

Verbal Abuse

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What is it?

How to Identify it?

The effects?

“After all it’s just Verbal Abuse.”

Objectives

- Utilizing *video* clips and *group discussion* participants will be able to:
 - Better identify verbal abuse and severity of harm this form of abuse has on the victim.
 - Relate the issue of verbal abuse to other forms of abuse APS often deals with, Sexual Abuse, DV, Stalking, Undue Influence.
 - Identify many different elements and indicators of verbal abuse.
 - Identify many of the effects on the victims.

"Verbal Abuse"

means the use of words,
sounds, or other
communication including,
but not limited to, gestures,
actions or behaviors,

**by a caretaker or other person
providing services to a
vulnerable adult**

Verbal Abuse

- that are *likely* to cause
 - a reasonable person to experience
 - **humiliation**
 - intimidation,
 - **fear**
 - shame or
 - **degradation**

Lessons Learned

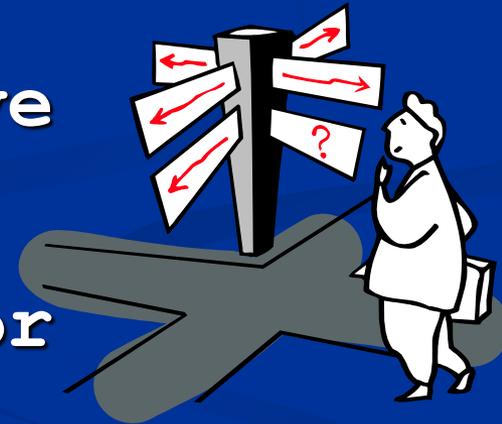
- Victim's fear: What will you do *to* me, rather than *for* me?
- Abusers are more powerful to the victim than interventionists

Victim Indicators

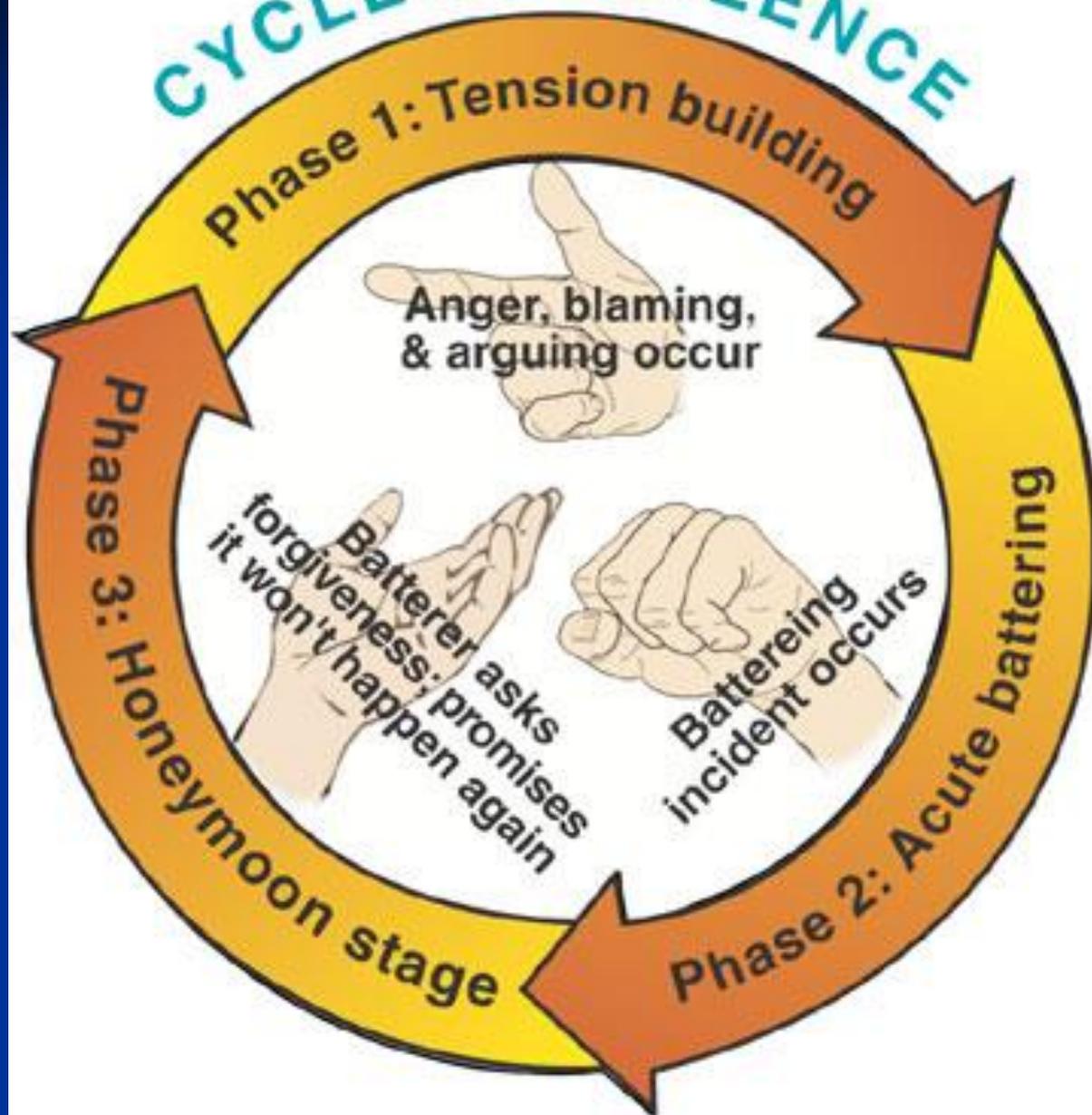
- Hypertension
- Significant weight loss or gain
- Dizziness
- Sleeplessness
- Sadness, depression, confusion
- Cowers

