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Intervention
Services
Coalition of
Michigan

The Source For Batterer Intervention
in Michigan
Since 1994



REFLECTING FORWARD

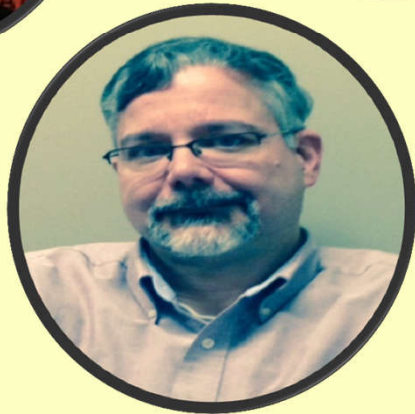
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Aquila Truth Squad



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Truth Squad: Increasing Access to Accurate & Complete Research and Tools



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Pushback

Anger
Management?

Couples
counseling?

It's too
long

It's just a
first
offense

Does it
work?



**SUPERHERO
TRAINING**



Current Resources

Empirical Research and Collective Wisdom

1. Batterer Intervention Services vs. Anger Management
2. Judges Frequently Asked Questions
3. Offender Classification Guide (Allies in Change)
4. Types of Intimate Partner Violence (Pence)
5. Summaries of Effectiveness Research (Gondolf; Halley)
6. Critical Analyses of Washington State Review Study (Gondolf; Mankowski)

Reclaiming the Word Evidence

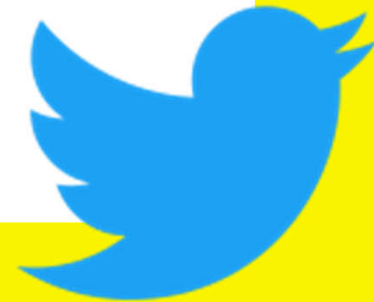
- Did participants get sentenced to BIP or did they attend and complete?
- What is the definition of effectiveness?
- How long do they follow-up?
- Did they interview partners?
- Did the definition of recidivism include non-physical abuse?
- What evidence supports the proposed alternative?





In 140 Characters...

The most comprehensive study to date shows 50% reduction in violence vs non-completers based on partner report. #TruthSquad #Aquila #BISC-MI



Gondolf, E. *Batterer Intervention Systems*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2002.

Help Build our Superpowers

- Guide for creating new curriculum
- Supervision guide
- Best practices/new practices
- Monitoring system for courts, providing feedback on participants
- Best practices for co-occurrence w/SA and mental illness, include safety plans
- Online programs review/position
- Effective pro-BIP advocacy efforts
- Resource websites
- Superpower Directory! Who to contact when
- BIP monitor training/reports info
- Programs for juvenile offenders

- List of recommended community partners
- How to vet BIPs for quality
- How do you get in to see judges
- What you should know about your abusive partner
- Blatant limitations of experimental studies
- Navigating CJS entities
- Impact on children & resources; risk & resilience
- Research that includes outcomes that address other benefits such as employment, sobriety, etc.
- Addressing costs & funding; model policies
- Restorative Justice/Community Conferencing
- Recommended training for POs
- Culturally diverse curricula and models (translation of materials)

Hero Headquarters

Resources Available Now:

- BISC-MI conference materials: <https://www.biscmi.org/reflecting-forward-conference-materials/>
- Aquila: <https://www.biscmi.org/aquila/>

To Request New Content

- Christopher Hall: dvinterventioneducation@gmail.com

For Ongoing Discussion:

- Facebook group: *Domestic Violence Intervention & Education*
- *Aquila listserv: Aquila@biscmi.org*
 - *Stay Tuned for the new discussion board!*



**Go forth confidently
and serve as the
superheroes you are in
your communities,
armed with citations of
high quality research
and tools that support
the work you do!
For you are now
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