












Strategies for Economic Justice “on a Shoestring”

-  Safety Planning: Inquire and educate about financial abuse using the traditional Power and Control Wheel as well as the Economic Abuse Wheel.
-  Goal Setting: Ask her questions about her financial/economic goals so she can determine how economic issues might be part of her goals (re: housing, employment, education, childcare, health care, TANF, credit history, transportation).
-  Assessment: Create an Economic Assessment tool to include or guide in the intake process.
-  Social-Economic Context: Learn about economic justice as a movement and its intersections with the battered women’s movement together with her.
-  Programming: Institute economic justice as a part of support group structure (ie. Include economic literacy in group discussion; invite speakers; go on trips to job fairs, “minority” and women’s small business organizations; etc.)
-  Political Power: Encourage the development of formerly battered women/survivors committees, include in membership women from your program, and support them in taking action.
-  Self-education: Offer copies or simply titles of articles and books, websites, films, or specific topics for personal research and capacity building.
-  Mentoring: Link women who have increased their knowledge with someone needing the information.
-  Speaker’s Bureau: Invite formerly battered women/survivors to speak on a local, state, and national basis about the effects of financial abuse, the economic barriers that they faced when leaving and staying, and/or the benefits of economic justice programming and self-education.



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- ☞ Staff development: Bring in speakers to staff meetings to discuss economic literacy, credit repair, fair housing laws, etc., and provide DV/SA training to these programs in exchange.
- ☞ Board and volunteer development: Include economic justice during orientation and encourage them to think of ways to provide support to battered women/survivors pro bono.
- ☞ Partnerships: Form relationships with community partners that will allow you to provide mutual services for your constituency (ie. Connect with a job training program to allow battered women to get training while you hold monthly workshops on DV/SA at their location).
- ☞ Canvassing: Ask local businesses/churches/community groups that you are familiar with to consider what they can do to help improve the economic outlook for those you serve, even if it is a small gesture (ie. Coupons for food, free hairstyling on the day of an interview, etc.)
- ☞ Visibility: Begin attending task force/advisory group/board meetings that are open to the public for traditional economic justice organizations (ie. Community Action Commission, Housing Commission, Task Force on Homelessness, Community Development Corp., Real Estate Association, etc.)
- ☞ Legal remedies: Don't forget to advocate for Victim's Compensation, restitution, and child support and alimony (consider safety).
- ☞ Check yourself: Stay aware of personal bias and privilege.
- ☞ Resources: Call the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence for FREE economic justice materials at 1-800-537-2238.

Contact Women of Color Network Technical Assistance Staff for any additional resources, referrals, or for possible presenters on economic justice and advocacy.

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