Contributions of Batterer Programs

Batterer programs:

• represent a relatively new field which continues to offer new insights and observations about men who batterer and how to help them stop their abuse
• heighten the surveillance, monitoring, and oversight of offenders who would otherwise be released on open probation
• offer a low-cost alternative to jailing option which tends to be overloaded and ineffective
• send a secondary message to the community that men “need and can change”
• have prompted institutional reform especially in the criminal justice system
• serve as a resource for many women in their help-seeking and strategies against their male partners’ abuse
• collect observations and information about offenders useful to the courts and to female partners
• Identify non-compliance with court referral which is one of the strongest indictors for re-offense.
• teach many men useful steps to stop their abuse and develop more positive interactions