COLLABORATING FOR IMPROVED DV PROBATIONER AND VICTIM OUTCOMES

Since 2010, the Adult Probation Department of the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County, Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse, and five batterers’ intervention service providers have collaborated to provide cross-training and technical assistance, community training for DV counselors, and mutual problem solving. This work has been supported by grants from the Office on Violence Against Women. The collaboration group has met monthly over the years to build understanding and agreement about best practices in DV work. The primary goals are to ensure victims’ experiences and voices are forefront for batterer intervention service providers, to increase victims’ safety and ensure that agency practices do not have unintentional consequences for victims, and to develop strategies to strengthen offender accountability and potential for change.