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## Erie Gay News

**ERIE WOMEN'S MARCH** Erie Women's March on Jan. 21 At least 2,000 people participated. The march was one of over 600 held in the US and around the world in solidarity with the National Women's March in Washington DC, sending a message to President Trump. Its main theme was women's rights but the marches embraced a broader array of persons and issues affected by the Trump agenda: the environment, health care, civil rights, civil liberties, LGBTQ rights, disabled persons, working people, immigration, and so on. Photos and gallery will be on our website soon at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)  
Photo by Deb Spilko



### PACA wants commercial renters

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*from Mark Tanenbaum, PACA Executive Director.*

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### VisitErie's new LGBT page

VisitErie now has a page at <http://www.visiterie.com/explore/lgb/> targeting LGBT visitors to our region that includes a listing of friendly resources, as well as major events. This is part of a long term collaboration effort between VisitErie and area LGBT organizations.

### Cabin Fever Weekend Feb 24-26

*from Erie Sisters and Brothers Transgender Support Group*

Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender Support Group's Cabin Fever Weekend will be held Feb. 24-25 at Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel, 2800 W 8th St., Erie. The event coincides with the annual Bar Stool Open in Erie. For Info or to register a team to participate in the Bar Stool Open, visit [www.mecaerie.org](http://www.mecaerie.org). For reservations at the Clarion, call (814) 833-1116. There is no advance registration for Cabin Fever Weekend. It's a fun weekend where you can do what you please and enjoy dining, dancing, singing, local salons, and just getting out with friends! We meet in the Clarion bar and make plans from there, so come out and join us for a fun weekend. Hope to see you there!

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We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.

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# Community News

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## Youngstown passes LGBTQ-inclusive protections

*from Equality Ohio*

YOUNGSTOWN—On December 21, Youngstown became 16th city in Ohio to protect against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, and public accommodations

Mayor John McNally is proud of the message this sends. “Youngstown City Council’s decision to unanimously support this legislation is proof that our City welcomes everyone to be a part of our expanding community”, said McNally. “I hope that our approval of these important LGBTQ protections, along with similar approvals by 15 other Ohio cities, will embolden the Ohio General Assembly to finally enact statewide LGBTQ protections to make Ohio a truly inclusive state for all people.”

## NW PA Pride Alliance new board and officers

*from NW PA Pride Alliance*

NW PA Pride Alliance board now includes Andrew Caswell, Kyle Hannon, Steve Wadsworth, and Jodi Shay. Officers are President Alex Sphon, Vice President Season Crannell, Secretary Daniel Thomas and Treasurer Michael Mahler. Advisory board has also added Ashton James Smitham and Brittany Arment.

## GEAE End of Year Celebration

*from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality*

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) held their annual end-of-year celebration on Monday December 12, 2016 at the Ambassador Banquet and Conference Center, 7794 Peach St, Erie PA, to thank partners, sponsors, donors, and volunteers for their work this past year. GEAE president Will Koehler spoke of the organization’s accomplishments and events for 2016, including several awareness fundraisers, continuing education and trainings, a new office location, Intersection of Equality held at Penn State Behrend, and an improved website. In 2017, GEAE plans to continue their focus on raising the Municipal Equality Index for the Erie city and surrounding areas, and provide more services for LGBT seniors and youth.



# Same Sex Wedding Show



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# GEAE needs assessment survey

*from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality*

In 2015, GEAE developed a needs assessment survey for the LGBT community to determine what perceptions were regarding services available in the Erie area. 184 people participated in this survey.

Health services, including HIV testing/prevention and mental health services including drug and alcohol counseling are improving, it is still the experience that more work in these areas need to be done, particularly with people who are transgender.

While much of this information is not new, some startling statistics were revealed. Of all the 184 par-

ticipants, only three were people of color participated and the median age was 42. Gender identification was mostly split between males and females, with a small sampling of participants who identified as transgender or genderqueer.

What makes the results startling is that many people checked the Unsure or Unknown box, demonstrating that we don't necessarily know what needs are being met for people outside of our immediate scope. Perhaps gaining a better understanding of our entire community, their needs and their service providers, will help all of us to advocate for each person who is in need. We are hoping that continuing education, advocacy, and outreach will help fill in these gaps. Later this month, an LGBT roundtable will meet to further discuss how to move forward.

