“Innovations in Batterer Intervention” Project

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Innovations in Batterer Intervention
The "Innovations" project:

- Profiles promising and innovative approaches
- Will be published on the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence website
- Includes a “theory of change” model
- Funded by “The Woods” Charitable Foundation, OVW and NRCDV
The NRCDV

http://www.nrcdv.org/
The NRCDV’s Domestic Violence Evidence Project

- Designed to assist state coalitions, local DV programs, researchers, and other organizations to better respond to the growing emphasis on evidence-based practice.
- TA and training tools will be available to enhance the domestic violence field’s capacity to review evidence-based practices and use practice-based evidence in their work.

http://www.dvevidenceproject.org/
The NRCDV’s Domestic Violence Evidence Project (cont.)

- Developed a domestic violence conceptual framework and online evidence resource center
  - Houses a comprehensive evidence review of domestic violence core services, programs and promising/innovative practices.

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The "Innovations" project: (continued)

- Captures the different types of metrics used by BIPs
- Describes key elements of the programs
- Includes contact information for program staff
The "Innovations" project:

• Explores the crucial role of program evaluation

• Guides other BIPs to determine successful measures

• Describes BIPs that use practice-based evidence
Two categories of BIPs

1. “Best Available Research Evidence”
   - Programs that use research and evaluation to inform and measure effectiveness.
   - These programs are consistently implemented and evaluation data are collected and used for ongoing program improvement.
2. “Experiential” and “Contextual” Evidence

- BIPS that use approaches or strategies that have not been evaluated for effectiveness but are generally supported by provider experience, research, and program measures that track progress.
BIP features required and preferred

- Working relationship with victims’ services
- Use input from survivors to inform program
- Hold batterers accountable for their violence
- Show commitment to ongoing program improvement
- Group work on ongoing basis for extended time
BIP features required and preferred

- Risk assessment
- Engagement of broader community
- Philosophy of change based on effects of social environment on behavior
SAMPLE OF PROGRAMS SELECTED FOR “INNOVATIONS IN BATTERER INTERVENTION” PROJECT
Men Stopping Violence

- Given that BIPs reach a small portion of violent men, how can we use BIPs as a starting point for engaging the broader community of men in ending domestic violence?
How do we use a fatherhood focused approach that adequately addresses the perpetrator's violence towards the mother?
How do we keep women and children safe while providing services to every member of the family, including the violent men?
Wisdom Walk to Self-Mastery

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Wisdom Walk

- How do we address the trauma violent men have experienced in their lives, while also holding them fully accountable for their own violence?
So what have we learned?
THANK YOU!

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