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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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For BISC-MI’s 21st Annual Conference, “Reflecting Forward”
Pushback

- Anger Management?
- Couples counseling?
- It's just a first offense?
- Does it work?
- It's too long?
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?
The most comprehensive study to date shows 50% reduction in violence vs non-completers based on partner report. #TruthSquad #Aquila #BISC-MI

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

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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 part of...

The Truth Squad!
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