

Emerge Model

(Massachusetts, USA)

(1) Seminar on Coordinated System Response to Domestic Violence (March 7, 2006)

(2) Training Group Leaders of Batterer Intervention Program (March 8-10, 2006)

(Massachusetts Certified Training)

Background

Our community has keen concern in responding to domestic violence in a proactive and holistic manner. It is widely recognized that working with batterers is one of the core tasks in stopping violence perpetration. Knowledge is the key to success in facilitating local professional service development. We hope that the training can enhance further knowledge exploration and skills building for our fellow workers in contributing to prevent and stop domestic violence in HK by working with the abusers.

In the last two years, the Council organized two delegations to visit America (Duluth) and UK on their systems response to domestic violence. In 2003, the Council brought in the Duluth Model on building a community and criminal justice response to domestic violence and creating a process of change for men who batter by inviting Mr. Michael Paymer, co-founder of Duluth Model to conduct trainings at HK.

This year, 2006, we are honored to have invited Dr. David Adams, the founder of Emerge and Mr. Ted German, Director of Emerge to train local group leaders for Batterer Intervention Program. Emerge is a Massachusetts Certified Training Site for certified group leaders of Batterer Intervention Program.

Training Objectives

1. To learn about roles of criminal justice system and the community in responding to domestic violence and how to enhance a coordinated function of the system's response to domestic violence
2. To equip and enhance local social workers / counseling practitioners with knowledge and skills of the Emerge Model in delivering batterer intervention programme
3. To facilitate development of indigenous batterer intervention programme in HK

Who should attend?

The one-day Seminar is intended for those working with families affected by domestic violence, including social workers, counselors, psychologist, medical practitioners, probation officers, police, lawyer, prosecutor, judges of the institutional system in responding to domestic violence and the interested parties.

The three-day training is designed for those working with families affected by domestic violence, including social workers, counselors, psychologist, probation officers, who should have at least two years working experience and have keen concern on domestic violence and in working with men / batterers in HK.

What are the values?

1. Strengthen professional competency in delivering batterer intervention programme in HK, which contributes to stop violence perpetration.
2. Path the way for developing indigenous BIP by sharing overseas service model, knowledge and skills

About Emerge (<http://www.emergedv.com>)

Emerge was the first abuser education program in the nation, founded in 1977, which is a Massachusetts Certified Batterer Intervention Program & Training Site. Since its creation, Emerge has been a national leader in working to end violence in intimate relationships. It is a Massachusetts Certified Batterer Intervention Program & Training Site.

The course on training group leaders for counseling abusers is a certified training for BIP group leader in Massachusetts and in many other states of the USA. Over the past 6 years, over 1,000 people from 45 states and 15 nations have taken this course.

Emerge's mission is to eliminate violence in intimate relationships. In working toward this goal, Emerge seeks to educate individual abusers, prevent young people from learning to accept violence in their relationships, improve institutional responses to domestic violence, and increase public awareness about the causes and solutions to partner violence. With the development of parenting education groups for fathers, Emerge has recently expanded its mission to include a goal of helping men to become more responsible parents.

Emerge teaches that domestic violence is a learned behavior, not a disease or a sickness. Emerge supports grassroots, institutional and cultural efforts to stop partner violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Emerge recognizes that other oppressive life circumstances such as racism, poverty and homophobia create a climate that contributes to partner violence.

About Batterer Intervention Group

Batterer Intervention groups try to help an abuser change their abusive, controlling and violent beliefs in their relationships. At Emerge, Batterer Intervention services are conducted in a group format during which educational material is presented and individual group members discuss their actions and are given feedback on how to change those behaviors to non-abusive ones.

