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Muslim women’s experiences with the CJS in Australia: Reporting IPV

Supporting Survivors of Domestic and Family Violence: Challenges and Recommendations for Justice Responses

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Presentation Covers:

• Acknowledgements
• Why?
• How?
• Police?
• What?
• Implications
Why?

- Absence of IPV research with Australian-Muslims victims experiences with CJS
- Absence of research on why Muslim women don’t report IPV to CJS
- Current existing policies, programs and practices towards IPV in Australia – not meet minority groups’ needs
- Lack of culturally and religiously appropriate services that address needs of Muslims victims with CJS
Why?

RQ1:

• How do Muslim women describe their experiences of the CJS response to IPV in their lives?

• What are the cultural deterrence that prevent Muslim survivors/victims from accessing CJS?
How?

• Interviews
  – Sample size – 11 participants
    • Semi-structured interviews
    • Victims/survivors of IPV
    • Solicited via
      » IWAQ – settlement program
1. Reporting IPV
2. Not reporting IPV
3. Barriers accessing CJS
Implications for policy/practice

- Police training
- Strategies address Muslim victims CJS needs
- Awareness campaigns
- Workshops
- Culturally sensitive (not insensitive) approaches based on empowerment and not shaming
Thank You!

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