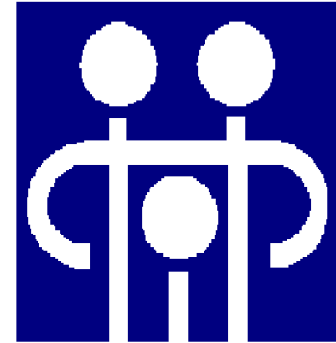


ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN JAMAICA 1999-2000

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Increase awareness of gender dynamics and gender-based violence, and to contribute to the reduction of violence in Jamaica.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Capacity building of JFPA's staff and core group.
- Increase awareness of SRH, gender dynamics, and GBV issues.
- Increase awareness among 40 perpetrators.
- Strengthen collaboration with other agencies to address DV.

COMMUNITY COMPONENT

- Training modules of broad issues addressing SRH, violence, and GBV, specifically designed to increase knowledge and skills.
- Pre- and post-test surveys conducted addressing SRH, violence, and GBV.

PERPETRATORS COMPONENT

- Referrals from St. Ann Probation Services and the courts as a sentencing option.
- Group sessions held two hours, twice weekly, co-facilitated by trained Probation Officers and JFPA staff between Oct. 1999 – Dec. 2000.
- Cultural Context model used.
- Perpetrators expected to attend at least 80% of sessions; attendance monitored by Probation Officers.
- Group named “**Brothers for Change.**”

AIMS OF BROTHERS FOR CHANGE

- Acknowledge the violence and abuse that occurs.
- Understanding the reason for these behaviours.
- Take responsibility for their own behaviours.
- Develop and practice behaviours that are non-violent and non-abusive.
- Develop more effective and non-abusive communication skills.
- Understand SRH issues.

BROTHERS FOR CHANGE GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Power and Control Wheel.
- Video clips and discussion about DV and men-on-men violence.
- Genograms.
- Male and female SRH and HIV/AIDS and STIs.
- Addressing gender awareness issues.
- Challenging peers on their attitudes towards women.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

- Lack of referrals.
- Inconsistent attendance.
- Sanctioning.
- Co-working relationship with Probation Services.
- Communication with Probation Services.

EVALUATION OF PROGRAMME

- Case studies.
- Baseline survey.
- Power and Control rating scale.
- Psychologist's findings.

LESSONS LEARNED

- More time needed at the start of the project for planning, preparation, and building collaboration, including judges and magistrates.
- Cadre of probation officers dedicated to this task, rather than have it infused in the work of several officers.

LESSONS LEARNED – CONT'D

- Essential that resources be dedicated to work with partners and families of the perpetrators.
- Men were accepting of female facilitators.
- More resources needed for monitoring and evaluation.
- Program benefits increase with greater active collaboration with partners.

MEN AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE 2003

Goal: To increase awareness of GBV and to contribute to the reduction of the high incidence of such violence in Jamaica.

Purpose:

- Strengthen capacity of staff and other professionals to conduct GBV training.
- Strengthen institutional capacity of organisations in Northern Jamaica to address GBV.
- Sensitising young men with regards to their traditional gender roles, behaviours, and consequences of GBV.