**Domestic Violence Prevention in the CNMI Outline:**

**Introduction:**

* Domestic Violence on the CNMI exists even in such a small community
	+ 2013 had 134 domestic violence cases (Camacho 2014)
* Victims in this case usually don’t report the crimes
	+ There are many reasons as to why they do not report such as love for the batterer, feeling of uselessness, etc. (Fisher 2015)
* Domestic violence can occur in any household
* **Thesis Statement:** Domestic violence is a horrible crime that traumatizes anyone who witnesses the event. There are many signs that show domestic violence and we need to know the things that we can do to prevent domestic violence.

**Body Paragraphs: Main ideas (Characteristics of domestic violence, and prevention methods):**

**Paragraph 1: Characteristics of domestic violence**

* The abuser wants to have control over the victim
	+ Abuse usually starts with financial abuse, causing the victim to become dependent on the abuser (Fisher 2015)
* Domestic violence can happen daily
	+ Can start from shouting and shoving to something much worse (Massey-Hight 2017)
* There are many different forms of domestic violence
	+ physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, and psychological aggression (Massey-Hight 2017)

**Paragraph 2: Prevention Methods**

* Primary Prevention Method (1st stage to prevent D.V.)
	+ Spreading awareness of domestic violence (Wolfe & Jaffe 1999)
* Secondary Prevention Method (2nd stage)
	+ Giving attention to high risk households (Wolfe & Jaffe 1999)
* Tertiary Prevention Method (3rd stage)
	+ Targeted intervention programs

**Conclusion:**

**Concluding Statement:** There are many ways to prevent domestic violence in our community. It is of utmost importance to everyone because domestic violence is a very traumatic experience to everyone who is involved in this crime.

Anyone can be involved in domestic violence

Victims need help to come to realize that they need to be helped

Domestic abuse can be found anywhere, from the biggest of cities, to our small community on Saipan.

Available Hyperlinks for Research Sources

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