Displayed on the opposite page are two charts, one that highlights some of the areas of concern from the study and the other concerns the possibility of an LGBT center in Erie. More information from the study can be found at our website [www.greatereriealliance.com](http://www.greatereriealliance.com).

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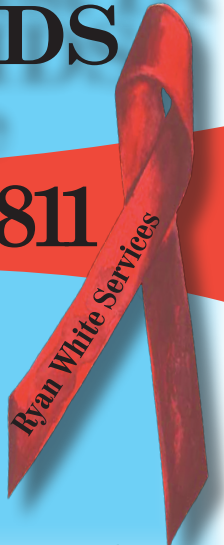


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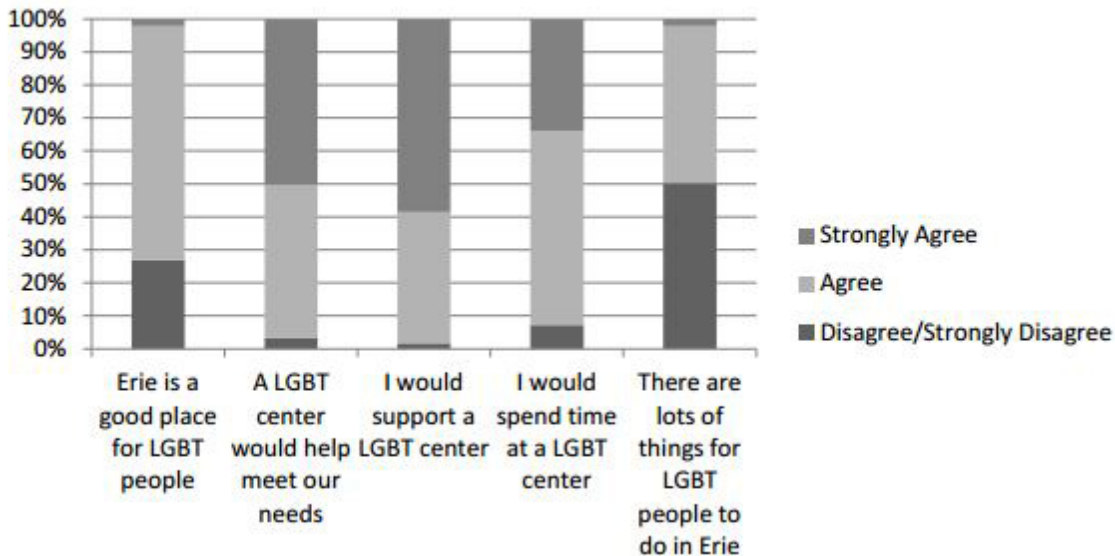
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# GEAE needs assessment survey

## Sample Questions from the Needs Assessment Survey

| Questions   | Not Met | Somewhat Met | Met  | Unsure |
|---|---------|--------------|------|--------|
| Does the Greater Erie area have LGB-competent health care services?                     | 16.8    | 42.4         | 10.9 | 29.9   |
| Does the Greater Erie area have LGB-competent mental health services for youth?         | 28.3    | 29.9         | 5.4  | 36.4   |
| Does the Greater Erie area have somewhere to get advice for trans-related legal issues? | 37.9    | 18.1         | 1.6  | 42.3   |
| Is there LGBT-competent medical/nursing/rehabilitation services for older adults?       | 39.4    | 16.1         | 3.9  | 40.6   |

## Do we want/need a LGBT center?



# Community News

## No charges in officer-involved fatal shooting of transgender man, 23

by Deb Spilko

Mercer County District Attorney Miles Karson Jr. announced there will be no charges in the fatal officer-involved shooting of Sean Hake, a transgender man. The announcement was made at a Jan. 17 press conference following an investigation by Pennsylvania State Police. Karson said the shooting occurred after an “escalation,” and was justified.



Frank Moore, attorney for the family of Sean Hake, said the family is disputing the findings. Moore stated that Hake had a “significant emotional and mental health history“ but never anything involving weapons or deadly force. He was not able to say what steps the family might take.

