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Assessing a community-based participatory approach program for Chinese women intimate partner violence survivors

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Background & Aim: Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a significant and preventable public health problem. IPV is one of the most common forms of violence against women which occurs in all countries across cultures with different forms. Although different types of interventions have been developed and demonstrated to have positive effects in preventing intimate partner violence and addressing negative health outcomes of the women, however, the needs of the Chinese women IPV survivors have not been fully addressed. Program developed by a community-based participatory approach seems to be able to address the specific needs of the Chinese women IPV survivors. This study aims to assess the acceptability, usefulness and feasibility of the program developed by a community-based participatory approach and explores the perceptions of women in this approach.

Method: Chinese women who have history of IPV in the preceding 12 months and have participated in the program with or without involved in the implementation process were invited for interview. Qualitative data was obtained from eleven women through semi-structured focus group and individual interviews. Women's perceptions of the acceptability, usefulness and feasibility of the program were assessed and their impression and experience regarding this approach were explored.

Result: Conventional content analysis revealed that the women were highly satisfied with the content, they gained multiple benefits from the program and the result demonstrated that this approach was feasible. In addition, women gained a sense of achievement and satisfaction in the approach as which gave them more freedom and a sense of power and control over their own needs.

Conclusion: This study suggests the feasibility and acceptability of community-based participatory approach program. It provides a tailor intervention for the women and this may be a promising approach to meet the multi-faceted and complex needs of the community-dwelling Chinese women IPV survivors effectively.

Biography

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