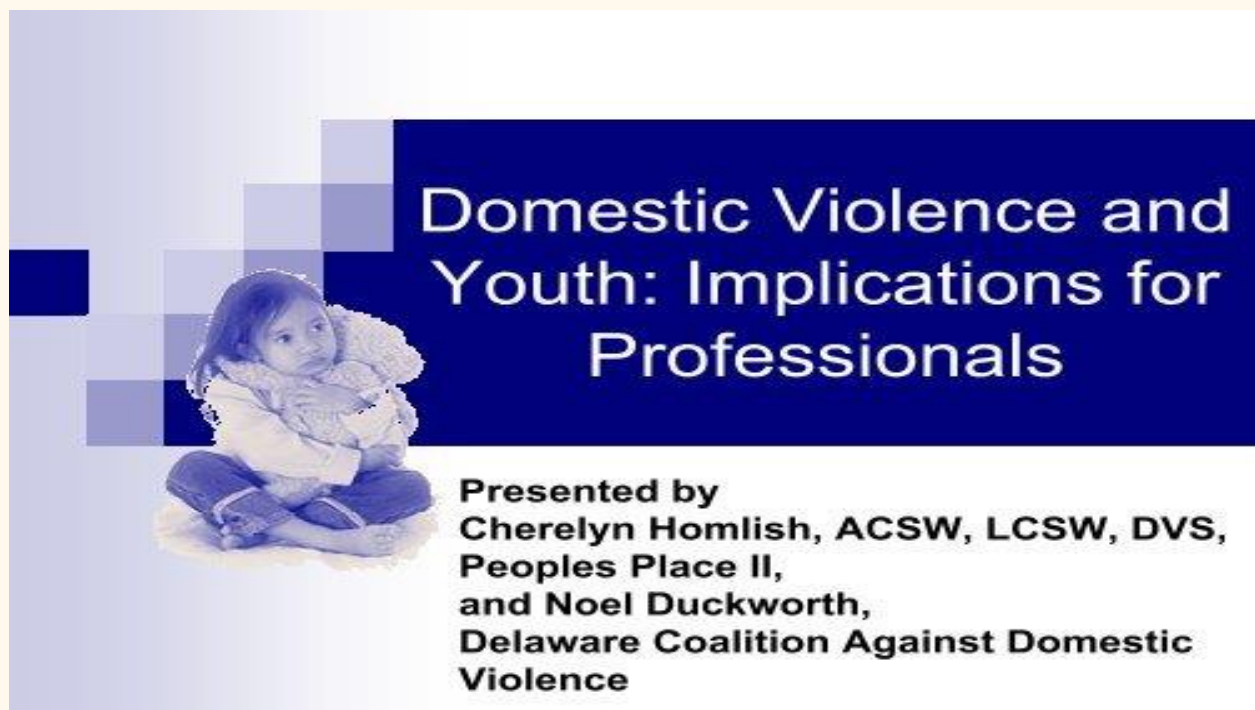


# COVID-19

What's one way that young people are impacted that no one's talking about?

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With the unexpected events taking place since the outbreak of COVID-19, reality has hit hard for most people. Adults face struggles with financing issues and unstable lifestyles. Since the outbreak, there has been so much controversy about stay-at-home orders. But, what about the youth and the younger children that live in unstable households or those who don't cope well with being locked in for too long.

In times, like now, people have been so worried about not being able to work and pay bills due to the lockdown within particular career fields. Now the government is helping to find ways to help financially unstable families. But little do they know in some of those homes could be a domestic habitat. Not only do adults face domestic violence, but teens and younger children do as well. Getting picked on and beat on for no reason. This makes it hard for those youths because their school or outside was their only safe place and with no one to talk to, they fear and find it hard to cope with the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. There is no expected due time for people to return to their normal routines. These younger children live in homes with no food or domestic parents who only care for themselves. Maybe it's not the child that gets abused, but they become scarce when witnessing or being exposed to domestic violence. Whenever the parents receive their funds, it may only be used for their needs. This generation tends to get triggered easy and the suicide rate goes up by the minute. Maybe suicide isn't the answer. But, teens are very prone to being runaways. Some teens or youth may take action and stand up for themselves or the ones they love, but what happens when they face the consequences, do they get justice because it wasn't their fault to abide by stay-at-home requirements. This may become a major downfall for those who have mental issues or exposed to drugs and drug addicts. It's in the best interest that they look into some of these issues and see if there is any way they can seek help for those youths in need. At least try to build or partner with organizations for shelter needs for youth placement. It's good to realize the trouble and the struggle those youths face because there is nowhere they can go.