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After the Refuge: Methodological
Issues in Follow Up Survey.

Healy, J.

Flinders Univ., Bedford Park,
South Australia (Australia).

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This paper reports on a followup survey of women who had lived in a shelter for a time but had subsequently attempted to establish a life outside of it. Information on how the women managed once they left the shelter is given. The women's attitudes toward the services they received at the shelters are also analyzed. This research is placed within a political context, since the emergence of budgetary restraint develops the need for program evaluation. The problems of definition and sample bias, the complexities of measuring attitudes of abused women, the difficulties in locating the women, and the potential violation of confidentiality are considered. 26 references.

Descriptors:

research methodology; followup studies; family violence research; program evaluation; shelter programs; battered women

Child Care Program Manual.

Scott, J.

Unity House, Fort McMurray,
Alberta (Canada).

Training Material

152 pp.

Distributed By:

Unity House

P.O. Box 6165

Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 4W1
Canada

(403) 743-1190

This manual was developed for the child program coordinator at a shelter in Alberta, Canada. Goals and objectives of the program are listed. The role of staff and volunteers is defined, and their relationship to the children and mothers in the shelter is discussed. Programming ideas, a list of reference materials, and a directory of community services are also included. The shelter's orientation book for children and the child care coordinator's training record for staff and volunteers are provided in appendices. Numerous references.

Descriptors:

childrens shelter programs; child care; manuals; alberta; shelter policies; child witnesses of family violence; shelter administration

Children and Domestic Violence. A
Description of a Children's
Program.

Rosen, H.

Council Against Domestic Assault,
Lansing, MI.

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Lansing, MI 48901

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The children's program at a women's shelter in Lansing, Michigan is described. Shelter adjustment, child care activities, sexual abuse, parenting skills, intervention, and problems of older youth are addressed. Numerous appendices provide the forms used by the shelter in this program. The shelter's child care training manual and a bibliography are also included. Numerous references.

Descriptors:

childrens shelter programs;
michigan; resource materials;
child care; curricula

Children in Shelters.

Layzer, J. I.; Goodson, B. D.;
deLange, C.
Apt Associates, Inc., Cambridge,
MA.

Journal Article

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Children Today.

15(2):cover, 6-11.

This article summarizes the findings of research on children who come to battered women's shelters and offers recommendations for improving services to victims of family violence. Data were gathered from 5 shelters originally funded as demonstration projects by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect. The women and children who came to these shelters were found to have experienced physical and emotional abuse over an extended period of time. The average mother was married, between 20 and 35 years of age, unemployed, and had little education and 2 or 3 children. More than half had a family income below the poverty level. While few of the children had chronic mental or physical health problems, most

exhibited mood problems, sleep disturbances, and similar difficulties. Fewer than 20 percent of these families were being seen by protective agencies. All the projects offered a structured daily program with group counseling for resident children. Parenting education was available to the mothers. Advocacy services were identified. The study's recommendations include medical screening and treatment for children in shelters and closer working relationships between child protective services agencies and shelter programs.

Descriptors:

children in shelters; shelter programs; child witnesses of family violence; family services; family violence research; child abuse; demonstration programs

Children's Observations of Interparental Violence.

Carlson, B. E.
State Univ. of New York, Albany.
School of Social Welfare.

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This chapter examines the problems encountered by child witnesses of domestic violence. Two cases are presented typical of those seen by family violence workers. The common problem of

emotional neglect of children in violent homes is examined. Developmental and behavioral problems are considered. The intergenerational cycle of family violence is mentioned. Possibilities for intervention are offered, including shelter programs for children and group therapy for children not in shelters. 31 references.

Descriptors:

child witnesses of family violence; behavior problems; emotional neglect; child development; childrens shelter programs; generational cycle of family violence; group therapy

Children's Program Manual for Volunteers.

Gundy, J.; Walker, L.
Training Material
66 pp.

