

Q6 Describe community factors which may impact the trends in domestic violence and child abuse, including but not limited to, access to family counseling and mental health support.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Unemployment, substance abuse, stigma of seeking mental health support	6/24/2025 2:08 PM
2	mental health and self-medicating loss of income or sole provider in the home due to crime lack of education and support	6/24/2025 12:02 PM
3	Access to training, mentors, after school activities, jobs, family counseling	6/24/2025 10:49 AM
4	Access to individual therapists and lack of timely ability to find appropriate evaluations of mental health conditions.	6/24/2025 10:19 AM
5	Single parent households with a live-in.	6/23/2025 8:12 PM
6	Everyone is in a bad way financially and stress increases. Some of the mental health services in Alabama are sub par.	6/23/2025 3:36 PM
7	Systemic poverty, lack of access to resources, lack of jobs for parents leading to increased stress	6/23/2025 2:31 PM
8	Mental health treatment	6/23/2025 10:31 AM
9	Post covid has brought out more anger in many individuals and more aggressive behaviors.	6/23/2025 10:25 AM
10	Poverty Indifference Lack of knowledge	6/23/2025 9:29 AM
11	Unemployment and mental health	6/23/2025 9:20 AM
12	Access (or lack of) to intervention services, poverty, need for education about risk factors & better understanding of intergenerational cycles of concern.	6/17/2025 7:12 PM
13	Mental health support, economic instability, and lack of resources.	6/10/2025 11:21 AM
14	Lack of education	6/9/2025 1:54 PM
15	Poverty, hidden segregation, lack of viable opportunities and finances that would afford the abused to have better options.	6/8/2025 4:17 PM
16	Lack of Counseling and support is a factor. Also low income and job security is important. Financial education is crucial also.	6/7/2025 8:26 AM
17	Poverty, lack of morals in the home, lack of father in home environment, and illiteracy.	6/6/2025 11:53 AM
18	Access to family counseling and mental health support can impact the trend if there is an increase in number of incidents.	6/6/2025 11:42 AM
19	Mental health identification	6/5/2025 5:37 PM
20	POVERTY NO POSITIVE INFLUENCE ENVIRONMENT	6/5/2025 4:52 PM
21	While the lack of mental health resources is certainly a problem, I would argue that poverty and workforce demands are more of an influence on child abuse rates. Because the economy is so bad, parents are having to work more in order to try and survive - this causes them to have less capacity for their children and/or rely on less trustworthy people for childcare. In terms of domestic violence, many women feel stuck in abusive relationships because of financial ties to their partners.	6/5/2025 2:47 PM
22	limited access to mental health support, poverty, poor living conditions, transportation, food insecurity.	6/5/2025 2:12 PM

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23	Lack of available resources : Housing, transportation, child care	6/5/2025 1:32 PM
24	Again, poverty plays a big role in the increase in both domestic violence and abuse. Stress causes people to express their anger in inappropriate ways.	6/5/2025 1:30 PM
25	Lack of resources, increasing prices & country division.	6/5/2025 1:10 PM
26	Lack of financial resources and unemployment rate.	6/5/2025 9:59 AM
27	poverty, passive culture, toxic masculinity	6/5/2025 9:48 AM
28	Lack of insurance coverage or financial resources to see a therapist or counselor on a regular basis.	6/5/2025 9:44 AM
29	it is difficult to find mental health services, most adults are uninsured, children with medicaid often get put on long waiting lists for services	6/5/2025 9:43 AM
30	Mom's aren't able to work and make their own money due to a lack of childcare. This leaves them completely dependent on the abuser and make it's harder to leave without proper resources in place.	6/5/2025 8:37 AM
31	Barriers to meeting basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter.	6/5/2025 7:57 AM
32	IDK	6/4/2025 8:41 PM
33	increased mental health issues and not enough providers	6/3/2025 11:31 AM
34	A lack of mental health providers, especially those who accept Medicaid, which many of my patients use.	6/3/2025 10:54 AM
35	Lack of prevention education funding	6/3/2025 9:39 AM
36	Poverty and lack of knowledge of resources.	6/2/2025 4:01 PM
37	lack of transportation to get help. Women afraid to leave the abusive situation. We need stronger laws and punishment to protect men/women that are being abused.	6/2/2025 1:04 PM
38	Too much independence for kids since there parents maybe working. Children raising themselves.	6/2/2025 12:59 PM
39	I think there isn't enough counselors and trained individuals to offer assistance to the families. Some of the communities have job issues, decline in work hours and living impoverished.	6/2/2025 11:56 AM
40	Services for victims and perpetrators	6/2/2025 8:21 AM
41	poverty, social determinants of health	6/1/2025 10:40 PM
42	mental health support transportation jobs	5/29/2025 11:31 AM
43	Poverty	5/28/2025 4:18 PM
44	access to affordable MH care for children	5/28/2025 3:26 PM
45	more family counseling and mental health support should help lower it	5/28/2025 2:47 PM
46	The increased use of drugs and gateway drugs.	5/28/2025 2:38 PM
47	Lack of social support, access to counseling, stigma of mental health	5/28/2025 2:07 PM
48	Mental health should be normalized	5/28/2025 1:32 PM
49	drug abuse, money issues	5/27/2025 3:43 PM
50	Tense home situations due to low finances/poverty	5/27/2025 1:31 PM
51	Substance abuse, Mental Health	5/24/2025 1:12 PM
52	Employment	5/23/2025 5:54 PM
53	Employment and the lack of income to provide Drug and alcohol abuse	5/23/2025 1:38 PM
54	Limited mental health resources Transportation issues Stigma and shame related to getting help High turnover at DHR Unresponsive support staff	5/23/2025 12:10 PM

