

Intervene NOW! Batterers Intervention



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A Domestic Violence Intervention Program of SOCIAL CHANGE Services

This program has been created not only to provide another batterers' intervention programming alternative, but also to join in the total effort to reduce domestic violence in the greater Kansas City area. This program will be run by Lori Steffen, an experienced domestic violence victim advocate, as well as batterers' intervention program facilitator (since July 2007 in St. Joseph, MO).

More information can be found at www.socialchangeservices.com, but elements to note include:

- Psycho-educational program which holds offenders accountable, but also helps them understand how they can change their attitudes and behaviors.
 - Most participants will be recommended to participate for 1 year. 6 months also allowed.
 - Curriculum is 26 weekly 1 ½ hour sessions (to be repeated for 1 year referrals).
 - Based on Wexler, STOP Violence, supplemented with materials from Duluth and EMERGE.
 - \$20 a session (can be adjusted). \$60 assessment. \$40 exit interview.
- Balance of support and confrontation overcomes defensiveness and encourages potential for change. Not collusive.
- Expertise with domestic violence victims and understanding of victim safety issues.
- Timely reporting regarding progress of participants will be provided to referring officers. Program facilitator will be available for individual consultations by email, phone and in-person.
- Evaluation data on the program will be gathered through pre- and post-tests.
- Continuing information about domestic violence will be made available to all those who request it.
- Part of coordinated community response. Working not only to hold offenders accountable, but also toward prevention as well.

For forms and other information, see Intervene NOW link on

www.socialchangeservices.com.