Distributed By:

Project for Victims of Family Violence
P.O. Box 2915
Fayetteville, AR 72702
\$10.00

This manual is for volunteers who participate in the children's program at a shelter in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Volunteers are seen as a resource critical to the success of the program. The manual describes the children's program, outlines volunteer responsibilities, discusses many aspects of working with children in the context of a shelter, and reviews symptoms of worker burnout. Specific examples of how to handle various concrete situations are provided. Activity samples are given. 16 references.

Descriptors:

childrens shelter programs; volunteer training; resource

materials; arkansas; manuals; children in shelters

Crisis Intervention Volunteer Training Manual.

Women's Crisis Center,
Brattleboro, VT.
Training Material
172 pp.

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Women's Crisis Center
Box 933
Brattleboro, VT 05301
(802) 257-7364
\$15.00

This volunteer training manual for a women's crisis center in Vermont provides strategies for working with victims of spouse abuse, child abuse, elder abuse, and rape. Shelter policies and procedures are described. Techniques for working with the welfare system and the legal system are included. Additional local resources available for women are also listed. Numerous charts.

Descriptors:

crisis intervention; volunteer training; manuals; shelter policies; sexual assault; child abuse; battering; elder abuse

Crisis Intervention with Battered Women.

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This chapter explores crisis assistance to battered women. The service delivery system of shelter programs is discussed. Staffing patterns of shelters are examined; the problems of relying on volunteer staff are reviewed and a case study is presented which emphasizes the danger of programs which view professional therapists as unnecessary. Various types of counseling are discussed: lay counseling, professional counseling, self help groups, peer counseling, and couple counseling. Funding options of shelters are reviewed. The need for followup services is presented. 46 references.

Descriptors:

crisis intervention; battered women; shelter management; shelter policies; shelter programs; lay therapy; support groups; financial support

Domestic Violence Information.

Women's Center and Shelter of
Greater Pittsburgh, PA.
Information Packet

38 pp.

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Women's Center and Shelter of
Greater Pittsburgh
P.O. Box 9024
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
(412) 687-8017

This collection of information provides statistical data on family violence, describes the history of wife abuse, outlines the services available at the women's shelter in Pittsburgh, and summarizes Pennsylvania state law on domestic violence. Characteristics of the battered

woman, the sexually abused child, and the abusive husband are described and the effects of family violence on children are discussed. Short bibliographies on battered women, spouse assault and the legal system, sexual abuse, and spouse abuse treatment are included. Numerous references.

Descriptors:

shelter programs; battered women; resource materials; pennsylvania; child abuse; characteristics of abuser; state laws

The Effect of Batterer Counseling on Shelter Outcome.

Gondolf, E. W.

Pittsburgh Univ., PA. Western
Psychiatric Inst. and Clinic.

Journal Article

Copyright September 1988

Journal of Interpersonal Violence.
3(3):275-289.

This study investigates the services related to a woman's decision to return to her batterer or not when leaving a shelter. A discriminant analysis is used to assess the relationship of 8 service-related variables to the shelter outcome. Whether a batterer is in counseling is the most influential predictor, along with 3 variables associated with economic independence. The inclusion of 24 background and abuse-related variables contribute very little to shelter outcome. These findings imply that women return to their batterers because the women think that their batterers will change, and that shelters need to monitor batterer counseling programs. 23 references and 5 tables.
(Author abstract modified)

Descriptors:

battered women; shelter policies; outcomes; program evaluation; therapeutic effectiveness; batterers therapy; decision making; discriminant analysis

The Family Place Children's
Therapeutic Program.

deLange, C.

Journal Article

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Children Today.

15(2):12-15.

This article describes the Therapeutic Activity Program, a children's program at The Family Place, a shelter in Washington, D.C. The program's major components are described: crisis intervention activities, remedial activities, therapy and advocacy services.

Descriptors:

childrens shelter programs; therapeutic programs; child abuse; child witnesses of family violence; clinical intervention; district of columbia

Family Violence Resources in the
Houston-Galveston Area
(pro-gen).

Baytown Area Women's Center, TX.
Information Packet

47 pp.

