

Family Law Toolkits to Counter Coercive Control Workshop

Scenario

Jack and Jill's history:

- Moved to the U.S. from Guatemala 10 years ago
- Married
- Have 2 daughters

Currently:

- They are separated
- Kids are living with Jill
- Jack works full time
- Jill is receiving TANF

DV/Coercive Control:

- Jack has been violent towards Jill throughout their relationship, often in front of their kids.
- Jack accused Jill of being paranoid when she could not find her keys and she thought he had taken them.
- Jack refused to leave when Jill asked him to 3 months ago. She fled with the kids while he was at work.
- Jack calls Jill repeatedly day and night.
- Jill thinks she is losing her mind because she often sees Jack when she is running errands.

Substance Use:

- Jack drinks a lot and sometimes uses cocaine.
- Jack was ordered to undergo drug/alcohol treatment after a car accident last year.
- Jack accuses Jill of being a drug addict because she sometimes smokes pot.

Concerns:

- Jill is afraid to go to court or contact the police because she thinks Jack will retaliate if she takes action.
- She is also afraid to be in the same courtroom with Jack.
- She is worried that he will get custody of the kids.
- He has threatened to take the kids away from her because "she's crazy." She's worried that he's right because she has been sleeping and crying so much lately and finds that she often loses track of what she has been doing.

Questions

1. What does Jill likely need from a mental health service provider?
2. What does Jill likely need from an advocate?
3. What does Jill likely need from an attorney?
4. What does Jill likely need to do for herself?

Step 1 - Use your smart phone, tablet, or computer to go to www.pollev.com/dvmh. You do not need to login. Alternatively, you can text DVMH to 223-33.

Step 2 - To submit your answers, wait for the polling question to appear on the screen.

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