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INSTRUMENT TITLE: Safer and Stronger Program (SSP) – Risk Items

SOURCE ARTICLE: Curry, M.A., Renker, P., Hughes, R., Robinson-Whelen, S., Oswald, M., Swank, P., & Powers, L. (2009). Development of Measures of Abuse Among Women With Disabilities and the Characteristics of Their Perpetrators. *Violence Against Women*. 15(9): 1001-1025

POPULATION: heterosexual, women, African American

RESPONSE OPTIONS: Yes/No

SCORING: The last item, asking about a gun being used against them or to threaten, is not included in analysis

SURVEY ITEMS: The instrument has already been formatted by the author, please see attached

RELIABILITY INFORMATION: Cronbach's $\alpha = 0.705$

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Table 2
Perpetrator Risk Characteristic Questions Used
in the Safer and Stronger Program

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1. Is the person someone you depend on for personal care (like dressing, bathing, or using the toilet?)
 Yes No
 2. Is the person someone who drinks too much or abuses drugs?
 Yes No Don't Know
 3. Is the person someone who controls whether you get the services and health care you need?
 Yes No
 4. Is the person someone who controls most of your daily activities?
 Yes No
 5. Is the person someone who gets jealous or has severe fits of anger?
 Yes No
 6. Is the person someone who decides whether or not you see your family and friends?
 Yes No
 7. Is the person someone who makes you afraid they would or actually has hurt your pet, children, or someone else important to you?
 Yes No
 8. Is the person someone who has hurt other people?
 Yes No Don't Know
 9. As time goes by, is the abuse getting worse or happening more often?
 Yes No
 10. Has the person ever tried to choke you?
 Yes No
 11. Has the person ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a lethal weapon?
 Yes No
 12. If "yes," was the weapon a gun?
 Yes No
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Setting and Sample

A detailed description of the setting and sample are reported elsewhere (Oschwald et al., 2009). Participants who self-identified as experiencing a disability consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act (1990; that is, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities) were recruited from various community agencies and organizations in southeast Texas, southwest Washington, and Oregon. The characteristics of the women who completed the SSP at T1 and T2 were not significantly different. In general, participants were middle-aged (mean age = 50.75, *SD* = 12.87) White (57%) or African American (31%) women who lived alone (67.9%). Only 32% were married or partnered. Their average annual household income was US\$11,813, despite the fact that 70% reported attending some college. Most women (69%) reported experiencing more than one disability, 54% reported using one or more assistive devices, and 48% used personal assistance.