(more) Victim Indicators

- Is emotionally upset
- Withdrawn, non-responsive
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- Exhibits unusual behavior
- Reports being verbally abused



CYCLE OF VIOLENCE





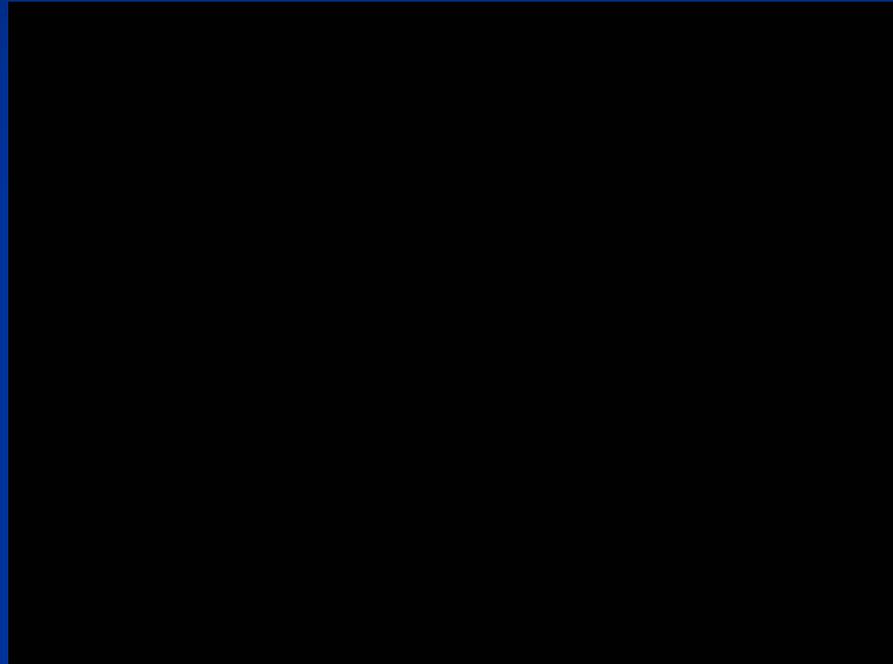
Jimmy

"Verbal abuse" means the use of words, sounds, or other communication including, but not limited to, gestures, actions or behaviors, by a caretaker or other person providing services to a vulnerable adult that are likely to cause a reasonable person to experience humiliation, intimidation, fear, shame or degradation.

Signs of Verbal Abuse

- While watching the following videos.....
- Refer back to the working definition of “verbal Abuse” and utilize that definition to:
 - Who the offender/perpetrator is?
 - What action makes it verbal abuse?
 - What are the victim reactions?

