Abstract

Although researchers have documented the close connection between witnessing domestic violence as a female child and being abused in later relationships, the details of women’s experiences over time are not well understood. Similarly, researchers have only begun to explore the connections between domestic violence and poverty and the profound consequences and damaging correlates of intimate abuse for poor mothers. This research report presents a case study to highlight the intergenerational legacy of domestic violence in poor families and to illuminate the ways public assistance may reinforce or short-circuit women’s susceptibility and resistance.

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