

Domestic violence

-an important problem-

The material is structured in three parts: two parts of the theory and one of practical applications

PART I

- ▶ Domestic violence, its types, legal framework, how we recognize a victim, but an aggressor

PART II

- ▶ Presentation of the Center for the Victims of Family Violence in Alba Iulia, the services provided, the typology of the beneficiaries

PART III

- ▶ Practical aspects: presenting cases of domestic violence, the participants will try to recognize the forms of violence to which the victims of the violence have been subjected and to find solutions for solving the cases.

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Part I

► What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is any intentional act or inaction except physical or verbal acts of self-defense or defense committed by one member of the family against another a member of the same family who causes or can cause physical, psychological, sexual, emotional or psychological harm or suffering, including the threat of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty.

The most common form of domestic violence

- ▶ verbal violence;
- ▶ psychological violence ;
- ▶ physical violence;
- ▶ sexual violence
- ▶ *economic violence*
- ▶ social violence
- ▶ spiritual violence

- ▶ Domestic violence refers to:
 - child abuse in the family;
 - violence in the relationship of couple;
 - violence among brothers;
 - abuse and violence against parents / elderly family members

What can the victim do?



FIRST

You have to admit that this is happening to you,
and do not minimize its importance

SECOND

Stop believing that you are guilty. No one deserves to
be assaulted and humiliated in a supposed relationship
of love

THIRD

Look for help

If your life is in danger, call the police
immediately

Some advice

- present to the Forensic Service to obtain a forensic medical certificate stating the injuries suffered as a result of aggression
- If the children are involved, please contact the General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection
- Obtain protection order, if necessary
- Do not withdraw your complaint! Do not be fooled by thinking that it will not hit you again! Children need to grow in a safe environment

What is the profile of the aggressor?



- Rich / Poor
- Regular Worker / Owns Business
- Any race
- With or without studies
- Teen/ adult/ elderly
- Woman/ man. But women, children and the elderly are at risk of being more likely to be victims than men
- Can be anybody, anywhere

How can we recognize it?



- Wants to control your partner
- Distrust of partner
- Accusations of infidelity, scenes of excessive jealousy, impulsive temper
- Abusive verbal behaviors
- Can be a man with charm when he is not violent and often seen as a nice person to others
- Etc.

Factors predisposing for domestic violence

- **Social** - the rooting of the tradition that "the man is the head of the family" and he decides all the problems related to it, the custom of child education by beating, the personal history of the aggressor who has been abused in the family of origin or who has witnessed violent scenes

- **Economic** - the situation of more than half of the families below the minimum poverty line leads to the amplification of daily stress, which favors violence. It should not be forgotten that domestic violence manifests itself as often in families with a high level of education and well-being
- **Individual** - an unbalanced personality, low self-esteem, alcohol and drug use. As a rule, under the conditions of an unbalanced personality, the strong one unloads its aggressiveness over the weak, the parents over the children, the young people over the elderly. Jealousy remains a major contributing factor to family violence

PART II

Presentation of the Center for the
Victims of Family Violence in
Alba Iulia, the services offered, the
typology of the beneficiaries

In Alba Iulia, the Center for the Housing of Victims of Family Violence within the Social Assistance Directorate was established and operates as a result of the provisions of the Law no. 217/2003 on the prevention and combating of domestic violence. It was set up on PHARE funds, based on a partnership between the City Hall of Alba Iulia and the Association AS 2001

- ▶ **Center for Home Victims** is intended to host, for a limited time, the victims of domestic violence. Here, in their cases of urgency and crisis, women who have been physically, verbally, psychologically, sexually, economically, socially or spiritually assaulted by their partner and may be housed together with their children may be abducted here by their abuser.
- ▶ **Housing Center for Victims of Domestic Violence** of the Social Assistance Directorate provides counseling services (social, psychological and legal) and temporary shelter.

Technical data on the social assistance unit through which the service is provided:

- ▶ **The shelter** has two bedrooms, a kitchen room at the entrance to the Shelter and a bathroom.
- ▶ Accommodation conditions, number of persons / bedroom
- ▶ The shelter has 2 bedrooms, each with a capacity of 3 places. Each bedroom is equipped with 3 mattresses with mattresses, 3 wardrobes, bed linen for each bed, plus bed linen for change, towels sets for each beneficiary, two seats an armchair and one table in each bedroom. One bedroom has a color TV.
- ▶ The location is secret and nobody knows where it is except the staff



Spending free time conditions

- ▶ Near the shelter there is a green space where women can relax and walk safely without fear of being aggressed or threatened **by aggressive partners**

