

# Addressing the Subjects of Family Abuse and Parenting in Canada to Newcomers

Segment # 2 (5:18)

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Session Itinerary, Underlying Theme and  
Discussing Sensitive Subjects

## **Before We Begin:**

- We acknowledge your expertise in providing orientation, information and services to newcomers
- We recognize that family abuse and parenting are not only difficult for newcomers to discuss but also for all orientation facilitators

## **Training Session Content:**

1. The definition and types of family abuse
2. The causes and prevalence of family abuse
3. How to respond to newcomer's disclosures regarding family abuse
4. The orientation video on family abuse, the accompanying Facilitator's Guide, and the website developed for this initiative
5. Parenting practices and possible adjustments after coming to Canada

Abuse is referred to in a number of ways:

- Family Abuse
- Domestic Violence (DV)
- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
- Gender Based Violence (GBV)
- Violence Against Women (VAW)
- Child Abuse
- Elder Abuse

- Recommendation: Use the term Family Abuse in orientation

# Family Abuse...

- No one wants to talk about it.
- People may feel frightened, embarrassed, uncomfortable and anxious because it involves something that is intimate, cherished and close to us all...

*.....OUR FAMILIES*

## Underlying Session Theme and Rationale

*There is a universal theme and a foundational base among all families everywhere and that is...*

*The innate desire for parents to nurture and protect their family*

**Use this theme of the “Nurturing and Protection of the Family” as the underlying theme and rationale in your presentation of the subjects of Family Abuse and Parenting in Canada.**

## **Discussing Sensitive Subjects (Family Abuse and Parenting in Canada)**

- Build a trusting and respectful foundation with clients
  - First layer is the underlying session theme that everyone can relate to – the nurturing and protection of their family
  - Second layer is the trust and respect between you and clients
- The more trust and respect that exists the more newcomers will be open to receiving the information
- Be aware of client's anxiety in discussing these sensitive subjects. Put yourselves in their position and ask, what would make me feel more comfortable to hear and receive this information.