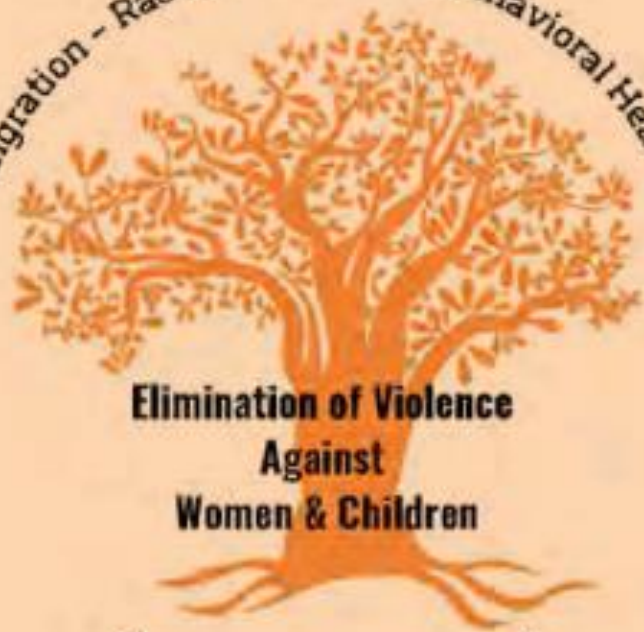


Migration - Racism - Mental & Behavioral Health



**Elimination of Violence
Against
Women & Children**

Addressing Root Causes

Meet the Justice Promoters



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We have created 8 Updates
that have been included in
Community Notes following the
See...
Reflect...
Act Now...
model for helping us all
deepen our understanding on
how we can address ending
violence against women and
children.

Our Journey Toward Justice

Update from the Justice Promoters



We pray, God of love, compassion and healing, for the Elimination of Violence against Women:

For women and girls who have experienced violent relationships, that they can find safety and healing from their trauma, and rebuild their lives;

For children who have witnessed violence in their homes against their mothers and sisters and other family members, that they will experience healing and hope;

For indigenous women and refugee women who have been impacted by extreme violence, that deep and lasting change will ensure their safety;

For individuals and organizations working to prevent violence against women and girls and help survivors of violence, that their courage and generosity will endure;

For men who speak out against forms of expression that demean women or condone violence against them, that their voices will grow stronger;

For the men and boys who have behaved violently towards women and girls that they will have a change of heart, repent in meaningful ways, and seek whatever help they need to lead changed lives.

God of love, we commend these prayers to you and for your compassion to flood the hearts of all people. Amen.

Please choose to journey with us as we commit to see with new eyes what is happening in our world, to pray for God's wisdom and guidance and to act.

