

2003 BISC-MI 8th Annual Conference Evaluation
 “Changing the Language of Violence-Culture and Media”
 March 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2003

Accommodations:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
42	16	3	0	61
69%	26%	5%		

Comments-

Nice place (3), Sense of community was lost (3), Beautiful (2), Buildings were displaced...some rooms were too far from the conference center (3), Having to walk was inconvenient, Better location for summer, Couldn't figure out heat control in the room, Super... let's do it again, Condos were luxurious and relaxing

Service:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
40	18	1	1	60
67%	30%	1.5%	1.5%	

Comments-

Conference staff was extremely helpful, Everyone tried

Meals:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
26	26	8	1	61
43%	43%	13%	1%	

Comments-

All the food was excellent except the banquet (2), Not enough healthy choices (2), No complaints, Salads and veggies were good, Salty!!!, Would prefer bagels to pastries for breakfast, Appeared to be less food than participants, Coffee was cold, Too many carbs, Great flavor and variety, Very good and well presented, Thanks for a great vegetarian meal

Location:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
34	21	8	0	63
54%	33%	13%		

Comments-

Beautiful scenery (3), Too far from civilization (4), Not centrally located, Appreciated “up north”, Easy to find, Slopes were beautiful, Convenient

Costs:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
12	34	11	1	58
21%	59%	19%	1%	

Comments-

Reasonable (2), I came from a shelter experiencing budget cuts and had to pay my own way, Employer paid...thanks, Appreciate opportunity to attend, May be tough for some people to afford

Breaks:

<u>Excellent:</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
29	28	2	0	59
49%	48%	3%		

Comments-

Nice to have snacks/beverages (2), Terrific cookies (2), Liked fruits and veggies (2), Good, Happy hour with mingling would be appropriate for "networking", Too long sometimes i.e. Thursday, Could be more frequent, Well spaced, Plenty of time and food

Speakers: Jackson Katz

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
48	9	3	0	60
80%	15%	5%		

Comments-

Inspiring(3), Interesting information (3), Invite him back (3), Very good presentation (3), Be more specific on program (2), Get trainers in Michigan Colleges/Universities/High Schools (2), Made some put down comments (2), Too much question and answer (2), Good points (2), WOW! Worth the \$\$\$, Provided good foundation, Could've listened for hours, Challenges us to think and apply skills with media awareness, Did not present much on batterers relative to dating or intimate partners, Created a defensive mode due to lack of knowledge of conservative views, No new concepts, Conversation veered off course, Overemphasis on Eminem, Entertaining, Lost respect during Conservative bashing

Panel-One in Four:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
29	21	4	2	56
52%	38%	7%	3%	

Comments-

Presentation could have been shorter (4), Hats off to the guys...very inspirational (3), Encouraging to see young men making a difference (3), Interesting (2), Informative (2), Would've liked to see skit (2), Excellent resource (2), Bring them again (2), Great

presentation to open up on a positive note with (2), More preparation, Too long of a break, Get more involved in Colleges and High Schools

Jim Henderson:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
13	11	2	0	26
50%	42%	8%		

Comments-

Not enough time (6), Practical information (3), Great, Spoke a little fast, Interesting, Helpful, More concrete/helpful strategies needed

Sarah Shelton:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
9	16	1	0	26
35%	62%	3%		

Comments-

Not enough time (14), Great information (3), Good material with fair projection, Heroic job

David Canales-Portalatin:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
3	6	3	0	12
25%	50%	25%		

Comments-

Not Enough time (3), Little practical direction (2), Unclear and hard to understand (2), Scholarly information, Interesting statistics

Donald Wilde:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
15	19	4	0	38
39%	50%	11%		

Comments-

Needed more time (8), Interesting (3), Well placed and helpful (2), Great commentary on biblical interpretation/misinterpretation, Good points, Need tools to use for when men use these, Wish I'd heard it

Panel-Women, Violence, and News:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
17	4	1	0	22
77%	18%	5%		

Comments-

Very informative (4), Well presented (3), Teamwork, Good use of multimedia, Would like more on this next year, Very good

Panel-Benzie Co. Court Watchers:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
7	7	0	0	14
50%	50%			

Comments-

Good presentation(3), Great information (3), Like more handouts, Practical address of non-supportive systems, More concrete strategies needed, Great program, Great discussion

Moderated session-Active Role of Men in Gender Violence and/or Strategies to Involve Men in Violence Prevention:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
12	2	2	0	16
75%	12.5%	12.5%		

Comments-

Not enough time, Should have presented new material, Do not “read” to us...it’s insulting, More discussion, Good handouts, Old material

Panel-Evaluating Groups: Batterers’ and Leaders’ Views on What Happened and What Helped:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
12	6	6	1	25
48%	24%	24%	4%	

Comments-

Really needed, Great feedback, Research is open to interpretation...many variables, Great discussion, A good beginning, Not what was expected...didn’t pertain to work, Inconsistent information, Very interesting information, Good dialog, Could have used this in open discussion

Panel-Traverse City Domestic Violence Court (Fast Track):

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
5	5	0	0	10
50%	50%			

Comments-

Awesome team (3), Can’t wait to see how they do, Uplifting, More time needed, More victim advocates, Not very applicable to the theme

Moderated Session-Group Discussion by Women Facilitators of Male Batterer Intervention Services:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>
6	8	1	0	15
40%	53%	7%		

Comments-

Needed more time, Every year happening, Angela=good facilitator, Good issues raised

Suggestions

What part of this conference provided you with the most information?

Jackson Katz (28), Breakout groups and networking (7), Panel sessions (4), Women/Violence/News (3), Feedback from peers (2), It was all great (2), Not much “information”, Wilde, Group evaluation research, Nice to see new topics, Court and legal strategies, Jim Henderson and Judges, MVP model on prevention

What areas do you think could be improved for next year?

More time for speakers (4), Social event for relaxation (3), Workshops were too short (2), Need more judges/parole officers/victim service providers/BISC members (2), Sessions later in the evening, Cognitive Behavioral Approach with assailants, Lower registration fee, Number of men vs. women presenters, Not as late the first night, Hotel with closer community options, Good as is, Option to purchase own meals to cut cost of conference, More effect of batterers on children and CPS involvement, Tabs on binders

Suggestions for Future Conferences

Topics:

- Introduction to Psychotropic meds
- More Ann Arbor's Probation Program
- How to run groups (2)
- Religious battering i.e. Jewish, Muslim, etc.
- More tools
- Accountability and Responsibility: Duluth Model (2)
- Strategies for working with courts, PO's, etc.
- Domestic Violence and the mentally ill
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (2)
- Feedback from survivors i.e. batterers intervention

Speakers:

- Terrence Real
- James Garbarino
- Daniel Saunders
- Lydia Walker
- Peter Jaffe
- Lundy Bancroft
- Claudia Diaz

Location:

- Florida
- Northern MI "the real up north"
- Sault Ste. Marie
- Kewadin
- Grand Rapids
- Kalamazoo

Suggestions for the Fall Training

Topics:

- Group skills using Cognitive Behavioral Approach
- Running groups for women batterers
- Community collaborative work
- Therapeutic Confrontation
- HIPAA Requirements

Speakers:

- Oliver Williams
- Benzie Co. Court Watchers
- Tolman

- Robert Pasick

Location:

- Higgins Lake
- Lansing
- Grand Rapids
- Kalamazoo