Conditions of communication with the outside

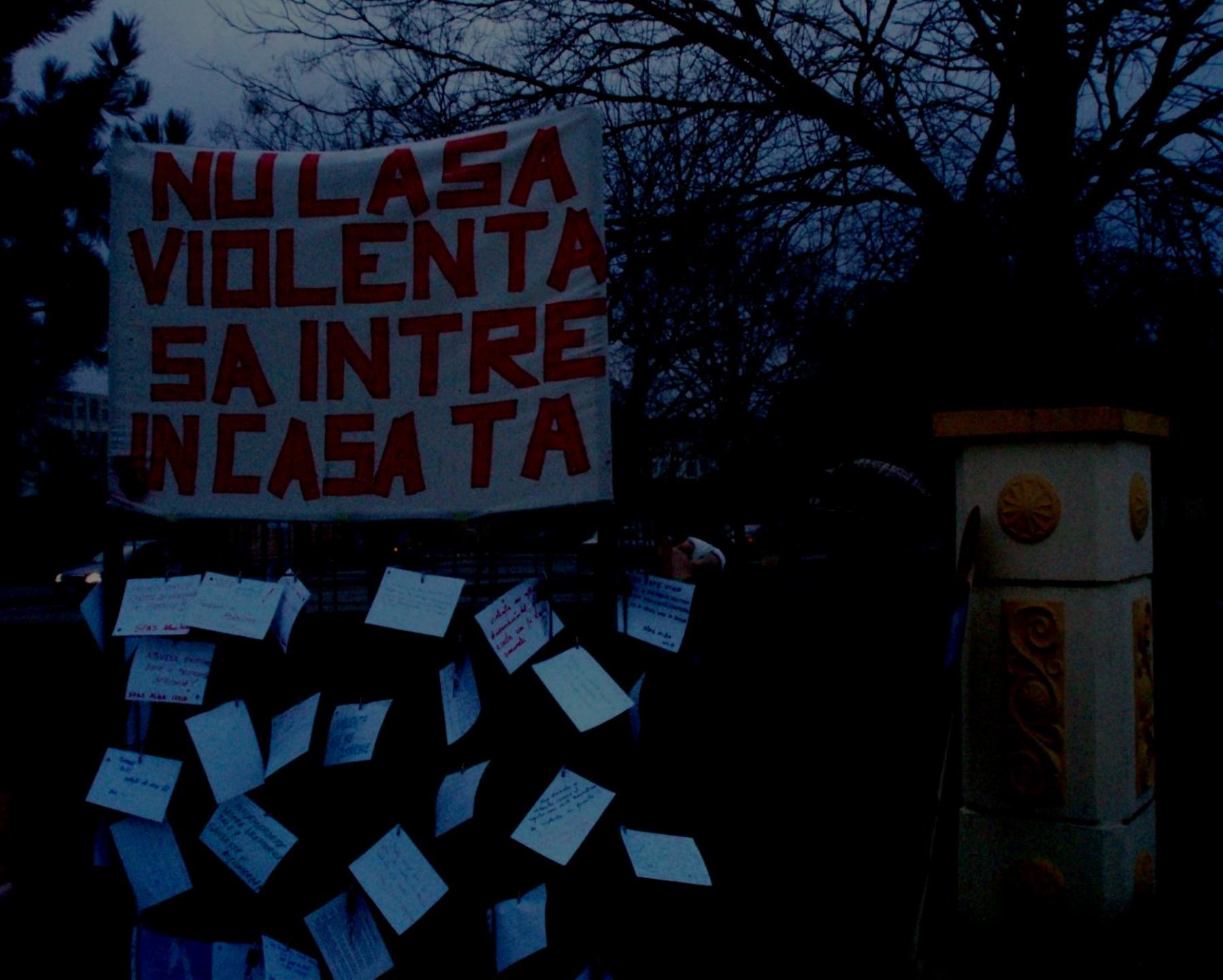
- ▶ Within the institution where the Shelter is located, there is a guard that protects the institutionalized persons and does not allow the access of foreign persons to the shelter of the Shelter. There is a public telephone when leaving the institution where the beneficiaries can get in touch with the outside people

How to inform the community about their activities and their outcomes

- ▶ The community is constantly informing about services offered locally to victims of domestic violence (local radio and television broadcasts, news articles in the print media) as well as the distribution of flyers, flyers, posters. Media coverage of activities is also being carried out by launching on the Mayor's website the photos and articles about the actions of the 16-day Campaign against Violence Against Women, a campaign initiated since 2002 by the Social Assistance Directorate subordinated to the Council Local of Alba Iulia, together with the Students League of 1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Iulia and other partners and collaborators from the Albanian community







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PART III - Exercises

Dear Class



thank you for your attention