



**NAME OF ACTIVITY:** Coordinated Community Action Model

**Possible Uses:** Facilitate discussion about Coordinated Systems Response to Domestic Violence

**Target Audience:** Coordinated Systems Response to Domestic Violence Teams

**Time:** 10-15 minutes

**Objectives:** Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Identify disciplines that should be included in a Coordinated System Response (CSR) to domestic violence.
- Identify the role each discipline plays in a CSR.

**Key Terms & Concepts:**

Coordinated Systems Response (CSR)  
Community Action Model  
Domestic Violence Response

**Equipment or Materials Needed:** Online: breakout rooms  
In-person: white board or flip chart

**Preparation:** N/A

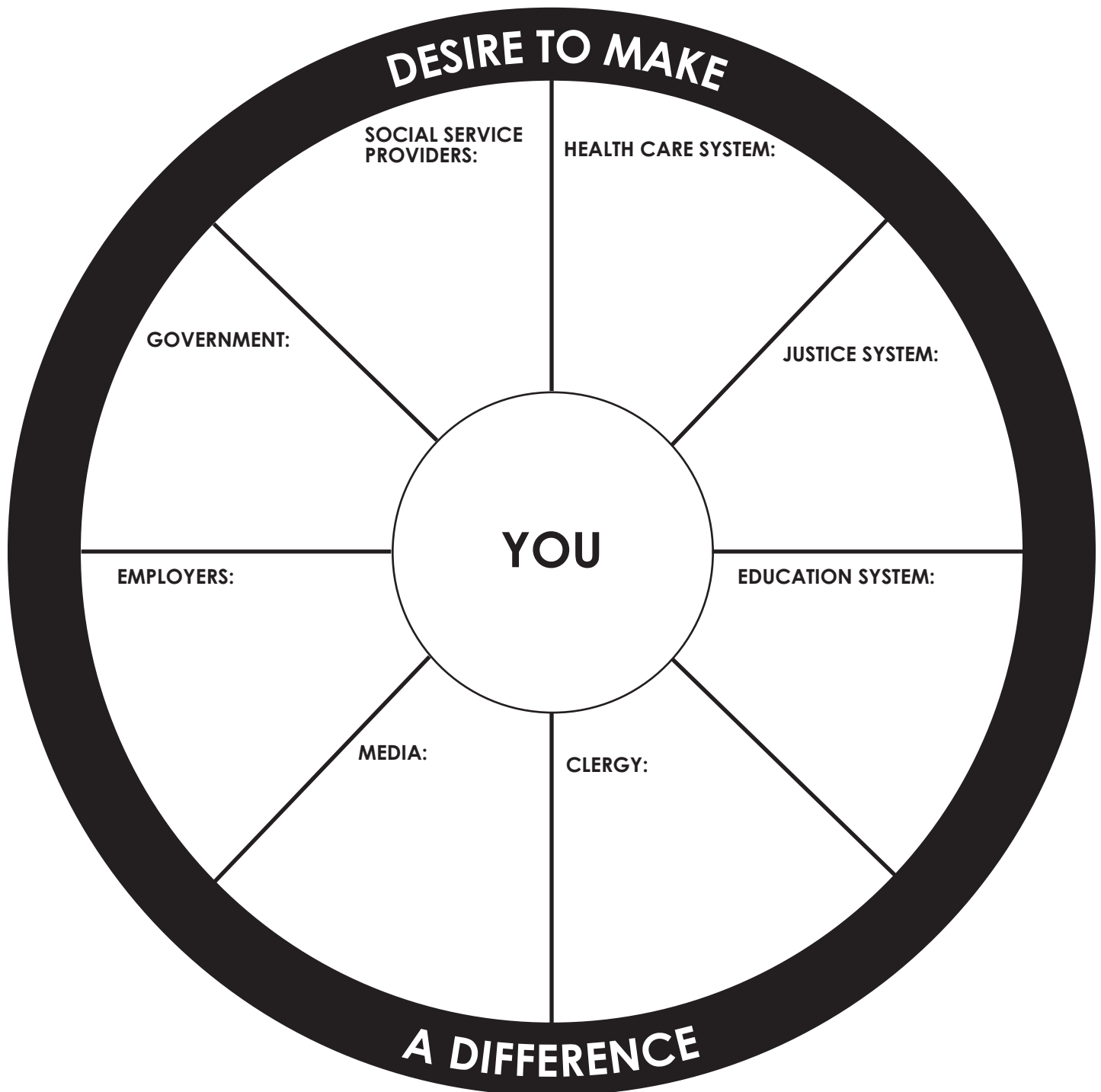
**Instructions:**

1. Distribute (or bring up on webinar screen) the Coordinated Community Action Model Blank.
2. Ask participants to identify job titles of each discipline.
3. Lead a discussion about how each discipline participates in a CSR.  
After the discussion, distribute (or bring up on the screen in a webinar) the Community Action Model combined handout.

**NOTE:** N/A

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## **SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS:**

Design and deliver services which are responsive to battered women and children's needs. Require staff to receive training on the etiology and dynamics of DV. Oppose the "pathologizing" of DV and exclusive control of the "field" by "degreed professionals." Shift the focus from "trying to keep the family together at all costs" to safety of battered women and children. Utilize methods to help identify DV.

## **HEALTH CARE SYSTEM:**

Develop and utilize safe and effective methods for identification of DV. Provide referral, education and support services to battered women and their children. Refrain from overly prescribing sedative drugs to battered women. Utilize accountable documentation and reporting protocols for DV. Devote a percentage of training equitable to DV cases handled.

## **JUSTICE SYSTEM:**

Regularly disclose relevant statistics on DV case disposition. Utilize methods of intervention which do not rely on the victim's involvement. Devote a percentage of training equitable to DV cases handled. Vigorously enforce batterer's compliance, and protect women and children's safety, with custody, visitation and injunctive orders. Adopt a "pro-arrest policy." Provide easily accessible and enforceable protection orders.

## **EDUCATION SYSTEM:**

Support and educate teachers to recognize and respond to symptoms of DV in students' lives. Teach violence prevention, peace-honoring conflict resolution and communication skills. Acknowledge gender bias in teaching materials and develop alternatives. Require education about relationships at all levels. Teach that it is the civic duty of all citizens to oppose oppression and support those who are oppressed.

**CLERGY:**

Speak out against DV from the pulpit. Routinely assess for DV in premarital and pastoral counseling. Seek out and maintain a learning and referral relationship with the DV coordinated community response system. Oppose the use of biblical or theological justification for DV. Reject patriarchal dominance as a preferred social pattern.

**MEDIA:**

Prioritize subject matter that celebrates peace and nonviolence. Spotlight efforts which promote nonviolence. Devote an equitable proportion of their media "product" to battered women and children's needs. Educate about the dynamics and consequences of violence, not glorify it. Cease labeling DV as "love gone sour," "lover's quarrel," "family spat," etc. Stop portraying the batterer's excuses and lies as if they were the truth.

**EMPLOYERS:**

Condition batterers' continuing employment on remaining nonviolent. Intervene against stalkers in the workplace. Safeguard battered employees' employment and careers by providing flexible schedules, leaves of absence and establishing enlightened personnel policies. Provide employment security to battered employees. Provide available resources to support and advocate for battered employees.

**GOVERNMENT:**

Enact laws which define battering as criminal behavior. Enact laws which provide courts with progressive consequences in sentencing. Adequately fund battered women's service agencies and violence prevention education. Commute the sentences of battered women who kill in self defense. Heavily tax the sale of weapons and pornography to subsidize sexual and physical violence prevention and intervention efforts.

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