## **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