



# Traits and Tactics used by People Who Cause Harm (PWCH)

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# Learning Objectives



- Understanding Power and Control
- Nature and Purpose of Tactics used by People causing harm (PWCH)
- Implications for Intervening and Responding to Abuse
  - Intimate Partner Violence
  - Caregiver Abuse
- Cultural Context



Poll question: Which statement is false?

1. Abuse is a means to maintain power and control over another person.
2. In order to be called abuse, the behavior toward another always includes violence.
3. PCH often blame the PEH for provoking the violence.
4. Grooming is a strategy used by PWCH to target People who experience harm perceived as vulnerable.

# Power and Control



- Abuse is a pattern of behaviors and happens within the context of a relationship

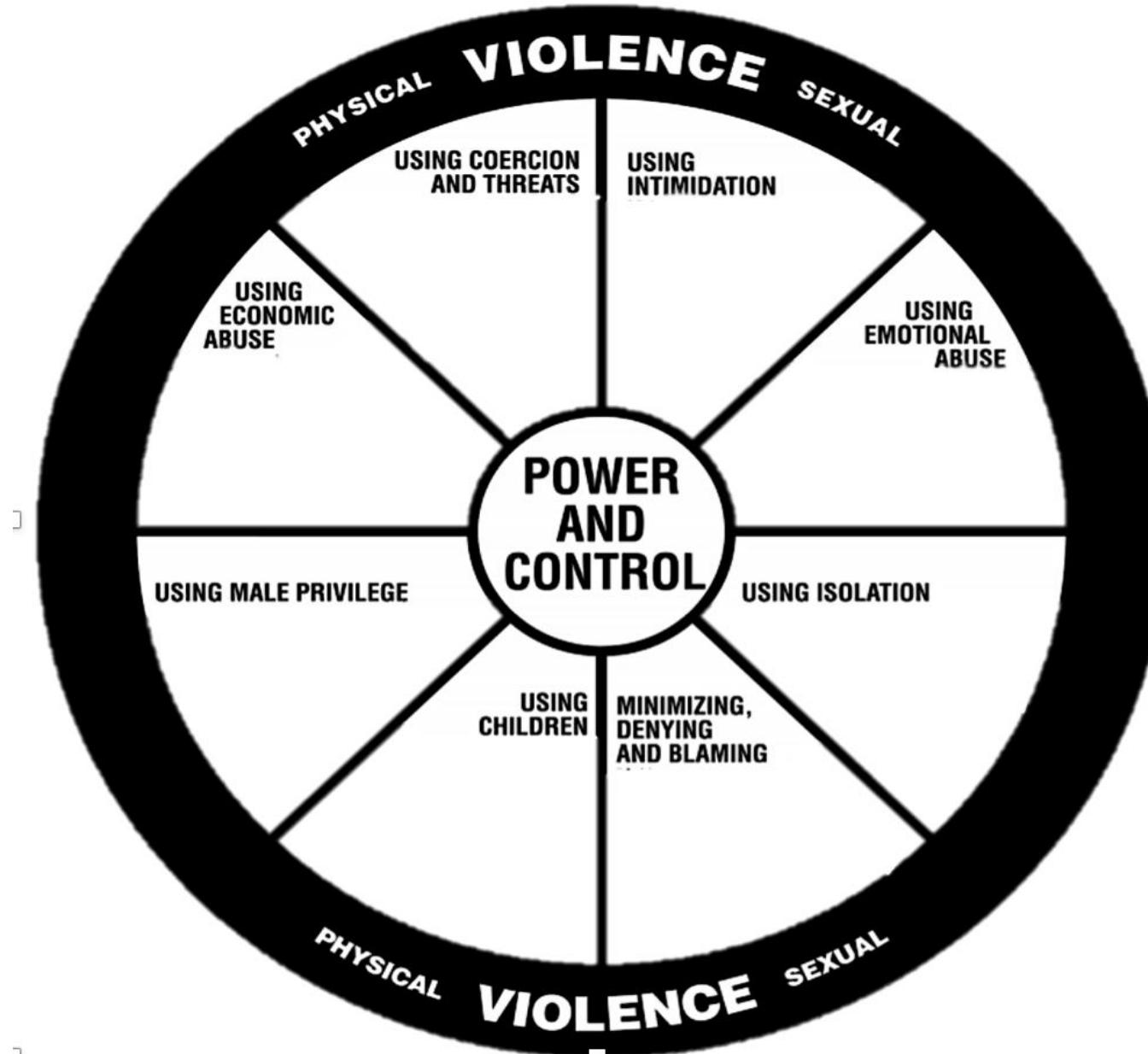


# Power and Control Dynamics

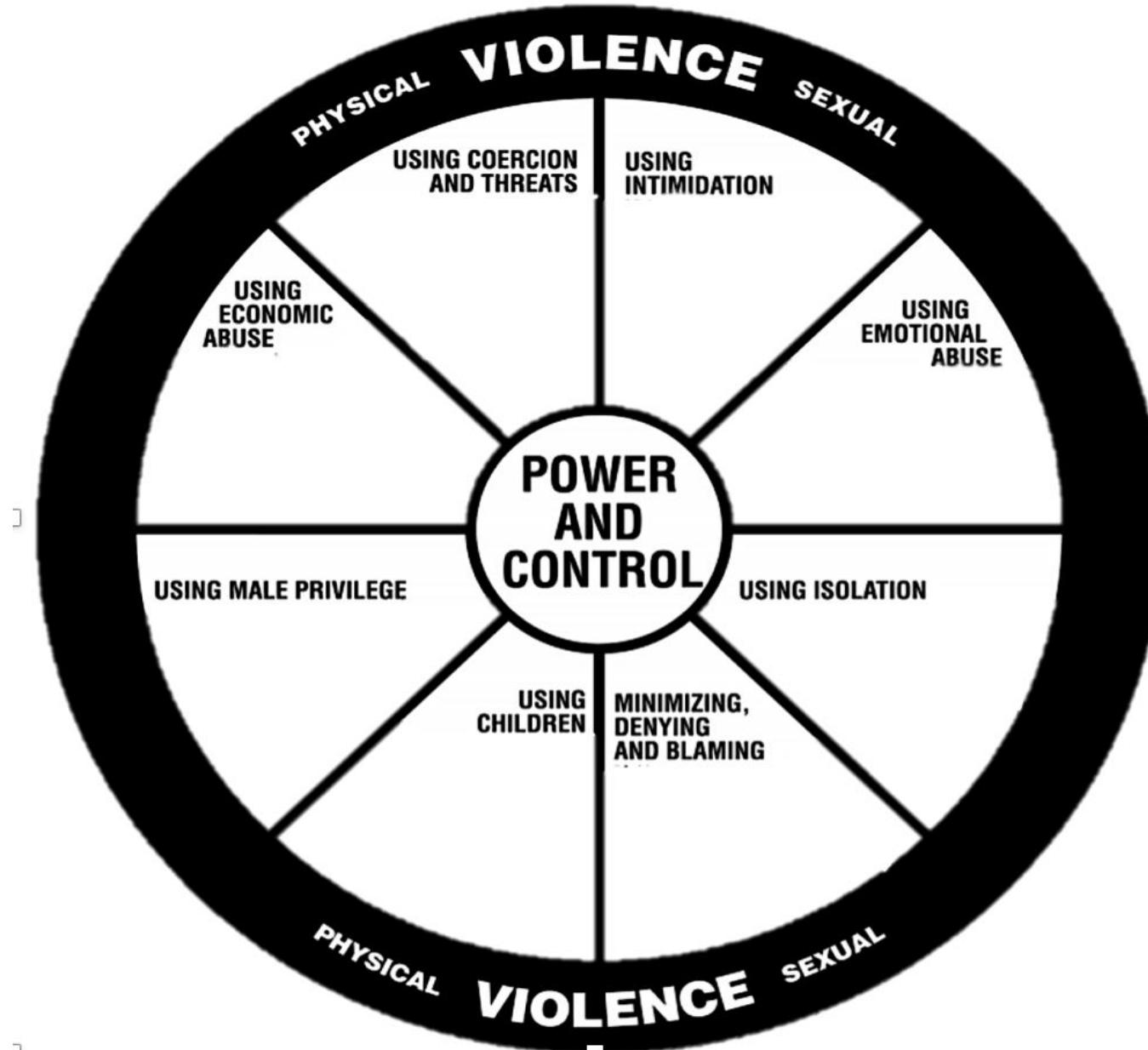


What is gained through the use of intermittent violence?

