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Best Practice Guidelines Amendment- Diversity

1. Determinants such as needs and functions of relationships, living arrangements, family constellations, and communities need to be considered in centering safety.
2. Be flexible: recognize that current models don't work for everyone and be willing to maneuver.
3. Diversity: accessible, sensitive, inclusive
4. Interventions need to include social location (race, class, gender, age, sexual orientation, ability, religious affiliation, history with colonization etc.) while emphasizing accountability and responsibility.
5. Development and promotion of progressive strategies outside of the formal child welfare and justice systems
6. Continued community education and education of service providers regarding domestic violence
7. Recognize community impact on women's decision to leave
8. Increased support for persons who have been abused with less than full or no immigration status
9. Collaboration with everyone: partner, survivors, men, communities etc
10. Contextuality: understand the different levels within which we each live. Effective services will acknowledge these issues.
11. Thinking outside of dominant assumptions
12. Mobilize strength and resources of communities while doing capacity building and promoting reciprocity
13. Response must identify and address location and intersectional of institutional power
14. Response must identify and address social location
15. Assessment of risk with both women and men regarding lethality and severity
16. Involve those abusers and survivors
17. Recruit men into work
18. Recognize and maximize the woman's right to choice
19. Be responsive to community needs and community led strategies