Distributed By:

Baytown Area Women's Center
P.O. Box 3735
Baytown, TX 77840
(713) 422-2292

This information packet lists women's shelters and family violence resources in the Houston-Galveston area, provides statistical data on domestic violence, and outlines the services of the Baytown Area

Women's Center. Psychological profiles of battered women, abusers, and their children, are given. Responsibilities of the abuse victim in legal proceedings in Texas are detailed, and duties of the police and district attorney are delineated. A reading list and a sample protective order are also included. 19 references.

Descriptors:

battered women; shelter programs; resource materials; police responsibility; legislation; texas; legal processes

Feeling Good About Me. A Manual
for Group Work With Children
Living in Violent Homes.

Collins, S.

Kansas Univ., Lawrence.

Training Material

64 pp.

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Distributed By:

Kansas Committee for Prevention
of Child Abuse
112 W. 6th St., Ste. 305
Kansas City, KS 66603

This manual describes an educational group program for children aged 5-14 living with a parent who is being physically and emotionally battered. The program involves 8 group sessions for children and 2 meetings with their parents. The sessions teach children to better understand themselves, their families, and the problem of domestic violence. Parent sessions provide direction and support to parents in understanding and caring for their children. While the exercises are designed for group settings, most of them can be used individually. The appendix includes 10 forms to be used with the program. 11 references.

Descriptors:

child witnesses of family violence; clinical intervention; categorical programs; group therapy; manuals; childrens shelter therapy; childrens shelter programs

Group Treatment of Children in Shelters for Battered Women.

Alessi, J. J.; Hearn, K.
Erie County Medical Center,
Buffalo, NY. Adult, Child, and
Family Clinic.

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This chapter identifies and assesses the special needs and characteristics of children in shelters for victims of domestic violence. The characteristic ways in which children react to a crisis and the difficulties of treating children in the environment of the shelter are described. A short-term treatment model for counseling these children is reviewed and the goals of the treatment are given: teach coping behaviors; help children identify and express feelings; and offer the children the support they need for their current crisis. Sessions are offered on healthy ways to solve problems and information about sexuality and love is included. 23 references.

Descriptors:

group therapy; children in shelters; childrens shelter programs; child witnesses of family violence; problem solving; crisis therapy

Helping Battered Women: A Volunteer's Handbook for Assisting Victims of Marital Violence.

McEvoy, A. B.; Brookings, J. B.
Wittenberg Univ., Springfield, OH.
Book

26 pp.

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Distributed By:

Learning Publications Inc.
P.O. Box 1326
Holmes Beach, FL 33509

This crisis intervention handbook provides guidelines for volunteers working with battered women. A general explanation of the shelter concept is offered, including issues such as confidentiality. Communication techniques are presented, focusing on crisis hotline situations. The problem of children coming to the shelter is examined. Difficulties that volunteers may experience with their own feelings are mentioned. Appendices list additional resources on the subject of battered women. 14 references and 1 chart.

Descriptors:

battered women; shelter policies; volunteer training; children in shelters; communication techniques; crisis intervention; hot lines

Life After the Refuge. A Personal Account.

Kerryn.

Maroondah Half Way House,
Ringwood, Victoria (Australia).
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This paper is by a victim of domestic violence. The despair of her existence with an abusive husband and her flight to a shelter is described. The services provided to her at the shelter are detailed, including practical assistance in obtaining legal aid, medical help, housing, and subsistence funds. Her subsequent difficulty in supporting her children and finding affordable housing is discussed. It is recommended that shelters maintain contact with women after they leave, and that followup support services be developed.

Descriptors:

shelter programs; battered women; single parent family; economically disadvantaged; socioeconomic stress

Living Without Violence. A

Community Approach to Working with Battered Women and Their Children.

Woods, F. B.

Project for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc., Fayetteville, AR.

Technical Report

333 pp.

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Project for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc.

