

# Attachment Three (3)

Committee on Domestic Violence Agenda  
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Contents: Batterers' Intervention Efficacy Project

# Offender Treatment Evaluation

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# Why Focus on IPV offenders?

- Children exposed to IPV are 2-3 more times likely to become victims or offenders as adults.
- Offenders often re-unify with their victims or seek out new victims perpetuating the cycle of family violence.



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# Currently in Nevada

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- Offenders are to complete 26 or 52 weeks of treatment.
  - Little information about treatment protocols, completion rates, follow-up, re-offense, or participants who fail to complete.
- It is unknown how successful these programs are in deterring future re-offense.
  - Little is known about efficacy in changing thoughts and behaviors regarding healthy relationships.

# My Background

- Certified Family Life Educator since 2013
- Established common measure process that is utilized by Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk (CYFAR) programs funded by USDA-NIFA
  - Payne & McDonald, 2012; 2014; 2015
- Evaluator for Relationship Marriage Education (RME) & Domestic Violence Prevention Education
  - Baker-Tingey, & Payne, in review; Brower & Payne, 2018; Payne, et al., 2019; Brower, et al., 2019



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# My Goals

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- Ascertain what data treatment providers are currently collecting and teaching.
- Develop a common evaluation measure that all state certified providers use.
- Establish best practices in trauma-informed education and evaluation that allows us to effect change in how IPV offenders are treated.



# Plan of Action

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- Meet with State Certified Providers (Spring 2020, as needed)
- Work on developing a Common Measure (Summer-Fall 2021)
  - Review current measures and curriculum
  - Use evidence-based peer reviewed measures
  - Create evaluation tool draft
  - Review with current providers



# Plan of Action

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- Revise and establish data collection process for all providers to report information
- Track and evaluate the effectiveness of Offender Treatment Programs through the common measure
  - What works?
  - What doesn't work?
  - Can we predict re-offense?



# Plan of Action

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- Establishment of a long-term plan that follows offenders beyond treatment
  - Seek funding for long-term follow up in order to break the intergenerational cycle of violence.
- Disseminate results through peer-reviewed journals, conferences, and fact sheets.

# Questions & Comments



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