A Self-Assessment Toolkit to Improve Economic Empowerment Programs for Survivors

Staff Support

Key Resources to Identify and Address Economic Abuse

I'm looking for the basics. Where can I start?

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A factsheet compiled by the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence provides a quick overview of common forms of economic abuse, including employment sabotage, preventing access to finances, deception about finances, misusing finances, and coerced debt.

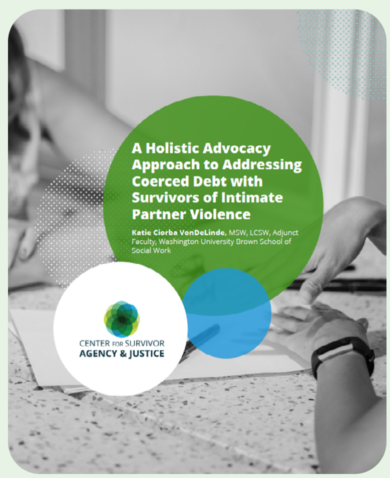
I get the basics. What resources can help me increase my support for the survivors we serve?

Economic Safety Planning Tip Sheet

This tip sheet highlights financial safety planning considerations that may be important for participants. This resource is not comprehensive but intended to be a starting point for engagement. The participants are the experts of their lives and situations. Not all these ideas may be safe or realistic for every participant, but these considerations may be worth discussing.

Coerced Debt

For clients who have incurred coerced debt, the Center for Survivor Agency & Justice: Compendium on Coerced Debt provides a set of resources for advocates and attorneys to support survivors. Part 3: A Holistic Advocacy approach to Addressing Coerced Debt with Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (which is also applicable to survivors of other forms of violence and abuse) highlights the roles of the non-lawyer advocate.



For those who have experienced human trafficking, the Debt Bondage Repair Act aims to assist survivors of trafficking by allowing them to block adverse credit information resulting from their trafficking experiences. More information is available from the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST):

1. Guide for Applying for Credit Repair under the Debt Bondage Repair Act
2. Debt Bondage Repair Act Frequently Asked Questions for Survivors

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