P.O. Box 2915

Fayetteville, AR 72701

This book describes a thorough and practical approach to organizing community services for battered women. Its 6 chapters outline the battered woman's experience, propose specific steps a community can take to prevent family violence, discuss the opening and operating of a battered women's shelter, review the use of volunteers in a women's shelter, describe a self-help group for battered women, and present suggestions for working with children from violent homes. Sample forms for use in the women's shelter are provided. 12 references.

Descriptors:

battered women; shelter programs; childrens shelter programs; volunteers; community role; community services; shelter management; self help programs

Marginalisation and Migrant Women in Refuges.

Moo, A.

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This paper discusses services to immigrant battered women in

Australia. The assumption that violence is more prevalent in immigrant communities than in the general community, and that women from ethnic groups are more accepting of abuse is criticized. It is argued that women from other cultures stay in abusive domestic situations chiefly because of the language barrier and the lack of familiarity with the resources available. It is proposed that programs in shelters should be tailored specifically to the ethnic woman, coupled with a broad program across all levels of service that addresses the ethnic woman's experience in order to reduce her alienation.

Descriptors:

ethnic groups; shelter programs;
australia; cultural factors;
migrant welfare services

Police Intervention.

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This chapter examines the recent changes in police operating procedures for dealing with domestic disturbance calls and family violence situations. Information from a national study of the organizational structure and function of 89

shelters for battered women is used to discuss cooperation between shelter staff and police. The need for shelters to provide police training is mentioned. The police point of view on domestic violence is examined, and a case example of interaction between police and violent partners is given. Benefits and drawbacks of making an arrest are considered. 29 references.

Descriptors:

police operating procedures;
police attitudes; police
training; shelter policies;
family disturbance calls;
warrantless arrests; family
violence laws; case studies

Program Self-Evaluation Tool for
Programs Serving Battered Women.

Mayer, S.; Waterhouse, A.

Rainbow Research, Inc.,

Minneapolis, MN.

Book

61 pp.

Distributed By:

The Wisconsin Coalition Against
Woman Abuse

This evaluation tool was developed so that programs serving battered women might take stock of their strengths and weaknesses. Designed for internal administrative use and to plan improvements for such programs. Program services, management, policies and procedures are examined in detail. An Assessment Summary Form and Program Improvement Planning worksheets are included.

Descriptors:

battered women; categorical
programs; program evaluation;
evaluation methods; program
administration; shelter
management

Providing Health Care in Shelters.

Campbell, J. C.; Humphreys, J. C.
Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI.

Coll. of Nursing.

Journal Article

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Response.

10(1):21-24.

This article examines the need for health care in shelters for battered women and the role of nurses in meeting this need. Various approaches are suggested, such as having a nurse practitioner on the staff of the shelter to do intake exams on a part-time or full-time basis. A contract with a health clinic is another alternative discussed, but it is noted that sending the battered woman away from the shelter may involve delay and danger. Procedures are presented to minimize the risk of contagion in a communal environment. The special health problems of battered women are enumerated. Tips are given for arranging health seminars for shelter residents. The option of using student nurses is considered, as is the role of the nurse in the shelter community. 10 references.

Descriptors:

shelter programs; health services; nurses role; battered women; injuries; shelter practices

Reaching Rural Battered Women.

Providing Advocacy to Women and Children Not in Shelter.

Walker, L. D.

Book

50 pp.

Distributed By:

Project for Victims of Family Violence

P.O. Box 2915

Fayetteville, AR 72702

This manual describes the outreach program in a rural area of Arkansas for battered women not living in a shelter. Extensive advocacy support is available for women after a stay in the shelter, for women who have never lived in the shelter, and for women currently in a battering relationship. The special problems of a rural area, such as a lack of public transportation, are described. The development of self-help groups, community outreach groups, security issues, and unsuccessful advocacy efforts are discussed. Six appendices include information about the Project for Victims of Family Violence, testimony on rural issues to the U.S. Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence, and information handouts from the shelter. 3 references.

