Abuse Assessment Screen

*This tool may be used to quickly screen for domestic violence. Prior to use the agency should have record-keeping and confidentiality standards that ensure against disclosure of participant information and maximize participant safety.*

**Instructions: Circle Yes or No for each question.**

1. Have you ever been emotionally or physically abused by your partner or someone important to you? **YES** **NO**

2. Within the last year, have you been hit, slapped, kicked or otherwise physically hurt by someone? **YES** **NO**

   If YES, by whom? (Circle all that apply)
   - Husband
   - Ex-Husband
   - Boyfriend
   - Stranger
   - Other
   - Multiple

   Total no. of times ____________

3. *(If applicable):* Since you’ve been pregnant, have you been slapped, kicked or otherwise physically hurt by someone? **YES** **NO**

   If YES, by whom? (Circle all that apply)
   - Husband
   - Ex-Husband
   - Boyfriend
   - Stranger
   - Other
   - Multiple

   Total no. of times ____________

4. Within the last year, has anyone forced you to have sexual activities?

   If YES, by whom? (Circle all that apply)
   - Husband
   - Ex-Husband
   - Boyfriend
   - Stranger
   - Other
   - Multiple

   Total no. of times ____________

5. Are you afraid of your partner or anyone you listed above?

   **YES** **NO** **Multiple (please list)**

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**Administration method:** Provide a private and confidential setting. Inform each woman that all women attending this service are being assessed for abuse. Read the Abuse Assessment Screen (AAS) questions to the woman.

**Scoring procedures:** If any questions on the screen are answered affirmatively, the AAS is considered positive for abuse (Weiss, Ernst, Cham, & Nick, 2003).

**Follow-up procedures:** At a minimum, all agencies should offer women with positive screens referral sources and legal options (Soeken et al. 1998).