

Lifetime Spiral of Gender Violence

Infographic of white spiral on orange background. Starting from the center and spiraling outwards is blue text: 

Infant: 
Female foeticide, sex-selected abortion; infanticide; mal/under-nourishment by withholding nutritious food; medical care withheld.

Child: 
Little or no schooling; child labor; child prostitution; physical abuse; neglect; abandonment; incest; sexual abuse; molestation; abusive "teasing" by sibling; virgin cleansing. 

Teenager: 
Coerced sexual initiation, rape; forced marriage to parents' choice, much older man, teen's rapist; ignorance about sex, anatomy, sexual health; control of sexuality and sexual orientation; trafficked; forced into prostitution; cyber-stalking by boyfriend or unknown predators; date violence; harassment, public lewdness; sexual harassment by extended family, teachers, coaches, peers. 

Young adult: 
Date violence, drug-facilitated rape; rape, including wartime rape; denied choice of marriage partner and/or sexual orientation; dowry-related deaths; intimate partner violence; sexual harassment at work, college.

Adult: 
Domestic violence; same-sex domestic violence; violence by fathers-, mothers-,sisters-, brothers-in-law and natal family members; sexual abuse includes marital rape, forced to watch and imitate pornographic acts, extreme sexual neglect or coldness; economic abuse includes ruined credit, gambling; isolation, permanent or temporary abandonment; battery during pregnancy; coerced into criminal activity; extreme exploitation of household labor; sexual harassment by employers, other employees, fathers-, brothers-in-law, clergy, therapists, doctors; victim-blaming, rejection by community; forced into unprotected sex, infected with STDs, STIs, HIV; denying mothers access to, custody of, children, international abduction/kidnapping; intimate homicide, femicide, honor killings; withholding adequate food, clothing, daily necessities; stalking, cyber-stalking.

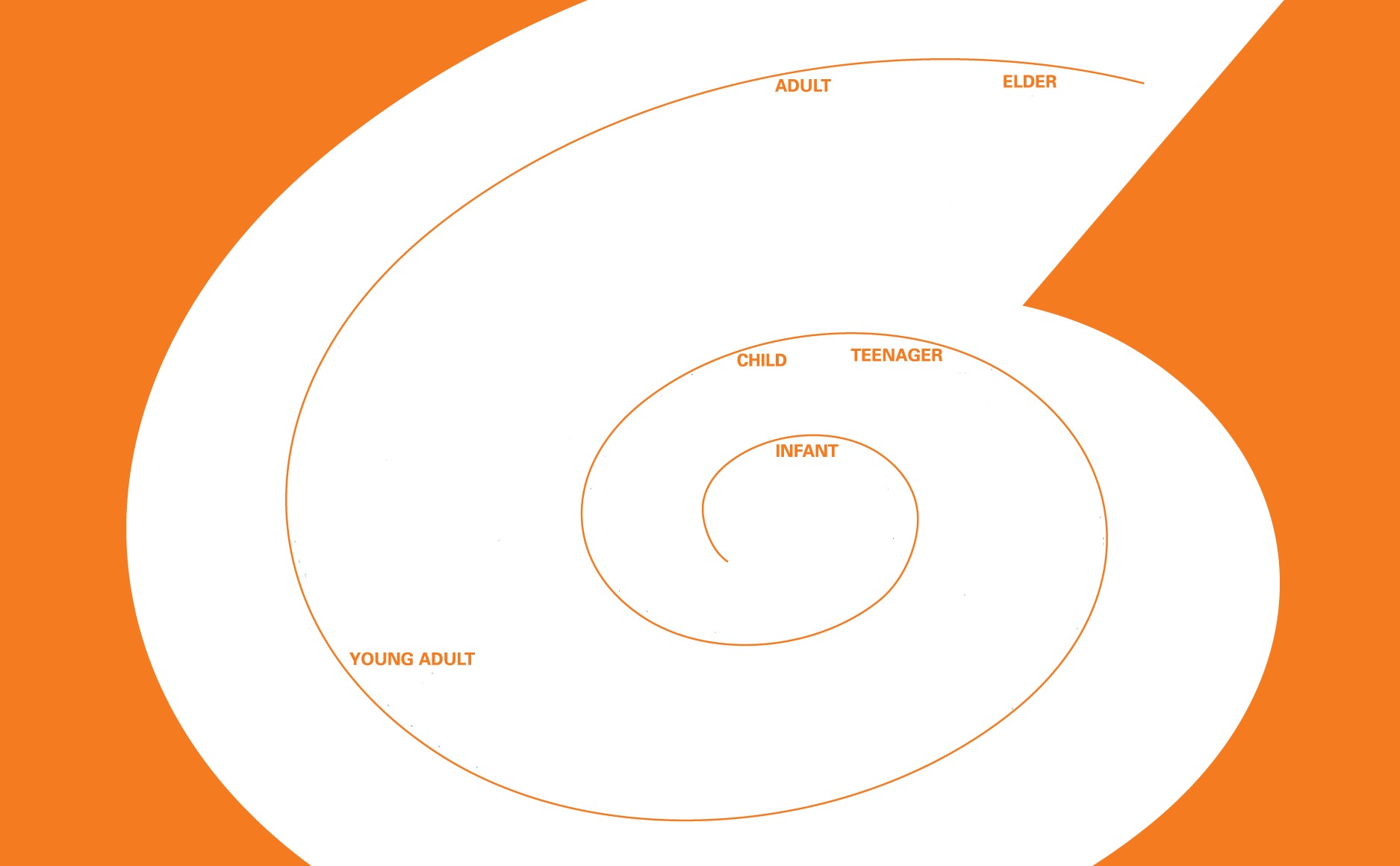
Elder: 
Physical abuse by adult children, caretakers; spousal abuse; exploitation of household labor, child care; withholding health care, medications, daily necessities; demeaning widowhood; coerced suicide pacts or mercy killings.

Circle the types of violence that

1. You have experienced; write "ME" next to it
2. Your family and friends have experienced; write "F" next to it. Cross out the types of violence that do not apply to your community.

If you wish to, please write in your ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have anything to add? Permission to adapt this script for different communities is granted.

The Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence would appreciate if you let us know how you have used the Lifetime Spiral of Gender Violence and if you adapted it, please send us the adapted version at info@api-gbv.org