# Power and Control Wheel – handout



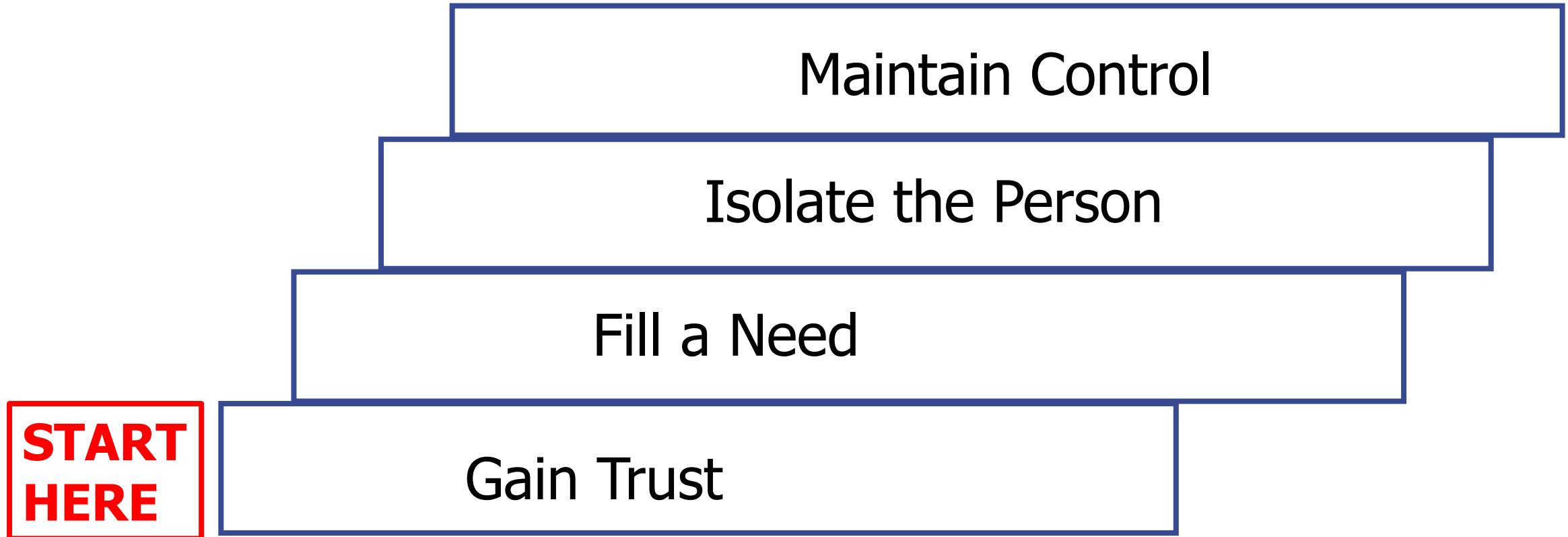
# Power and Control Activity



# Tactics used by PWCH- Grooming



- Intentional and Methodical



# Abuser Tactics – Strategic and Goal Oriented



- Types of Situations
- Timing
- Involving Others
- What Happens “In Between” Episodes
- What is gained by domination and control of another?

# Case Scenario



# Tactics used by PWCH - Intentional



Please respond in the chat.