About trainers

David Adams, Ed.D., Co-Director, Emerge Dr. Adams is co-founder as well as Program and Research Director of Emerge, the first counseling program in the nation for men who abuse women. Dr. Adams has led groups for men who batter for 28 years and has led parenting education classes for fathers for 5 years. He is one of the nation's leading experts on men who batter and has conducted trainings of social service and criminal justice professionals in 35 states and 7 nations. He has published numerous articles and book chapters, including "Identifying the Assaultive Husband in Court: You Be the Judge", published in the Boston Bar Journal. Dr. Adams is Co-Chair of the Justice and Accountability Committee of the Governor's Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence, and is Project Coordinator of the National Danger Assessment Training Project. He is currently working on a book entitled, "Why Do They Kill? An Investigation of Men Who Kill Their Intimate Partners"

Ted German, Ph.D., Emerge Director of Training, Emerge Mr. German is Director of Training at Emerge. Ted has 18 years experience working on domestic violence issues. He began co-facilitating groups at Emerge in 1987 and was counseling co-coordinator and co-director of Emerge from 1991-93. From 1994 until his return to Emerge in 2002, Ted has been a group leader and supervisor for two other batterer programs and has finished his dissertation on the social and personal networks of abusive men. In addition to his training duties, Ted currently co-leads an intake group at Emerge.

About Training Course on Counseling Abuser

Past participants of the three day training course included batterer intervention program group leaders, supervisors and administrators, social workers, victim advocates, correctional staff, psychologists, violence prevention educators, substance abuse counselors, healthcare workers, probation and police officers, clergy, military personnel, and program managers. Participants will learn the Emerge curriculum and how it compares to other models. The training is structured to be highly interactive, including several participant role plays. This interactive structure allows participants to acquire and practice skills to be used in leading groups. For participants who work with victims and don't intend to lead groups, this training will help to inform on what happens in abuser intervention groups.

Certification Process

First Part of Certification The three-day Training Group Leaders of Batterer Intervention Programme is the first part of the official State of Massachusetts Certification process for facilitators of BIPs. At the end of the programme, participants at HK will receive an official certificate issued by Emerge. The first part of the Emerge training is recognized in Massachusetts and is also accepted by many states in the USA as certification in their states.

Second Part of Certification The second part of the certification process entails observation of six BIP groups (12 hours) at a state certified BIP training site (Emerge). The training observer attends each group and discusses the group process with the co-facilitators afterwards.

When the newly trained group leaders at HK have some experience in working with the batterers, they are then eligible to take the Emerge advanced training. This training offers assistance with advanced group techniques, addresses special issues, introduces new materials and allows for consultation on institutional and educational issues. Interested participants can opt for either one of the following ways for the second part of certification:

- (a) Join the training held at Emerge, 2464 Mass Ave, Suite 101, Cambridge, MA 02140, USA. (www.emergedv.com); OR
- (b) Join the training to be offered and organized by Harmony House – Hong Kong, when Harmony House has been authorized by Emerge as a training site in Hong Kong (Harmony House has completed relevant BIP training at Emerge and has been adopting the Emerge Model in its groups for batterers for years)

Enrolment and Payment Methods

Complete the enrolment form and return it with a crossed check (Payable to “**The Hong Kong Council of Social Service**”) at Rm. 1213, Service Development (Fam. & Com.), Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, HK.

Deadline

- **February 17, 2006**
- **February 3, 2006 (for early bird)**

(Check payment and enrolment form have to reach the Council by mail / by hand by the deadline)

Fee	Agency Members (HK\$)	Non-Agency Members (HK\$)
(1) One day Seminar (March 7, 2006)		
Early Bird (by Feb 3, 2006)	200	250
Regular Fee (by Feb 17, 2006)	250	300
(2) Three days Training (include manual and CD-Rom) (March 8-10, 2006)		
Early Bird (by Feb 3, 2006)	2000	2500
Regular Fee (by Feb 17, 2006)	2500	3000
(1) + (2) Four days (March 7-10, 2006)		
Early Bird (by Feb 3, 2006)	2100	2600
Regular Fee (by Feb 17, 2006)	2600	3200

Cancellation

- Cancellations received before February 20, 2006 are refundable with a less of 50% of the enrolment fee per registrant.
- No refunds will be given after February 20, 2006, except for over enrolment of programme (2)

Training and reading materials (included in the fee)

The following materials will be available for collection at Rm 1201, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, HK, from February 20, 2006, for participants of the three-day Training Group Leaders of BIP.

1. Emerge Batterers Intervention Group Program Manual: Volume 1 -- First Stage Groups and Volume 2 -- Second Stage Groups (220 pages)
2. CD-Rom of Emerge BIP Supplement, which contains the latest material of Emerge BIP;
3. Reference / reading list on BIPs

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