• Controlling
• **Low emotional intelligence**
• Drugs Alcohol, mental illness

• Victims have a difficult time filing complaints against the partners, love, loyalty
• Phases
  o Tension
  o Violent
  o Honeymoon

**Divorced and separated parents**
• Accusations by one of the parents
• More than ½ of all families are stepparent families 2013
• Children blame themselves
• Parents blame each other

**Divorce in the USA**
• 1867- 10,000
• 1946- 613,000
• 2009- 1.1 Million
• ½ of marriages end in divorce
• When couples divorce?
  o Income decreases 2/3
  o Health issues

**Procedures**
• 1. Initiated when a complaint is filed by physician, teacher, neighbor, relative
• 2. CPS worker or law enforcement studies evaluates and investigates the alleged nature of the neglected or abused.
• 3. Court involvement if needed
• 4. Services started (In-home, Out home)

**Issues**
• Guilty until proven innocent
• May not consider the needs of parents- now trying to service parent with the child
• Courts say children AND parents have rights
• Personnel are trained- national standards

**Push for permanency**

- In home (Child stays home)
- Out-of-Home (Child in state’s Custody)