WHY DOES A PERSON STAY?

Financial Dependence
They have few or no job skills. They fear they will not be able to support themselves and their children.

Embarrassed
About staying in the relationship or about their "failure" as a spouse; parent; or companion.

Belief that it is better for the children
A belief the children need their partner and/or that staying will the partner will provide a better life and they will all be better financially,

Emotional Dependence
They may still be in love with their partner, or their sense of worth/begin is linked to their partner. They may want to avoid the social stigma of a divorce or a broken relationship.

Learned Helplessness
They believe they have no power or control of the situation. Often this is a result of a previous attempt to leave being blocked by the police, counselors, friends, or relatives.

HOPELESS

Guilt
About the "failure" of the marriage/relationship. They may feel they provoked the abuse.

Isolation
They have few or no sources of support, no car, money, or phone.

ASHAMED

AFRAID

ALONE