Resources Available to Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence
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**Introduction**
- Collaboration with Interval House (agency working against domestic violence)
- Focus on improving support for immigrant survivors of domestic violence
- Hope Beyond Fear project: determine outcomes after providing resources to immigrant domestic violence survivors

**Methods**

**Participants**
- 19 immigrant women recruited; 15 completed the study

**Interview**
- Pre- and post-interview (post-interview not completed due to COVID-19)
- English or Spanish depending on participant’s preference (7 in-person, 8 via telephone)

**Staff Interactions**
- Log staff interactions that involve explaining certain resources

**Question Categories**

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<th>Feelings of Safety in the Home</th>
<th>Feelings of Safety in the Community</th>
<th>Sense of Control Over Current Living Situation</th>
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<td>“I am able to sleep at night”</td>
<td>“I have knowledge about community resources”</td>
<td>“I have a safety plan in place”</td>
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**Results**
- Total-up “yes” or “no” responses to a question, or whether it was explained by an Interval House staff
- Chi-square analysis

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<td>Know a safe place to go, can communicate well with landlord, understand temporary restraining order</td>
<td>Know what to do if ICE comes to my house</td>
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<td>Know what to do if abuser approaches me outside of my house, know how to contact a translator</td>
<td>Understand the conditions under which I can/ cannot be deported</td>
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<td>Have a safety plan, know what to do if threatened by abuser, know how to access medical/legal/social resources</td>
<td>Know what to do if abuser calls ICE/police, know my rights under Violence Against Women Act, understand my rights as victim of a crime</td>
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**Conclusions**
- Survivors are receiving the intended info
- **Most known**: imminent info (safety plan, essential resources, safe place)
  - Essential info well-explained by staff
- **Least known**: info related to ICE, deportation
  - Not habitual (related to undocumented individuals) or no disclosure of being undocumented
  - Need to review this info with all, so survivors do not have to disclose being undocumented

**Future Directions**
- Study investigating the role of culture and intimate partner violence (IPV)
  - Culture plays a role in memory
  - IPV has been tied to traumatic brain injury
  - What is the role of culture in IPV and brain injury?
  - Survivors from US, Puerto Rico, and Central America

**References**

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