- Give one example of the PWCH acting with **intention** to gain power and control over the other person.
- Give one example of how you might direct the interview to identify and explore the **intentional** behavior.

# Activity – Breakout Rooms





# Tactic used by PCH - Strategic

## Discussion from Case Scenario

- Give one example of the PWCH acting in a **strategic** way to build power and control.
- Give one example of how you might direct the interview to identify and explore the **strategic** behavior.

# Abuser Tactics – Goal Oriented



## Discussion from Case Scenario

- Give one example of how the PWCH's actions move toward a **goal** of maintaining power and control.
- Give one example of how you might direct the interview to identify and explore the **goal oriented** nature of behavior.



# Tactic – Customized - 1

Abuse happens in the context of a relationship



# Myths and Facts - 1

Some of the most common myths about victims:

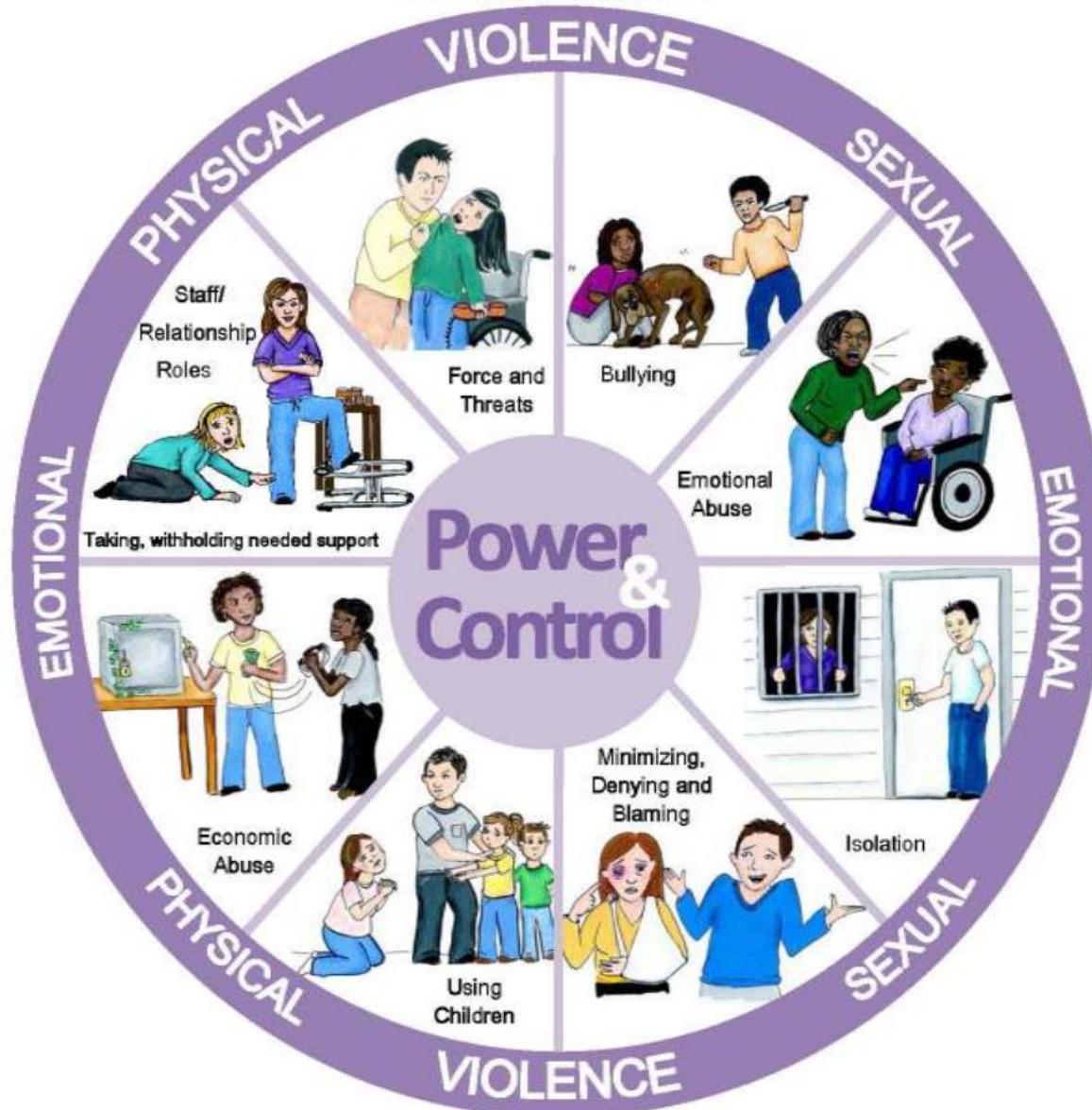
- ✓ They provoked the abuse
- ✓ They could leave at any time
- ✓ They need a firm hand
- ✓ They are crazy. No one else would put up with them.



