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From Face-to-Face to HELPP to TMI to  
LEAF: A Journey toward Preventing  
Intimate Partner Violence

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# Objectives

At the end of this symposium the attendee will be able to:

- Trace own steps in personal, research or scholarship journey
- Explore on their own time and place the best intervention in health promotion and prevention
- Compare intervention delivery systems: F2F, online, or mobile
- Transform intervention delivery systems into best practices



# Face-to-Face

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# Lessons Learned from F2F

- Feasible and effective if appointments met
- Burdensome to participants
- Issues of transportation
- Issues of child and adult caregiving
- Issues of privacy and confidentiality
- Issues of recording and note taking
- Issues on follow-up and return visits

# From F2F to TMI to HELPP to LEAF





# Email

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- Lessons Learned: Feasible and effective, captured interactions, open disclosure, transportation and absences are minimized, assignments are completed, remained for Consent, Orientation, and Follow-up via F2F



# Intimate Partner Violence Definition

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is defined as physical, emotional, sexual, or psychological abuse



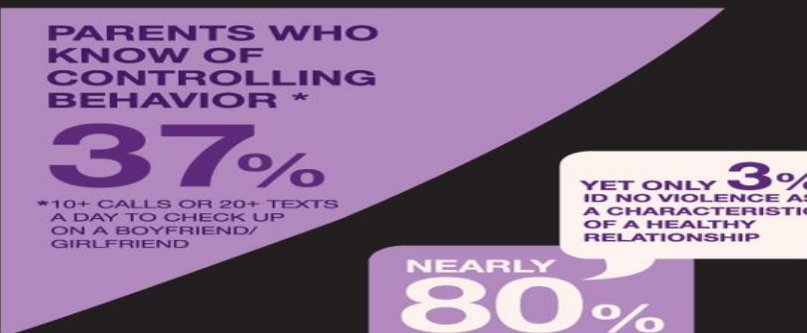
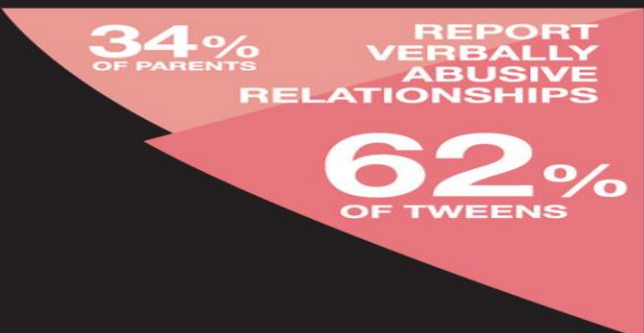
# Intimate Partner Violence