On Jan 6, officers responded to a 911 call from Hake’s mother, Cynthia Loya. Loya told the dispatcher that Hake had held a razor to her neck and threatened to kill her. She also added that Hake said he would cut his own throat if police were called, and she stated that that there were firearms in the house. Loya had escaped her house, and was making the call from her car.

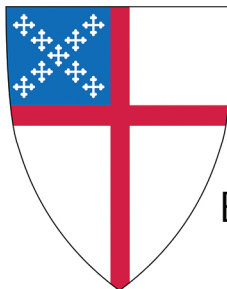
According to accounts from responding officers, when they arrived at the Sharon, Pa. home, they found Hake sitting in a car, bleeding from the wrist and holding a utility knife in his hand. Officers said they called for an ambulance and tried to talk to Hake, who got out of the car. They said Hake did not comply when commanded to drop the knife and get on the ground, telling officers they would have to kill him or he would kill them. Officers stated that when he approached an officer, he was shot.

The Pennsylvania ACLU had asked for an investigation in the days following the shooting.

Autopsy and toxicology results were not released at this writing.

Links to several videos can be found in the online version of this article at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com). These include the complete press conference, comments from the family’s attorney, and the mother’s 911 call.

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thru Feb 11 - "Steve" (Buffalo United Artists, Alleyway Theatre, Buffalo NY) A portrait of a group of longtime, theater-loving friends as they navigate the many facets of midlife and mortality [www.buffalobua.or](http://www.buffalobua.or)

Jan 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWPA (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA ) 2 - 5 PM. Contact: Caitlyn (814) 823-1969. [Caitlynxpress@gmail.com](mailto:Caitlynxpress@gmail.com). [www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA](http://www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA).

Jan 28 (Sat) - Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender Support Group meets (Unitarian-Universalist Cong. of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 7 PM. (440) 265-8191. [shub1@suite224.net](mailto:shub1@suite224.net). [erisesisters.ning.com](http://erisesisters.ning.com)

Jan 28 (Sat) - Drag Night (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. [JoshuaSean2009@aol.com](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@aol.com). [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

Jan 29 (Sun) - Crime Victim Center Annual Cornhole Tournament (Maennerchor Club 1607 State Street, Erie, PA) "Sessions at 12 and 4pm. Registration on our website at [cvcerie.org](http://cvcerie.org) and \$50/2 person team includes food."

Feb 1 (Wed) - LBT Women of Erie go to "Don't Think Twice" screening (Erie Art Museum, 20 E 5th St, Erie, PA) Cost \$5. Doors open at 6p.m. Movie 7 p.m. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512 [ErieBeans@aol.com](mailto:ErieBeans@aol.com). [www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE](http://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE).

Feb 3 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA) 6 PM - 8 PM.

Feb 4 (Sat) - Masquerade Ball (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership re-

quired, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. [JoshuaSean2009@aol.com](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@aol.com). [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

Feb 5 (Sun) - TransFamily Youth Transgender Support Group meets 2 PM - 5 PM. We provide a safe space for all youth who fit somewhere in the gender spectrum, or who are questioning, to share their experiences and to obtain support from others who have had similar experiences. We welcome anyone 21 and younger who identifies as gender-variant. We also support the community through advocacy efforts and education to the larger cisgender community, and we attend to charges of discrimination experienced by transgender youth in Erie County. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. [caitlynxpress@gmail.com](mailto:caitlynxpress@gmail.com). [www.facebook.com/groups/TransFamilyYouth](http://www.facebook.com/groups/TransFamilyYouth)

Feb 7 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner #44 (Thai Eatery, 5641 Peach St, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. "Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and conversation! Dinner is on your own." Contact: Gary (814) 446-2327. [info@drenchedfur.com](mailto:info@drenchedfur.com). [www.drenchedfur.com](http://www.drenchedfur.com).



