## **Domestic Violence among Women in Louisiana**

In 2013, Louisiana had the 4<sup>th</sup> highest homicide rate among female victims murdered by males<sup>1</sup>.



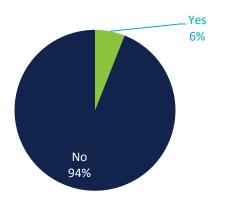
## Domestic violence related deaths by gender, Louisiana, 2010-2012<sup>2</sup>



## **Domestic violence during pregnancy**

Domestic violence during pregnancy has been linked to depression, substance abuse, smoking, anemia, first and second trimester bleeding, and a reduction in birth weight.<sup>3</sup>

% of women who reported being physically abused during their most recent pregnancy, Louisiana, 2011<sup>4</sup>



## Look for the signs

Individual Risk Factors for Domestic Violence:<sup>5</sup>

- Low income
- Low academic achievement
- Young age
- Heavy alcohol and drug use
- Depression
- Unemployment
- Prior history of being physically abused