# A DANGEROUS GAP

THE MARY KAY DON'T LOOK AWAY STUDY SHOWS LACK OF PARENT AWARENESS OF DAUGHTERS' RELATIONSHIPS



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# The Cycle of Violence

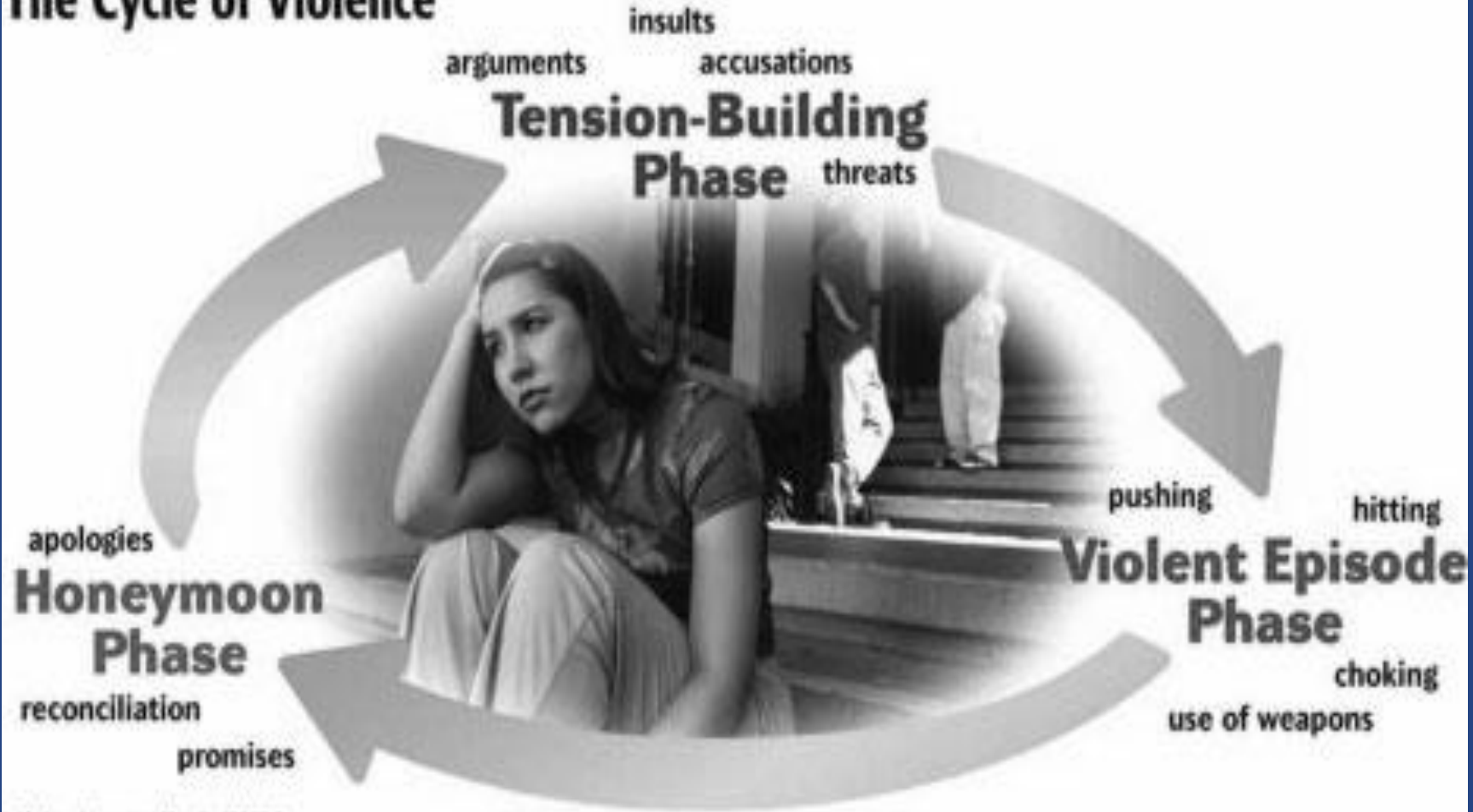
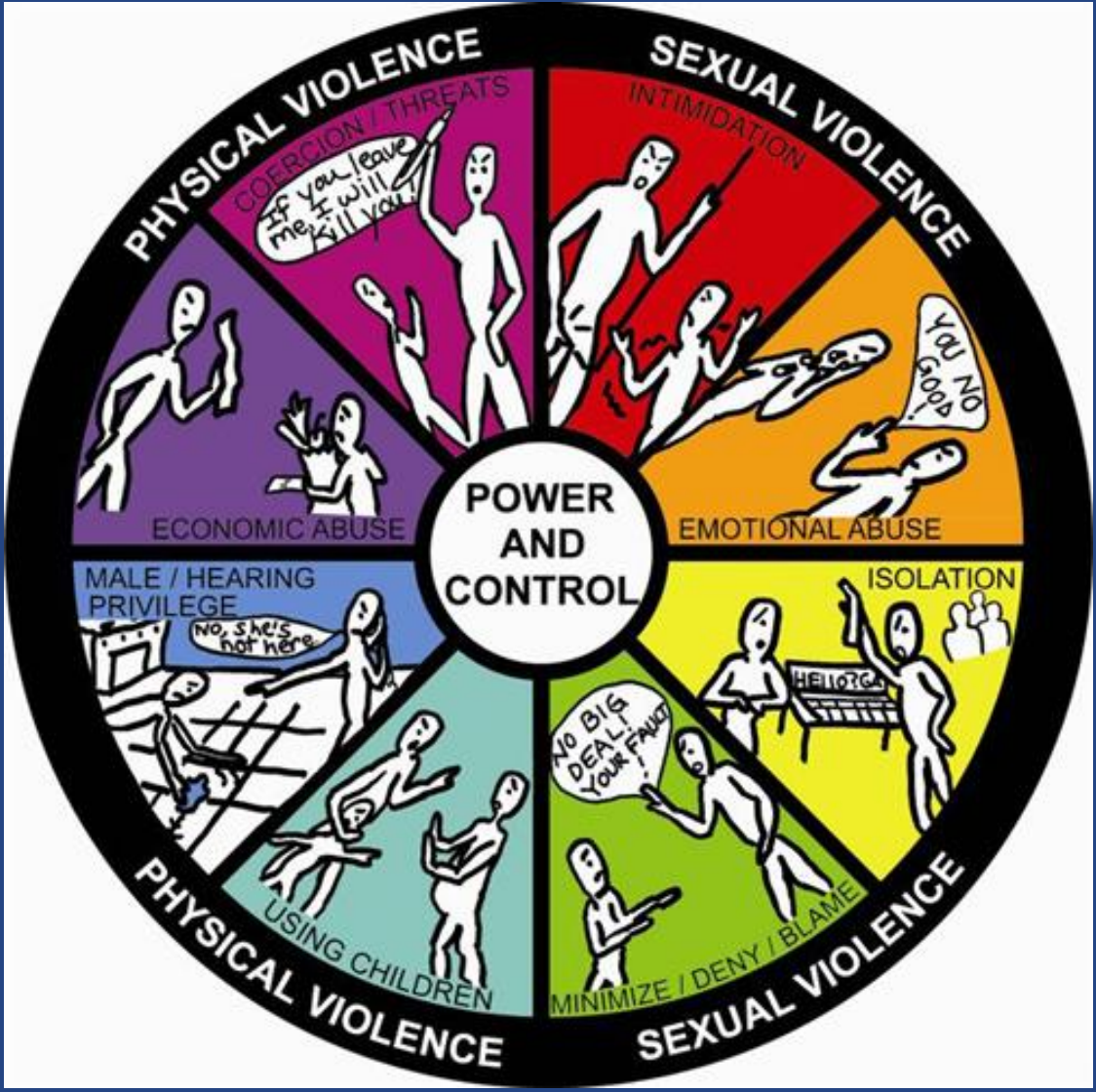