Golden Years



Mrs. Goldberg



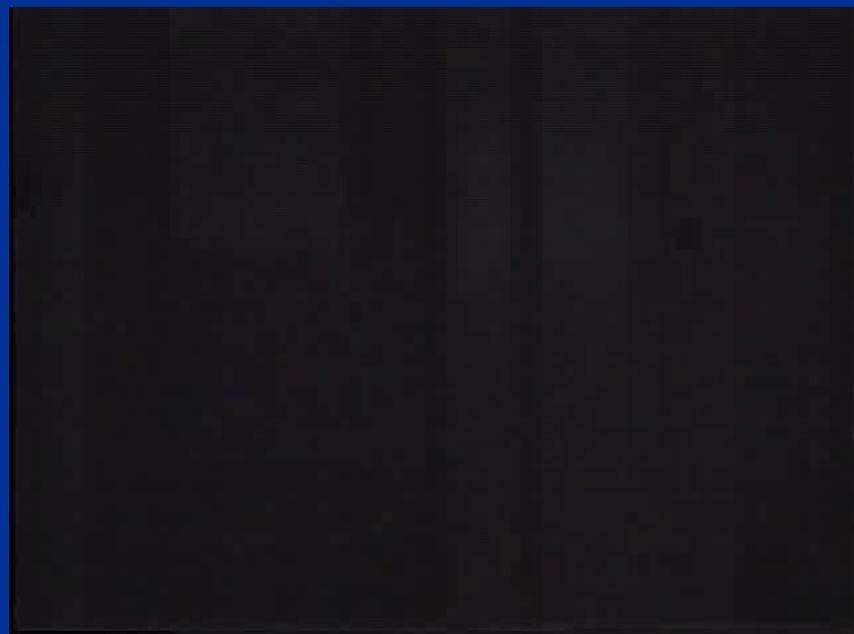
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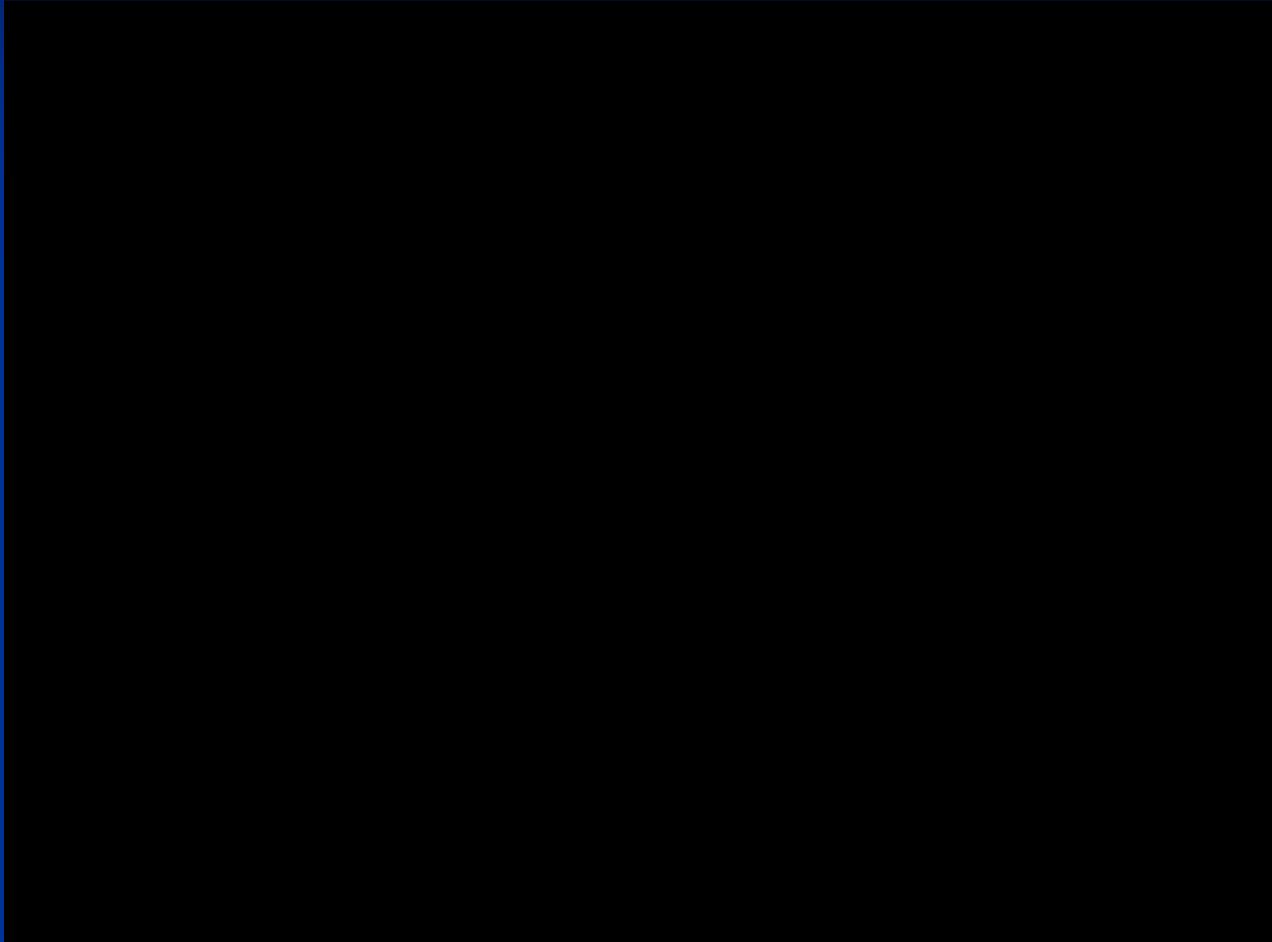
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Mr. Connors