..... SEE

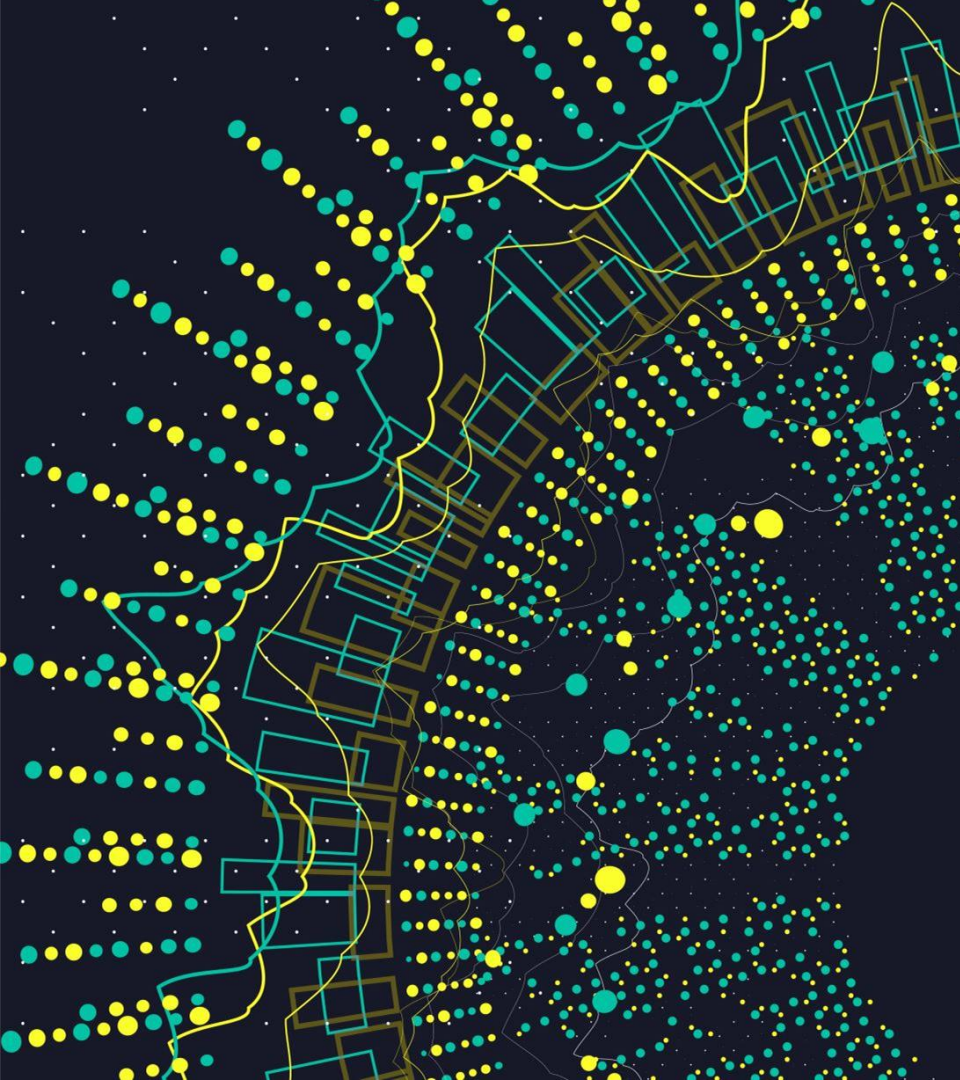
Please take a few minutes to watch the [Pope's prayer intention from February 2021](#) to end violence against women.

..... REFLECT

Gracious God, look upon the victims of domestic violence with compassion and guide their journey through the legalities of obtaining an Order of Protection so that they might have the chance to begin a new life free from fear and pain. In Jesus' name. Amen.

..... ACT NOW

- There is never any time but now, and there never will be any time but now. [Learn ways to take action to help end violence against women.](#)



Mentally ill women
frequently have difficulty
maintaining
consistent employment



Health insurance is generally tied to employment

- Behavioral health isn't usually covered as well as physical health
- Without good insurance, accessing healthcare is very difficult

If undocumented,
there is likely no
healthcare
coverage at all





Seeking mental health care increases economic hardship

Quality mental healthcare simply isn't available to many people

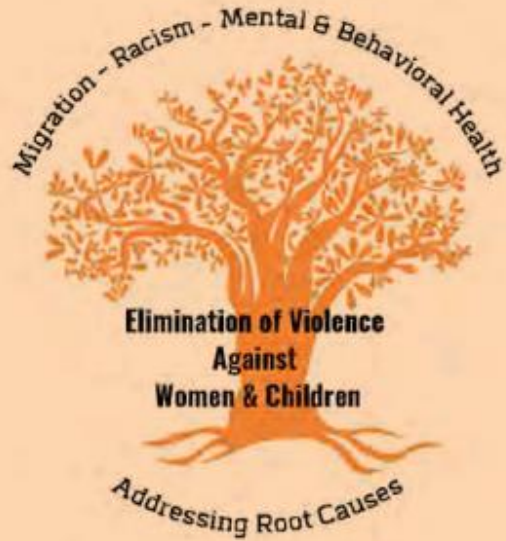
It's very difficult to access appropriate behavioral health care without insurance coverage

This further increases the risk of food and housing insecurity

Further increases the risk of violence

Mental illness is often approached through legal system instead of health care systems.





Time for Reflection