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# Power and Control Wheel





# Text Messaging Intervention and HELPP Zone App

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- Lessons Learned: Feasible and effective, captured interactions, open disclosure, transportation and absences are minimized, assignments are completed, Consent, Orientation, and Follow-up are F2F



# TMI



# Recruitment/Screening

Participants were screened for having a device with text messaging and meet with investigators, sign IRB-approved informed consent and complete a pre-and post-TMI survey

## Announcement



The University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing is seeking volunteers for a research study that explores the usability and readability of text messaging in building healthy dating relationships. Dating violence is prevalent amongst college students, but many times students do not know the signs. Because text messaging is one of the most common modes of communication used by young people, its effectiveness on dating violence will be examined through this study. Participants will be part of a 4-week study and receive multiple text messages each week, containing information about relationship violence. Participants must be 18-25 years old and currently using text messaging. If interested or for more information, please contact Dominique Dela Cruz at [dad78@pitt.edu](mailto:dad78@pitt.edu) or Grace Hwang at [juh35@pitt.edu](mailto:juh35@pitt.edu)





# TMI

- 20 researcher-developed TMI: Roses are red violets are blue, dating is sweet but should not leave marks on you
- Data Collection:
  - Collected twice: baseline and week 6
  - One TMI once every day, 5 days/week for 6 weeks
  - Sent by a student nurse facilitator to each participant



# Results of TMI

- Participants completed surveys on strategies to develop healthy dating relationships and identifying signs of RV-90% texted once/hour
- Used mixed methods data collection and analysis: quantitative and qualitative
- Knowledge pre (2.00) post (2.70)  $p < 0.001$
- Confidence pre (2.89) post (3.30)  $p < 0.001$
- Participants' comments: obligated to read TMI since it was sent to my phone personally

## II. HELPP Zone App





# HELPP Zone App

- Health, Education on safety, and Legal Participant Preferred
- For college students to protect themselves against potential dating violence
- Set trusted contacts and schedule, and reach them for help based on the context of potential violence occurs
- **Main App Features:**
  - Calling Emergency Numbers
  - Situation-Aware Helpers
  - Asking for Help
  - Educational Resources

## Strategy:

Use mobile tech as a disruptive innovation communication tool in building healthy relationships and in preventing IPV

