

# Checklist: Questions for Survivors

## To Ask Prospective Counselors



What level of training do you have on the topic of intimate partner violence?



How much experience have you had working with clients impacted by intimate partner violence?



Do you understand safety planning? How would you address safety planning when working with clients impacted by domestic violence?



Would you provide couple counseling when a couple is experiencing violence? If so, how would you proceed?



Are you required to assign a diagnosis to all clients you counsel? If so, how do you account for trauma symptoms in your assessment and diagnoses?



Are you familiar with community resources and legal processes related to intimate partner violence?

**Note: It is extremely important to feel comfortable and safe with any counselor you choose to work with.**



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