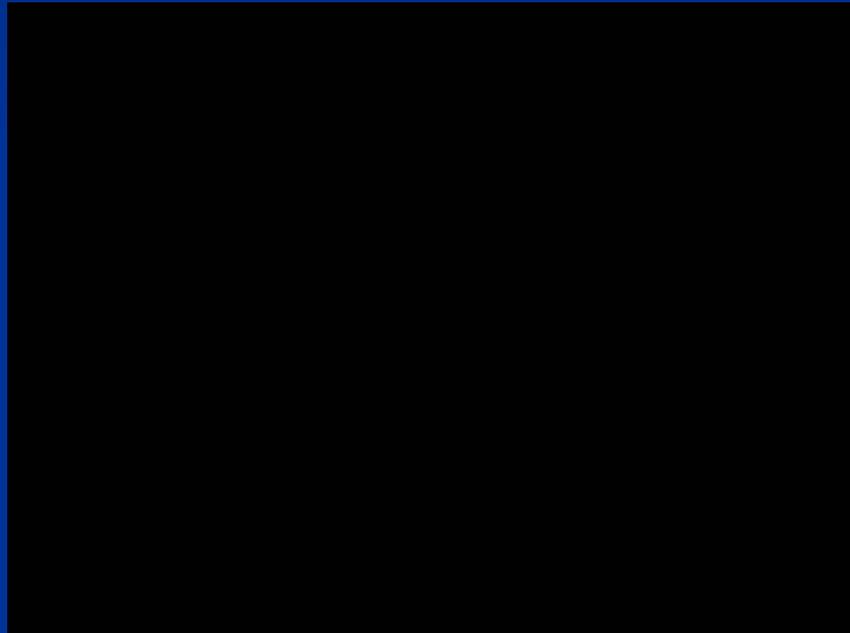


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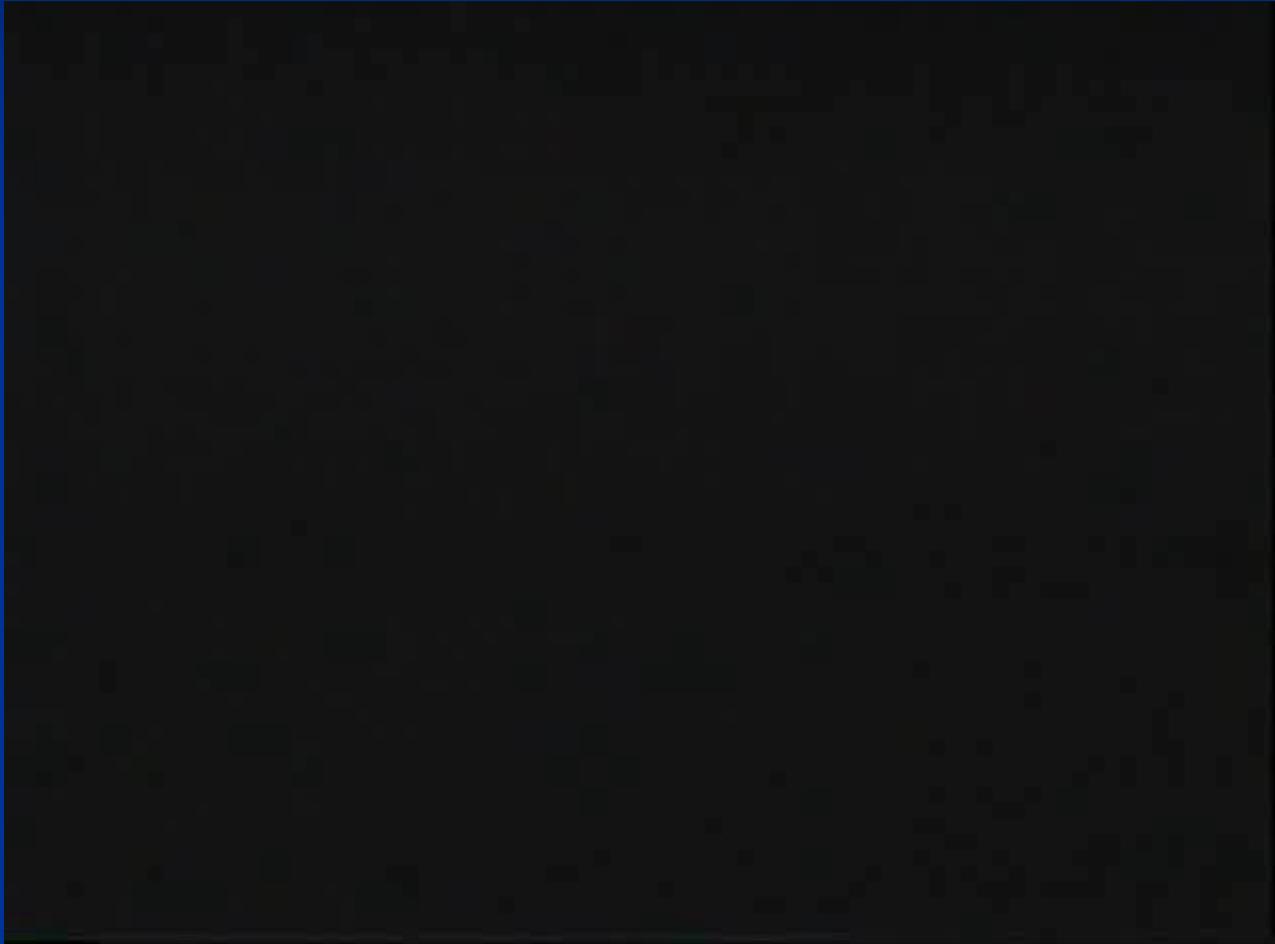


“A Mother Never Gives up Hope”

- Anne:



Dorothy and Gary

