Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) — Maryland Model Police Screen Linking High-Risk Domestic-Violence Victims to Hotlines, Quasi-Experimentally Evaluated

Gender Equality · Good practice · United States of America

Quality score: 89/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Police at a domestic-violence call ask an 11-question lethality screen and phone a hotline for high-risk victims. An NIJ-funded quasi-experiment (414 women, Oklahoma) found less severe violence at 7 months; used in ~37–39 US states.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	3/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-22

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