## Rationale:

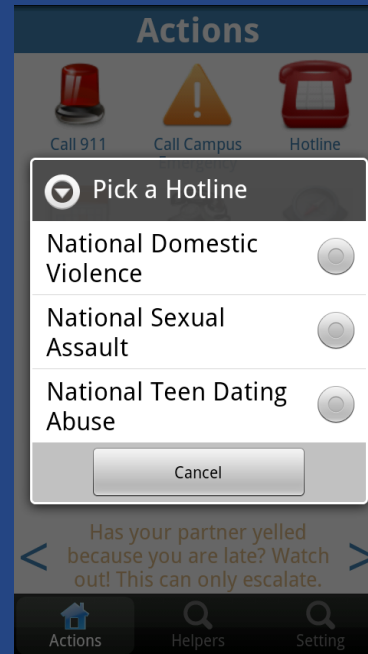
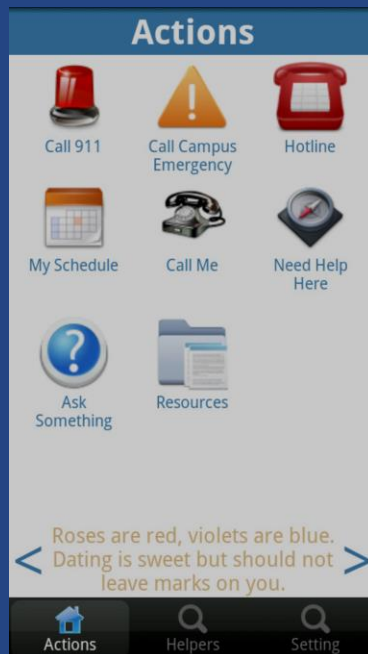
- The most common and low cost mode of communication for intervention and prevention
- By 2025, five billion people will be texting





# HELPP Zone App

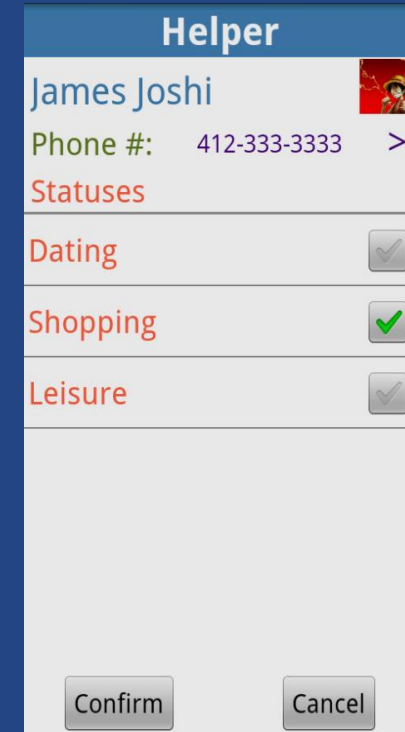
- List of trusted contacts
- Emergency contacts Situation, time, location awareness
- Immediate emergency call numbers
- Educational information and ticker tape tips
- SMS text messaging tools
- Use the Android platform





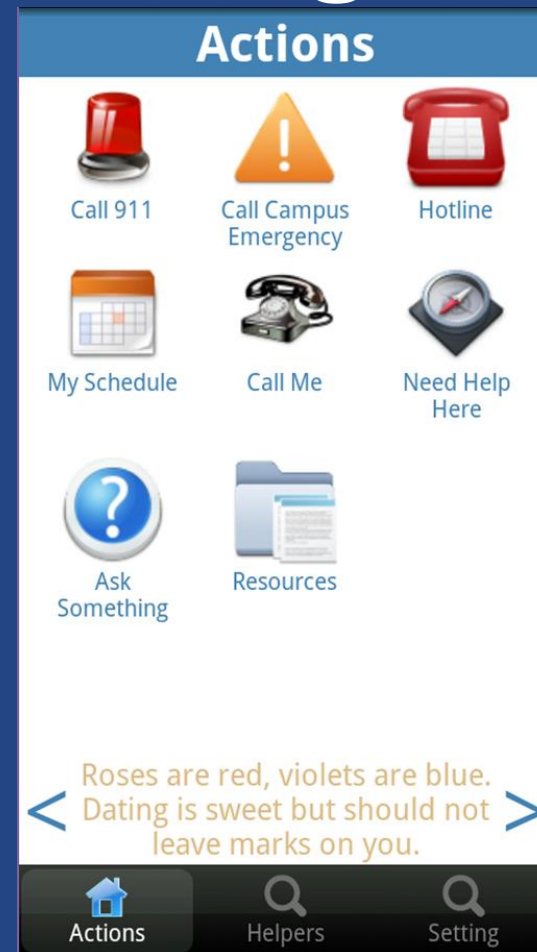
# Designating Helpers

- Can choose contacts stored as helpers
- User-trusted contacts who are sure to come and assist unconditionally and confidentially w/out hesitation or being judgmental
- Helpers are either active or inactive based on the user's current status



# Quick Safety Messages

- 1-Tap feature that shows quick safety messages on a message bar at the bottom of the “Action” screen
- Educational and informational but short and non-intrusive
- Different message (ticker-tape) is displayed each time the user opens the application or goes to the home tab
- Option of circling through the messages by tapping on the message bar