Descriptors:

Battered women; outreach; rural environment; shelter programs; arkansas; childrens shelter programs

Research with Children in Shelters: Implications for Clinical Services.

Hughes, H. M.

Arkansas Univ., Fayetteville.

Dept. of Psychology.

Journal Article

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Children Today.

15(2):21-25.

This article discusses the adjustment of children in shelters and recommends intervention strategies to professionals who work with such children. Research conducted to date indicates that the adjustment of children in shelters is poorer than that of children of similar economic

circumstances living in nonviolent homes. Tentative findings suggest that witnessing violence is most detrimental to preschool children, boys, those who have witnessed high levels of conflict, those who have themselves been abused, and those whose mothers report high levels of depression and anxiety. Preschool children seem to be most at risk for difficulties in psychological adjustment. Since intervention for that age group is usually conducted through the mother, mothers of preschoolers in shelters need more than the usual shelter crisis intervention, advocacy, and general parenting education. Direct intervention is possible with older children; in addition to parenting suggestions for their mothers, the children may need group or individual therapy, or both. Shelter workers can teach children new nonviolent behaviors and strategies for solving problems.

As more definitive research is done, shelter children's psychological functioning will become more clear, as will the implications for treatment. 10 references.

Descriptors:

child witnesses of family violence; children's shelter programs; clinical intervention; children's therapy; behavior patterns; behavior problems; psychological characteristics

Rural Domestic Violence

Intervention. A How-To-Guide.

Crisis Intervention Service, Mason City, IA.

Training Material

64 pp.

Distributed By:

Crisis Intervention Service
124 North Federal Avenue
Mason City, IA 50401

(515) 424-9071

This manual explains how to organize a women's center in a rural environment to offer assistance to victims of battering, sexual abuse, or rape. Services are decentralized and include a counseling and referral center, a 24-hour hotline, and safe homes. The history of a specific women's service in Iowa is detailed. Growing out of a service for displaced rural homemakers, the service now offers safe homes, counseling, and legal assistance to women in crisis. The specific problems of the rural situation, such as the impracticality of a centralized hotline location, are addressed. The hotline is run through a divertor box so that different volunteers can staff the phones from their homes each day. Practical suggestions are offered for setting up a crisis center, implementing policy, recruiting and screening volunteers, raising money, conducting community outreach programs, guaranteeing the safety of safe homes, and effectively helping the victims. Sample forms are given, examples of workshop agendas are listed, and other suggestions for implementing policy are included. 37 references.

Descriptors:

shelters; shelter management; hot lines; battered women; volunteers; rural environment; counseling; shelter policies

Shelter-Based Parenting Services:

A Skill-Building Process.

Armstrong, D. T.

CHILD, Inc., Wilmington, DE.

Journal Article

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Children Today.

15(2):16-20.

The article describes the Shelter Parenting Program offered by CHILD, Inc. at the New Castle County (Delaware) Battered Women's Shelter. Its goal is to break the intergenerational cycle of violence in families. The program combines an instructional group format, in which information on parenting skills is presented, with individual or family sessions (or both) in which participants are helped to apply these skills to specific situations. The formal curriculum focuses on increasing the mothers' competence in communication, self-control, empathy, parenting skills, and relationship building. In individual sessions, mothers are guided through the process of identifying problem behaviors, selecting methods for dealing with them, and assessing the outcome. The methods are modified as required. Profiles of some of the program's clientele are provided.

Descriptors:

children in shelters; shelter programs; clinical intervention; parenting skills; parent child relations; family services; delaware; case studies

Stress Takes a Toll: Volunteer Advocates for Battered Women.

Mickish, J.

Gateway Battered Women's Shelter,
Aurora, CO.

Journal Article

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Response.

10(4):9-13.

This study to identify sources of stress among shelter workers

is based on interviews with volunteer victim advocates at a women's shelter in Colorado. Sources of stress in the victim advocacy process include not enough time to perform assigned tasks, too much paperwork, potential reprisals from abusers, judicial leniency toward offenders, and a sense of being in foreign territory while working in the court system. Considerations for program administrators combatting staff burnout are provided. 10 references.