# Myths and Facts - 2

Some of the most common myths about a PWCH:

- ✓ It's just an anger management problem
- ✓ It's really just alcohol-fueled behavior
- ✓ It was just an isolated incident
- ✓ There really are two-sides to every story . . .



# Customized – Power and Control Wheel

# Tactic's used by PWCH – Customized

## - 2



- How might these tactics be **customized** to exert power and control over:
  - An older adult?
  - A person with a disability?
  - An LGBTQ+ individual
  - An immigrant?

# Implications for Intervening



- How might the system respond to Tactics used by PWCH based upon an understanding of
  - Intentional and methodical?
  - Strategic?
  - Goal-oriented behaviors?

# Case example - 1



- Financial Exploitation
- Orders of Protection
- Representative Payee
- Change of Guardian
- Financial Literacy

# Case Example - 2

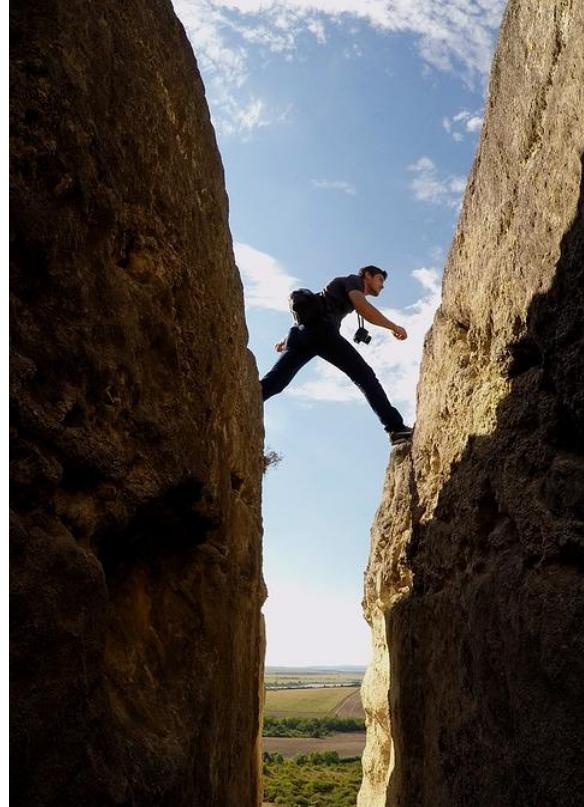


- Using the children
  - Custody arrangements
  - Visitation
  - Access to school and teachers
  - Insurance
  - Medications

# Action Plan



- You have the opportunity to make a commitment





# Helpful Links

- Model Protocols

<http://www.icjia.state.il.us/ifvcc/projects>

- Power and Control Wheels

<https://www.theduluthmodel.org/wheels/>

for Deaf survivors

<http://www.deaf-hope.org/domestic-violence/power-and-control-wheel/>

for People with disabilities

<https://www.endabusepwd.org/publications/project-peer-dc-power-and-control-wheel/>

for LGBTQ+

[http://www.ncdsv.org/images/TCFV\\_glbt\\_wheel.pdf](http://www.ncdsv.org/images/TCFV_glbt_wheel.pdf)