



# Economic Abuse

## The following are common economically abusive behaviors:

- Preventing you from having or keeping a job
- Interfering with your efforts to maintain a job by sabotaging childcare, transportation, or other arrangements
- Harassing you at work
- Refusing to work
- Not including you in family financial decisions
- Not allowing you access to the family finances
- Making you ask for money
- Taking your money
- Demanding an account of everything you buy
- Controlling your access to financial information
- Not allowing you to talk to others about money
- Not allowing your name to be on accounts, which would allow you to build credit
- Forcing you to put your name on accounts and then destroying your credit
- Making fun of your financial contribution and saying it is not worth anything
- Expecting you to behave in a certain way because you make less money or are not the “breadwinner”
- Destroying or interfering with homework
- Preventing you from learning English
- Forcing you to work “illegally” when you do not have a work permit
- Threatening to report you to INS or IRS if you work “under the table”
- Taking the money your family back home was depending on you to send to them
- Forcing you to sign papers in English that you do not understand i.e. court papers, IRS forms, immigration papers
- Harassing you at the only job you can work at legally in the U.S., so that you lose that job and are forced to work “illegally”