



Video AD Transcript: Applying the “S” in CUES: Supporting a Client Who Discloses Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in a Reproductive Health Setting

Speaker 1 (00:00): This video was produced by the Reproductive Health National Training Center, RHNTC. Applying the "S" in CUES: Supporting a Client Who Discloses Intimate Partner Violence in a Reproductive Health Setting.

Speaker 2 (00:14): Digital abuse is one type of intimate partner violence, or IPV, wherein an abuser uses technology such as social media and text messages to hurt their partners. This can look like tampering with a partner's social media account, sending texts and/or emails, asking their partner to engage in unwanted sexual acts, and pressuring a partner to send a sexually explicit photo or photos of themselves.

No matter the form, digital abuse can have harmful consequences similar to other types of IPV and requires the same level of support and referral to resources and services as any other type of IPV. Let's see how this looks in practice.

Description Narrator (00:57): The scene changes to a clinician speaking in private to her client, Amara. The clinician takes two cards from her shirt pocket.

Speaker 3 (01:04): I've been sharing these cards with all my clients. I give everyone two, so you have the info for yourself and so you can give one to a friend. It talks about situations when partners hurt you or control you. Like using social media to control you, tracking you on your phones, or controlling your passcodes. On the back are the numbers for 24/7, free, anonymous text and helplines.

Amara (01:37): Yeah ah, another clinician actually gave me one of these on my last visit. I've actually been thinking about it a lot.

Speaker 3 (01:46): Oh, okay. What has been coming up for you?

Description Narrator (01:49): Amara appears to struggle emotionally.

Amara (01:52): I... I guess I thought that the bad stuff would go away. I think it's getting worse.

My boyfriend, he's just mad whenever I'm with anyone else. It doesn't matter what we're doing. It's just like... Like nothing that I can do is right. He hates my mom, all my friends and I, I miss them.

Speaker 3 (02:26): Amara, thank you for sharing that with me. It sounds really hard. Is there something I can do to help you with this? Have you been able to share this with anyone like your friends or your mom?

Amara (02:46): I mean, we don't talk about it directly. They kind of roll their eyes when I say that I can't hang out with them because of him. Like, they know it's messed up.

Speaker 3 (03:01): Have you thought about what you want to do next?

Description Narrator (03:03): Amara shrugs.

Amara (03:05): It all feels like it's going to get ugly. But I am really tired of the way that he's treating me.

Speaker 3 (03:15): Ugh... That is a lot. Has he hurt you or threatened you with anything?

Amara (03:24): Not physically or anything, no. He has some pictures, some videos. Yeah...Yeah. He could use those to hurt me.

Speaker 3 (03:49): Got it. And your mom doesn't know about that? I'm going to guess.

Amara (03:53): No, no. And it would kill her.

Speaker 3 (03:58): Amara, thank you for sharing this with me. I'm so sorry this is happening. There are a lot of people who have been in this kind of situation, and got support from experts to help them. I could connect you to one of those experts, like the folks from the Love is Respect support line. It's the teen version of the National Domestic Hotline.

I could let you use the phones here at the clinic, so your boyfriend won't be able to see a call or text made from your phone if he were to look. How does that sound to you?

Amara (04:45): It makes me a little nervous talking to someone that I don't know, but yeah. Yeah, I'd be interested in connecting with someone who might be able to help.

Speaker 3 (05:00): I understand. We'll take it one step at a time together. I just want to make sure that you get the support you need around your relationship.

Speaker 1 (05:13): Learn more at RHNTC.org. Developed by RHNTC, The Reproductive Health National Training Center and Futures Without Violence.