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**Feb 10 (Fri) - Zone Dance Club Divas’ Valentine’s Day Show** (Zone, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. . www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

**Feb 11 (Sat) - Erie LGBT Rainbow Alliance meets** (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 1 - 3 PM. Co-facilitators: Chelsea Nicole, Dale Allgeier, LCSW. (814) 455-4009. ErieLGBTRainbowAlliance@gmail.com

**Feb 11 (Sat) TransFamily of Meadville Transgender Support Group** (CHAPS Building, first floor, 944 Liberty St., Meadville, PA - NOTE NEW LOCATION) 2-5 PM. Contact: Richelle Kohler. richellekohler@hotmail.com. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA.

**Feb 11 (Sat) - Valentine’s Day Party** (M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, membership

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**Feb 11 (Sat) - Veronyca’s Showgirls Decades of Divas Show** (Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 119, 201 West State Street, Olean, NY) 10 PM. \$6 cover (\$5 if COLORS member)

**Feb 12 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets** (Brew Ha Ha at the Colony, 2612 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 12 PM. Followed by Free Sunday visit to Erie Art Museum. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

**Feb 12 (Sun) - Aging With Pride meets** (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 - 6 PM. “Safe, comfortable space for the older LGBT individual.”(814) 455-4009. daleallgeier@outlook.com.

**Feb 13 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News March 2017 print edition** (Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA) (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

**Feb 14 (Tue) - Youngstown PFLAG meets** (St. John’s Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH ) 6:30 PM. Contact: Marguerite youngstownareapflag@gmail.com. www.youngstownpflag.org/.

**Feb 15 (Wed) - Moonlight (2016) screening** (Erie Art Museum, 411 State St, Erie, PA) (LBT Women will be going to this.) Cost \$5. Doors open 6p.m. Movie 7 p.m. www.moonlight-movie.com. www.erieartmuseum.org.



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[www.cbs.com/shows/doubt/](http://www.cbs.com/shows/doubt/)

**Feb 16 (Thu) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets** (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA) 1 PM. [www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork/](http://www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork/).

**Feb 17 - Mar 5 - "A Chorus Line"** (Erie Playhouse, 13 W. 10th) [www.erieplayhouse.org](http://www.erieplayhouse.org) "One singular sensation!" [www.erieplayhouse.org/](http://www.erieplayhouse.org/)

**Feb 18 (Sat) - 80's Night** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. (. [JoshuaSean2009@aol.com](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@aol.com) . [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Feb 19 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE**

**Drag Show** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. "This show is a joint birthday show for Michelle Michaels and welcome Home Velvet Lace! Don't miss a fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests." [TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com](mailto:TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com).



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**Feb 21 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party** (Lake Erie Counseling, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA 7 PM. Contact: Mike (814) 456-9833. [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com).

**Feb 21 (Tue) - PFLAG Meadville meets** (Stone United Methodist Church, 956 S Main St, Meadville, PA) 7 PM. Contact: Randy Herbert-Weed. (814) 724-6736. [meadvillepflag@gmail.com](mailto:meadvillepflag@gmail.com). [www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGMeadville/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGMeadville/).

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**Feb 23-26 (Thu - Sun) "A Man of No Importance"** Mercyhurst University, Taylor Little Theatre, Erie PA

'When Alfie Byrne attempts to put on an amateur production of Oscar Wilde's Salome in the local church hall in 1964, he confronts the forces of bigotry and shame over a love 'that dare not speak its name.'". [miac.mercyhurst.edu](http://miac.mercyhurst.edu)

**Feb 23-Mar 18 - "Stop Kiss"** Subversive Theatre, Buffalo NY. "breathtakingly honest glimpse at love, fear, homophobia, and hate crime as two young ladies come to the brink of discovering something beautiful just as the bigots close in." [subversivetheatre.org](http://subversivetheatre.org)

**Feb 24 & 25 (Fri-Sat) - Family Acceptance Project: Increasing Family Support & Building Healthy Futures for LGBT Youth** Featured presenter Caitlin Ryan PhD, ACSW Allison Park PA and Meadville PA. Presented by Western Pennsylvania Reconciling Ministries. This program is offered for 6 hours of social work continuing education (412)624-3711 [www.stpaulsumc.com](http://www.stpaulsumc.com)

