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A group photograph of nursing researchers and activists at Denison Memorial Library, University of Colorado, Denver

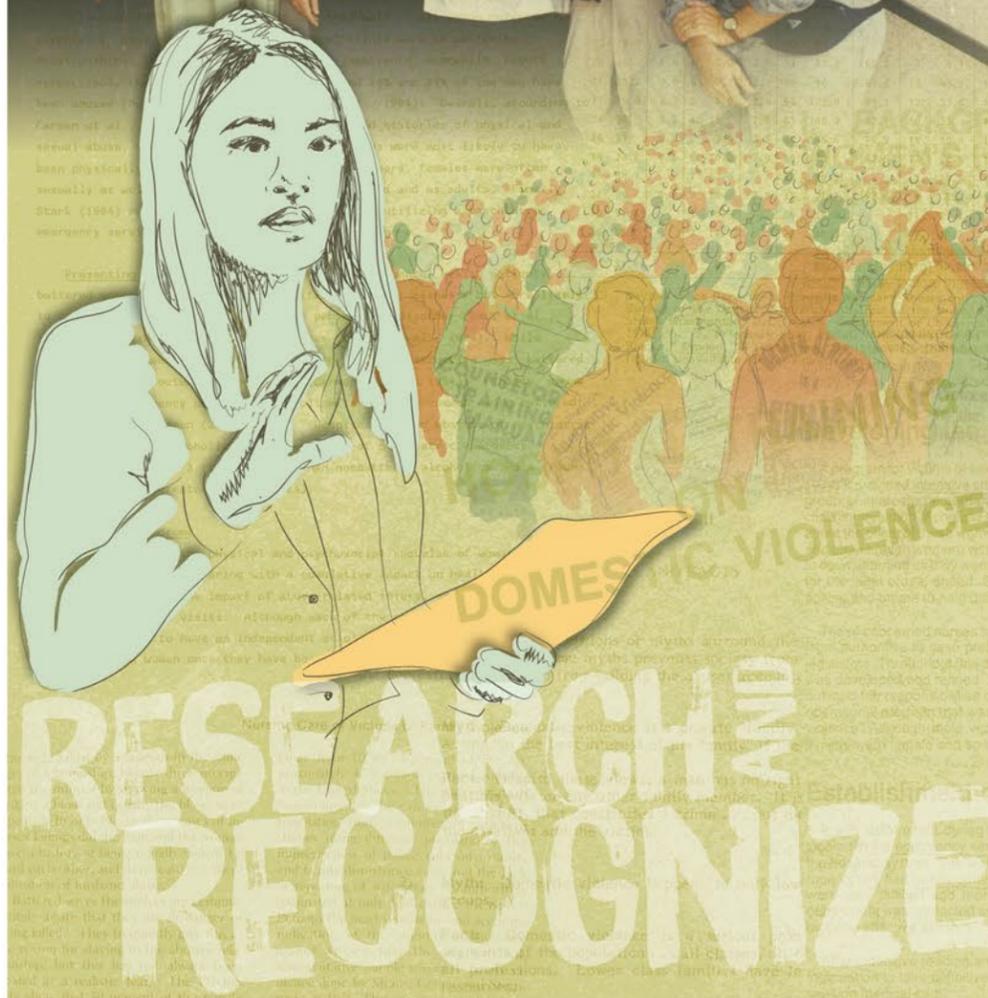
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During the 1990s, these nurses, all members of the Nursing Consortium on Violence and Abuse, conducted three major research projects on domestic violence and health, all funded by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health.

From left to right: Yvonne Ulrich, Laura McKenna, Barbara Parker, Karen Landenburger, Judith McFarlane, Christine King, Josephine Ryan, Doris Campbell, Jacquelyn Campbell, Daniel Sheridan



Denison Memorial Library  
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1995 National Organization for Women (NOW) anti-violence rally, Washington, DC

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In the mid-1990s, the movement against domestic violence continued to fight for change nationwide. Across the country, activists gathered in support of victims of domestic violence and called for an end to violence.



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GUIDELINES FOR THE TREATMENT OF BATTERED WOMEN VICTIMS IN EMERGENCY ROOM SETTINGS

# CONFRONTING VIOLENCE:

## IMPROVING WOMEN'S LIVES

**ACTIVISTS AND REFORMERS** in the United States have long recognized the harm of domestic violence and sought to improve the lives of women who were battered.