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55	Mental health support	5/23/2025 11:38 AM
56	lack of mental health support	5/23/2025 11:32 AM
57	Family stressors, drug abuse, poverty.	5/23/2025 9:54 AM
58	I think it's accessible but people are not acknowledging or taking advantage of the MH resources out of fear of being judged.	5/22/2025 6:41 PM
59	Sustained poverty and lack of legal economic opportunity. Exacerbated devaluing of marginalized populations with the Trump Administrations removal of DEI work.	5/22/2025 4:33 PM
60	QUALITY Mental Heath Counseling	5/22/2025 3:36 PM
61	Lack of access to resources for escaping DV, lack of recourses for parents	5/22/2025 11:41 AM
62	unemployment, poor housing, unsafe neighborhoods, substance abuse.	5/22/2025 11:30 AM
63	Poverty, substance abuse, disordered mental health and social isolation.	5/22/2025 10:24 AM
64	Shelters or placements that accept older children specifically Male children. Resources	5/22/2025 9:56 AM
65	Idk	5/22/2025 9:42 AM
66	Faith of a family and generational sins can impact trends in violence and child abuse.	5/22/2025 9:29 AM
67	Transportation, job opportunities, mental health support, access to social services	5/22/2025 9:24 AM
68	lack of access to community resources	5/22/2025 9:12 AM
69	Alcohol and drug abuse Community violence Inequality (Cultural and Social norms) Limited access to mental health services Lack of legal support and child protection agencies Lack of educational attainment. Lack of community support (Social isolation)	5/22/2025 9:11 AM
70	The lack of housing and community resources to support families.	5/22/2025 9:09 AM
71	I think that access to counseling services is important.	5/22/2025 8:22 AM
72	Relationship	5/22/2025 8:14 AM
73	Lack of jobs, increase in drug and alcohol abuse, lack of outreach support, song/rap lyrics that prove disrespectful toward women.	5/20/2025 1:36 PM
74	definitely access to mental health and family counseling but also the adults involved have to be willing to access this support when it is made available. I don't think services that are available are utilized as much as they could be.	5/20/2025 8:07 AM
75	Not enough family engagement community activities	5/20/2025 4:09 AM
76	I don't know.	5/19/2025 1:25 PM
77	Police protection of victims enforcement in the courts reporting abuse education to the public on abuse	5/19/2025 11:28 AM
78	Mental Health is limited for patients over 19 - Medicaid does not cover MH services for anyone over the age of 19 unless they receive SSI. Medicaid should expand MH benefits to parents of children 5 and under. Affordable housing is a barrier for women seeking to leave DV situations. Transportation is a huge problem. Bus routes are fragmented and hard to understand. Transportation limits access to services; many resources are located in Homewood or Vestavia outside of the zones of need.	5/19/2025 10:36 AM
79	Disenfranchised men with little to no access to beneficial mental health support	5/19/2025 10:00 AM
80	There probably are a lack of reports but not due to people trying to make them. DHR is seriously understaffed and the phones at Jefferson County have gone unanswered at times. Child welfare needs an overhaul.	5/19/2025 9:50 AM
81	Lack of affordable and accessible mental health support, poverty	5/19/2025 9:41 AM
82	Knowledge of confidential community resources, accessibility of substance abuse and mental health resources, law enforcement training	5/19/2025 9:39 AM
83	There is a lack of local church engagement. Child welfare and local churches can work	5/19/2025 9:05 AM

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together on behalf of families. In-home parenting education and services fall short because they do not address the relational needs of parents/families. Parents, especially single parents, need more community. This need can be met through local church involvement.

84	Poverty, large numbers of people living in one house.	5/19/2025 9:02 AM
85	Substance use, of course mental health, poverty,	5/19/2025 8:52 AM
86	Lack of parental involvement/lack of caring; more access via peers;	5/19/2025 8:50 AM
87	poverty, lack of early childcare options, substance abuse	5/19/2025 8:34 AM
88	Counseling resources and financial instability.	5/19/2025 8:32 AM