Descriptors:

battered women; intervention; volunteers; stress; worker burnout; personnel management; shelter programs; colorado

Structure and Ideology of Shelters for Battered Women.

Epstein, S. R.; Russell, G.;
Silvern, L.

Colorado Univ., Boulder.

Journal Article

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American Journal of Community
Psychology.

16(3):345-367.

In the present study both ideology and organizational age were studied as predictors of a shelter organization's structure; a nationwide survey of 111 women's shelters provided the data. Recent literature concerning shelters includes untested suggestions that shelters can be categorized by their ideological differences and that their ideologies predict their organizational structures. However, widely accepted principles of organizational theory predict that older shelters would have a different structure than newer shelters. This survey found that feminist versus other

ideologies were associated with a distinctive pattern of priorities for the shelters. However, organizational age was found to be more important than ideology in predicting structural variables. 32 references and 2 tables.
(Author abstract modified)

Descriptors:

shelters; shelter policies;
shelter management; surveys;
administrative policies; womens
movement

Support and Education Groups for
Children of Battered Women.

Grusznski, R. J.; Brink, J. C.;
Edleson, J. L.

Domestic Abuse Project,
Minneapolis, MN. Children's
Program.

Journal Article

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Child Welfare.

67(5):431-444.

This article describes in detail a support and education group program intended for the children of battered women. Five hundred seventy-five children have participated in this Minneapolis program, which has 4 general goals: to convince children that they are not the cause of the violence in their homes; to increase self-esteem; to teach new methods for self-protection; and to teach nonviolent methods of problem-solving. 11 references.

Descriptors:

child witnesses of family
violence; group therapy;
childrens therapy; children at
risk; support groups; childrens
shelter programs

Ten Years On: A Review of Women's
Refuges in New South Wales.

Noesjirwan, J.

Kuring-gai College of Advanced
Education, Lindfield, New South
Wales (Australia).

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This paper is derived from an evaluation of 40 women's shelters in New South Wales, and provides insight into their objectives and functioning, which are based on the philosophy that each woman possesses the autonomy to make her own decisions. Although over 5,500 women were housed during the 6 months of the survey, 23,000 women were turned away in 1984. Since women only come to the shelter as a last resort, the plight of these women is desperate. The conference is urged to work to remedy the structural inequalities and social factors that make violence against women in relationships a possibility.

Descriptors:

australia; battered women;
shelter programs; support
systems

Volunteer Training Manual.
Volumes I and II.

Women and Children in Crisis,
Inc., Bartlesville, OK.

Training Material

83 pp.

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Inc.Family Violence Intervention
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Bartlesville, OK 74005

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This 2-volume training manual is designed for volunteers at the shelter in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. It describes the shelter's program and policies, defines domestic violence and details counseling skills to be used with the women and children at the shelter and with the hotline. Included are handouts on battering, rape, listening skills, and sample situations volunteers may need to handle.

Descriptors:

volunteer training; manuals;
shelter programs; oklahoma;
battered women; intervention;
hot lines

What a Difference a Day Makes: An
Empirical Study of the Impact of
Shelters for Battered Women.

Berk, R. A.; Newton, P. J.; Berk,
S. F.

California Univ., Santa Barbara.

Dept. of Sociology.

Journal Article

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Journal of Marriage and the
Family.

48(3):481-490.

This article evaluates the impact of shelters for battered women on spousal violence. Drawing on formal, hybrid theory from economics and sociology, it is predicted that shelters will have beneficial effects only for battery victims who are already taking control of their lives. For other women, a shelter stay

may in the short run encourage retaliation. Using a 2-wave panel of wife-battery victims, the research results show that these hypotheses are by and large supported. Some policy implications are briefly discussed. 3 tables and 40 references. (Author abstract modified)

Descriptors:

battered women; shelter
programs; family violence
research; outcomes; recidivism;
factor analysis; sequelae; wife
abuse