# LEAF: Lending Encouragement Affirming Futures





# Purpose of LEAF

- Address the issues that arise from limits of physical, social, community support
- Embody the vision of an intervention delivery system that provides 1:1 support during difficult situations





# Three Components of LEAF:

- Web portal
- Social network
- Phone app





# LEAF System Administration

- Is an individual responsible for upkeep of the system, including web pages and social network
- Have the ability to configure content and allocate resources
- Maintenance and troubleshooting
- Policy enforcement

# Social Network

- Limited to professionals and abuse victims
- Key distinguishing features = Ability to communicate in a trusted as well as anonymous manner



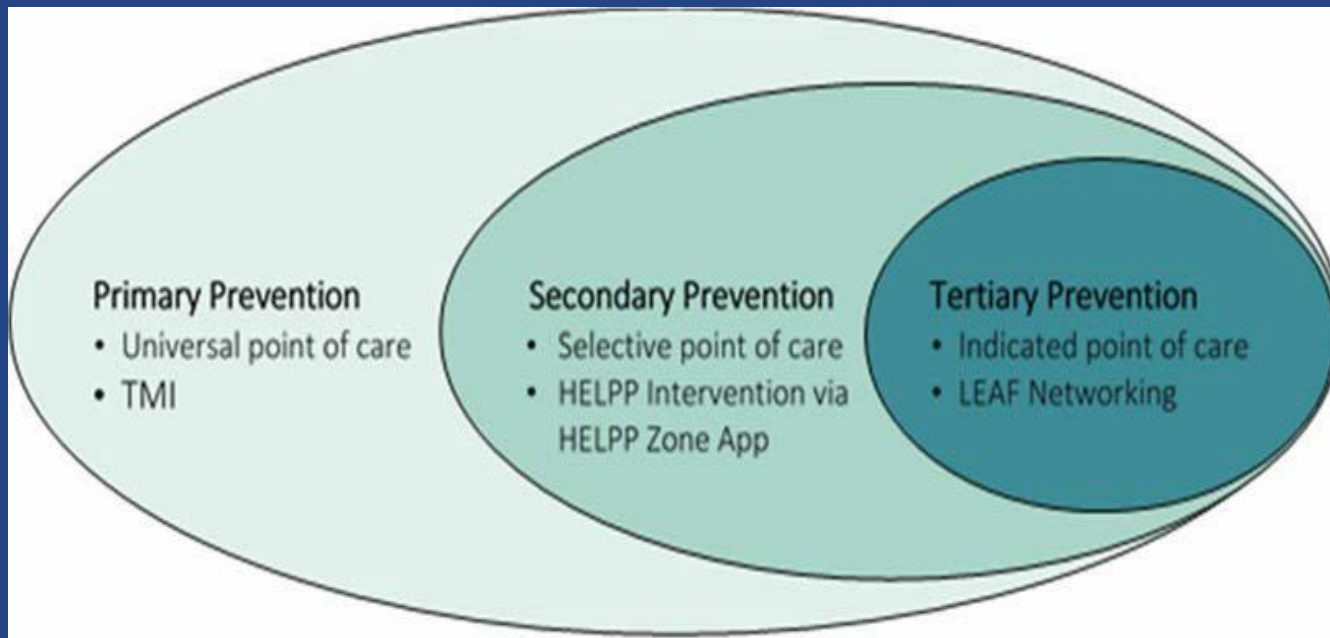
# Trusted Anonymous Communication Support

- Protecting source
  - Protecting sender and participant location
  - Protecting participant privacy
- Protecting recipient privacy
- User Control
- Interaction
  - Functionality
- Content Controls
- Security





# Theoretical Framework





# Conclusions

- Scientific and technological advances (TMI and HELPP intervention via the HELPP Zone app, and LEAF Networking)
- Acquire as suggested by the IOM sharing of data, use mixed methods data collection and data analysis
- Develop a collaborative platform to surmount barriers of inefficiencies and ineffectiveness and lay the groundwork for others
- Develop the competency of visual culture including visual data mapping and infographics to reframe healthcare and legal advocacy
- Develop the ability to examine data, data sources, question assumptions, embrace diversity through A-B-C-D
- Understand the power of global networks
- Develop the competency of dealing with “white space” where the most innovative ideas emerge (IOM 2012)





# QUESTIONS

- Publications
- Research proposals
- Global participation
- Interprofessional collaboration
- Other theoretical frameworks
- Resources, measures, instrumentation

THANK YOU