

# WHY DOES A PERSON STAY?

## 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

## Financial Dependence

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

## Guilt

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

## Embarrassed

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

## Isolation

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

## Belief that it is better for the children

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

## Hope this will be the last time!

## 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.

## ASHAMED

## AFRAID

## ALONE