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**Intimate Partner Violence:
Context is Everything!**

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Presentation Overview

- Domestic violence in context:
 - Intent of the offender
 - Meaning of the act to the victim
 - Effect of the violence on the victim(s)
- From criminal justice focus on a single incident → to a careful assessment of relevant factors (context of the violence) for appropriate intervention
- Case Planning

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Context is critical

Failing to distinguish one kind of domestic abuser from another can:

- Endanger victims of ongoing violence
- Embolden perpetrators of ongoing violence
- Place children at risk

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Context means:

- Offender's INTENT in his/her use of violence

- MEANING of the violence to the victim

- EFFECT of the act on the victim
 - Risk of future harm
 - Impact on victim(s) and others

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Holtzworth-Monroe & Stewart, 1994:

- Moderately violent offenders = 50%
 - Minimal criminal history
 - Excuses, denials, controlling but some empathy
 - Most likely to benefit from treatment
- "Dysphoric/borderline" or obsessed offender
 - Irrational, delusional jealousy
 - Monitors, stalks victim
 - Threatens to kill self or victim
 - Record minimal, except for OFP's
- Hyper-violent/anti-social offender = 25%
 - Generally violent, criminal record
 - Manipulative, intimidating, authority problems