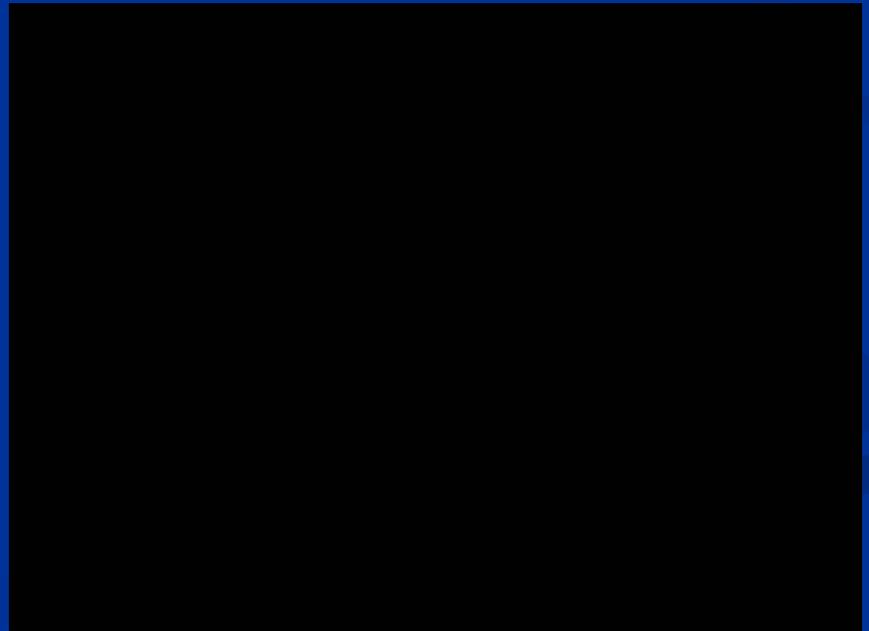


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“Just to Have a Peaceful Life”

- Pat



Questions?

Thank you!



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