WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

A pattern of abusive behaviors used by one person to gain and maintain power and control over another person in the household.

Domestic violence (DV) and Intimate partner violence (IPV) are not interchangeable.

Intimate partner violence is any form of physical and sexual violence caused by a current or former partner, regardless of whether the individuals are living together.

Domestic violence can encompass abuse by any member of the household not just a partner.