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**Feb 27-Mar 2 - "When We Rise"** ABC 9PM. Docudrama miniseries "Chronicles the real-life personal and political struggles, set-backs and triumphs of a diverse family of LGBT men and women who helped pioneer one of the last legs of the U.S. Civil Rights movement" Based in part on Cleve Jones' memoir of the same name. [abcaccess.com/abc\\_show/when-we-rise/](http://abcaccess.com/abc_show/when-we-rise/)

**Mar 5 & 8 - "All About Eve" (1950)** (Tinseltown, Erie PA) Part of TCM Big Screen Classics series.

**Mar 30 - Apr 2 - Drenched Fur 13** [www.drenchedfur.com](http://www.drenchedfur.com)



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**CINDY MARSH** sporting her pink hat at the Erie Women's March Jan. 21, which was one of over 600 women's march events that took place the day after Donald Trump was sworn in as president. More photos will be posted on our website at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com) Photo by Mike Mahler

## Online Contests

Here are new contests for this month...

| Contest  | Begins      |
|--|-------------|
| Digital copy of <i>Alarm</i> from Anne-Marie                     | January 27  |
| <i>Book Tales</i> by David G. Hallman                            | January 31  |
| Digital copy of <i>Slumber Party</i> remixes from Britney Spears | February 3  |
| <i>Move Your Body</i> from Sia on vinyl                          | February 7  |
| <i>Fall</i> DVD  | February 10 |

Here are contests which are currently active...

| Contest   | Ends        |
|---|-------------|
| <i>Rainbow Gap</i> by Lee Lynch                           | January 27  |
| <i>Just Say</i> from KDA feat. Tinashe                    | January 31  |
| <i>Boystown Season 6</i>                                  | February 3  |
| <i>Retake</i> DVD   | February 7  |
| <i>The Secret Life of Lilykins</i>                        | February 10 |
| Pair of tickets to <i>A Chorus Line</i> at Erie Playhouse | February 14 |

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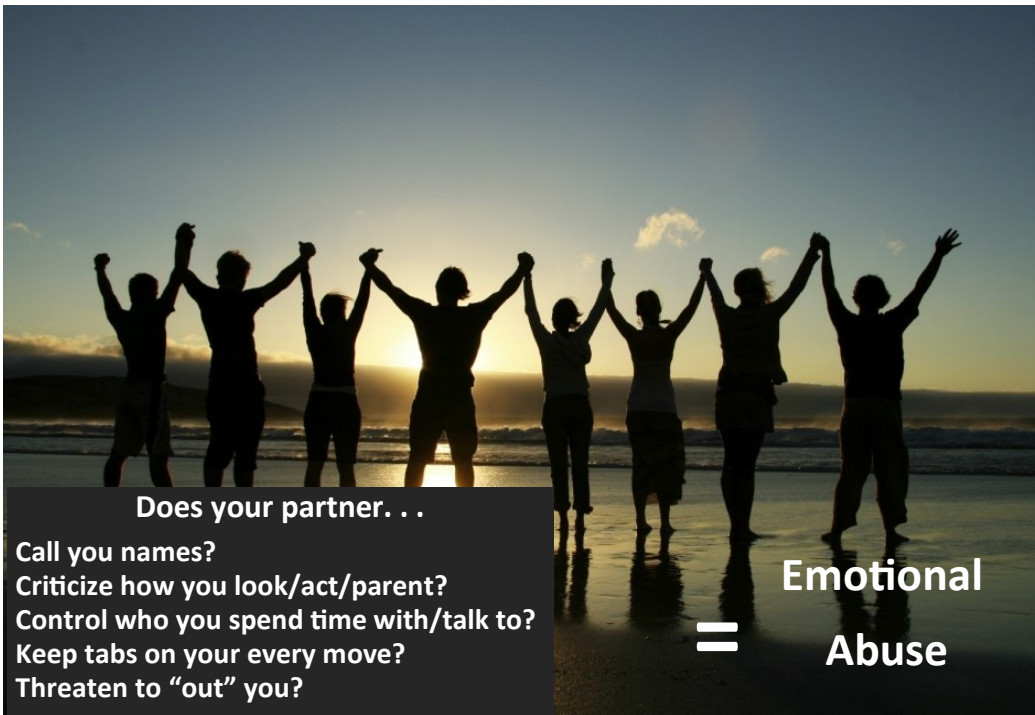
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