

## **TRI-COUNTY BATTERER INTERVENTION PROVIDER NETWORK**

### **MEETING MINUTES - 4/11/00**

**Present:** Chris Huffine, Men's Resource Center; Marc Hess, Multnomah Co. Adult Community Justice, DV Unit; Michael Davis, Change Point; Courtenay Silvergleid, PSU; David Houston, ChangePoint; Sandy Bacharach, Progama de Mujeres; Devora Marbin, Programa de Mujeres; Carmen Garcia, Ayuda

Facilitator: Michael Davis, Note taker: Marc Hess (I am responsible for any mistakes in these notes)

#### **Educational Topic: How Children Who Witness DV are Affected by DV**

- Chris introduced a book: Children Exposed to Marital Violence: Theory, Research, and Applied Issues . Edited by George W. Holden, R. Geffner and E. Jouriles.
- Michael suggested that using this topic in BI groups helps shake up the offender's belief system.
- Carmen offered that using the words see, hear, feel, etc. to describe children's experience is more inclusive than just "witnessing".
- Chris uses the video "Unforgivable" to get the offender's experience viewing violence on the tv screen. Then says "what if it was happening to you right now, in front of you. Discusses the level of fear produced.
  - Look for the abusive tactics used in the client's argument.
  - "If women are like that, why do you want a woman in your life?"
- We then did the "balloon exercise", which triggered a rich discussion of the dynamics of batterer, victim and children. Ask about the balloon exercise if you haven't tried it yourself.