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Domestic Violence: Interventions

Abstract

Having shown the complexity of violence, we will now look at intervention programs and legislation that aim to prevent or stop violence. This chapter focuses on European legislation, frameworks and resources at the present time. These would not exist without women's movements breaking the silence, setting up shelters and support hotlines, and advocating for change. The problem is that existing measures are not only quantitatively inadequate, but most of them only take effect after the violence has already occurred. Prevention is still largely neglected, as is the potential of neighbours and communities to protect and support survivors and bring about sustainable change.