During the late 20th century, nurses took up the call. With passion and persistence they worked to reform a medical profession that overwhelmingly failed to acknowledge violence against women as a serious health issue. Beginning in the late 1970s, nurses were in the vanguard as they pushed the larger medical community to identify victims, adequately respond to their needs, and work towards the prevention of domestic violence. This is their story.



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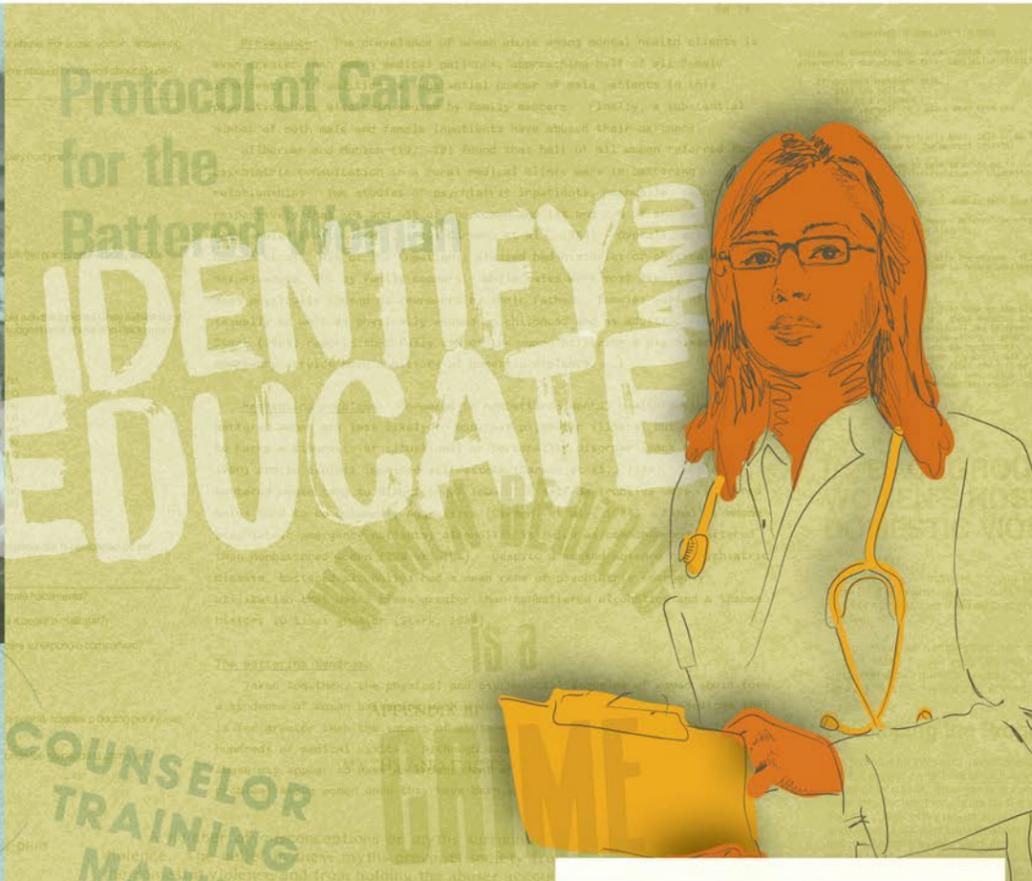
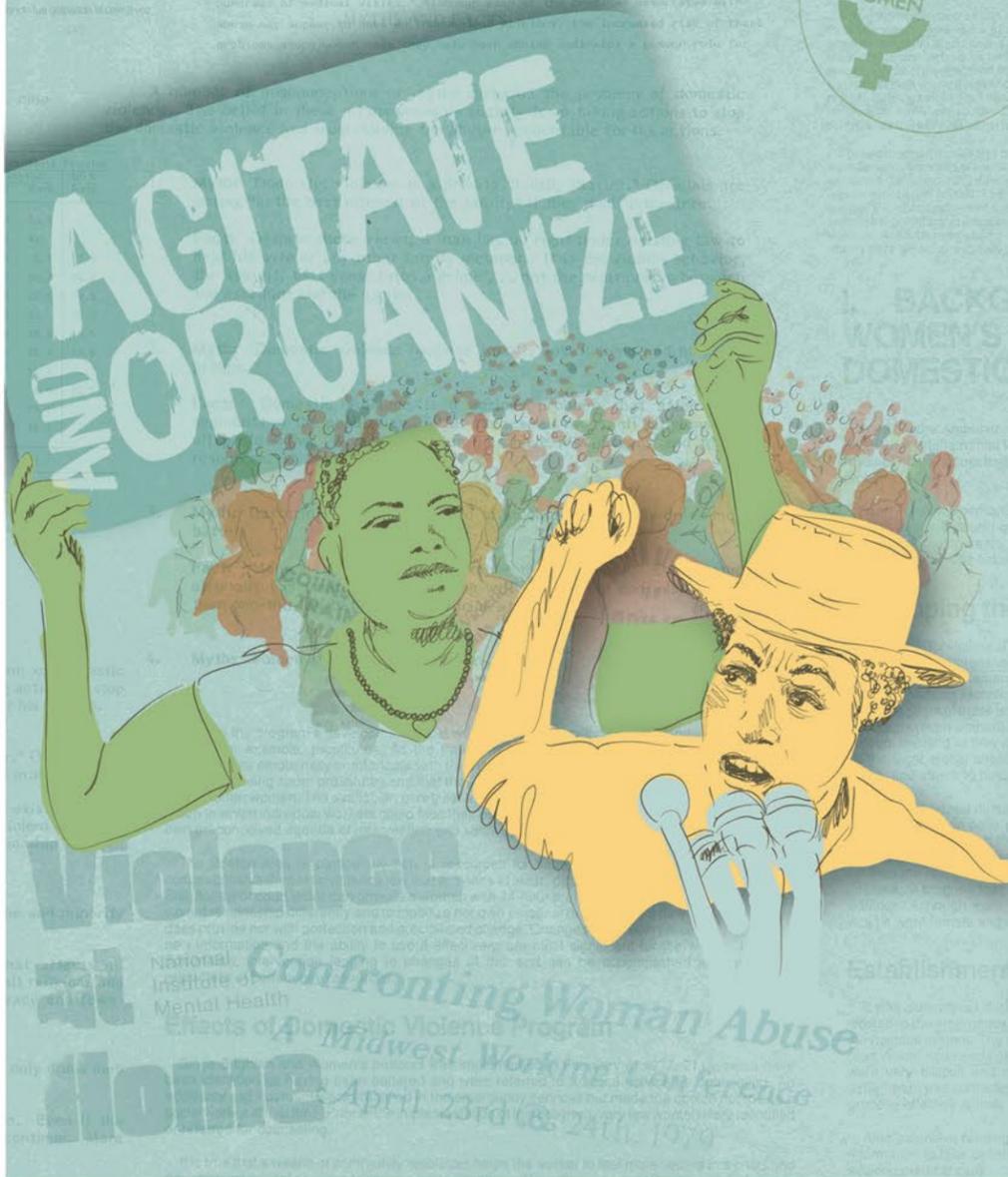
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**AUGUST 26, 1976** Women rally in City Hall Plaza, in Boston to speak out against violence against women

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**1989**  
The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists defines for member physicians "The Battered Woman"

Courtesy American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' first bulletin on domestic violence outlined the definition, incidence, and public health impact of abuse, and stressed the importance of identifying victims and providing methods for medical intervention.



Surgeon General's Workshop on Violence and Public Health Report

**1985**  
Surgeon General's Workshop on Violence and Public Health: Report, Health Resources and Services Administration

Courtesy National Library of Medicine

The surgeon general's workshop on Violence and Public Health brought together over 150 experts from across disciplines to discuss recommendations on the evaluation, prevention, and treatment of violence, including child abuse, child sexual abuse, rape and sexual assault, and spouse abuse.

Leesburg, Virginia



**OCTOBER 25, 1992** Activists with the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence participate in the first Jane Doe Walk for Women's Safety in Boston

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As the movement against domestic violence evolved, women of color and immigrant women called attention to their specific needs.

