural views on gender roles
Societal views on gender roles
Women's health not a priority
Lack of examples of healthy relationships
Mental health not priority/limited resources
Drug & alcohol abuse

Policy

Women's health issues not a priority
Impacted jails
Weak community sanctions against interpersonal

Family/Community/Institutional Level

Family/Home

Individual's experience of healthy relationship
Family history of abuse
Not recognizing the signs of abuse for both victim & perpetrator
Poor or no connection with a caring adult
Violence in the home
Blaming the victim

Community/Environment

Violent peers
Poor or no examples/exposure to healthy relationship models
Neighborhood violence
Limited or not access to treatment or support resources
Blaming the victim
Limited economic opportunities
Unable to leave or get help

School/Healthcare Institutions

Limited or no screening for dating violence
Lack of resources for preventative
care/education on healthy relationships
Lack of knowledge on the part of
professionals/providers on what the signs
of abuse are to both victim & perpetrator
Interventions not offered or available for
risks

Individual Level

Knowledge

Having friends/family in violent relationships Lack of knowledge about health relationships

Health Behaviors/Status

Mental health issues
Drugs or alcohol abuse
Aggressive conflict response style
Poor communication skills
Co-dependency issues
History of aggressive behavior/bullying
Prior use of aggression with partners
Jealousy/control

Beliefs/Attitudes

Belief that violence is
deserved
Belief that violence is
acceptable &
appropriate
Desire of control & power
Low self-worth

Psychological

Belief low selfesteem or selfefficacy

Target Outcome(s): Consequences:

Physical, sexual, or psychological/emotional violence within a teen dating relationship

Unhealthy, abusive or violent relationships can contribute to poor school outcomes, binge drinking, suicide attempts, physical fighting, & increase teen pregnancy rates. Victims & perpetrators may carry the patterns of violence into future relationships.