

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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The research pointed out the general opinion of normal people concerning the problem of domestic violence.

The causes of the phenomenon were chosen in similar percentage, which means that there can't be a specific cause of the abuse, but an accumulation of several causes. The alcohol, the poor income status, disagreements inside the family and the education were here the main causes, but the conclusion is that there are others as well, such as children, lack of communication, jealousy and others.

The research also underlined the importance of the economical and social environment in which we live. This environment could generate problems for the families and lead to domestic violence in all its forms.

The aggressor in the most cases is the man, in the opinion of the sample's subjects, and the victim is the woman.

Also, the research pointed out the trust of people in the authorities and law. Romania hasn't adopted a specific law criminalizing domestic violence yet. The cases of violence in the family fall under the incidence of the legislation for the administrative contraventions or the Criminal Code. Despite this, the interviewed individuals proved to trust in the system, by agreeing in a high percentage to asking help from authorities.

This result leads to the conclusion that the alcohol, the poor income status, the disagreements in the family and the education are the main causes of abuse in the family.

"The right to life, as well as the right to physical and mental integrity of person is guaranteed"

Introduction

In Romania, domestic violence was initially placed on the political agenda as a social problem, due to existing international pressures. The incidence of gender-based violence and domestic violence, in particular, has increased during the past years in Romania, though it is extremely difficult to document. The chapter on domestic violence of the 1999 Romanian Reproductive Health Survey shows that one in every three women is aggressed.

The basic problem is that this kind of abuse takes place behind the closed doors, doors closed by carelessness and by a traditionalist, deficient mentality. At the social level there are circulated a series of myths related to abuse, myths that are being transmitted from generation to generation and which make nothing else but propagate and exaggerate the phenomenon. On the other side there are some characteristics of a man that allow us to say that he is going to become an abuser.