COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY WHEEL

This wheel *begins* to demonstrate the ideal community response to the issue of domestic violence. Community opinion, which strongly states that battering is unacceptable, leads all of our social institutions to expect full accountability from the batterer by applying appropriate consequences. This wheel was developed by Mike Jackson and David Garvin of the Domestic Violence Institute of Michigan (P.O. Box 130107, Ann Arbor, MI 48113, tel: 313.769.6334).

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MEN WILL:

Acknowledge that all men benefit from men's violence. Actively oppose men's violence. Violence. Use peer pressure to stop violence against women and children. Make peace, justice, and equality masculine virtues. Vigorously confront men who indulge in misogynistic behavior. Seek out and accept the leadership of women.

MEDIA WILL:

Educate the community about the epidemic of violence against women. Prioritize safety, equal opportunity, and justice for women and children over profit, popularity, and advantage. Expose and condemn patriarchal privilege, abuse, secrecy, and chauvinism. Cease the glorification of violence against women and children.

CLERGY WILL:

Conduct outreach within the congregation regarding domestic violence and provide a safe environment for women to discuss their experiences. Develop internal policies for responding to domestic violence. Speak out against domestic violence from the pulpit. Organize multi-faith coalitions to educate the religious community. Interact with the existing domestic violence intervention community.

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL:

Become social change advocates for battered women. Refer batterers to accountable intervention programs. Stop blaming batterers' behavior on myths such as drugs and alcohol, family history, anger, provocation, "loss of control," etc. Design and deliver services that are sensitive to women and children's safety needs. Minimize how batterers use them to continue battering their families.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WILL:

Dialogue with students about violence in their homes, the dynamics of domestic violence, and how it's founded on the oppression of women and the worship of men. Provide a leadership role in research and theoretical development that prioritizes gender justice, equal opportunity, and peace. Intervene in harassment, abuse, violence, and intimidation of girls and women in the

educational system

BATTERERS

GOVERNMENT WILL:

Pass laws that: define battering by men as criminal behavior without exception; vigorously and progressively sanction men's battering behavior; create standards for accountable batterer-intervention programs; and require coordinated systems of intervention in domestic violence. Provide ample funding to accomplish the goal of eradicating domestic violence.

JUSTICE SYSTEM WILL:

Adopt mandatory arrest policy for men who batter. Refer batterers exclusively to intervention programs that meet state or federal standards. Never offer delayed or deferred sentence options to batterers. Provide easily accessible protection orders and back them up. Incarcerate batterers for noncompliance with any aspect of their adjudication.

EMPLOYERS WILL:

Condition batterers' continuing employment on remaining nonviolent. Actively intervene against men's stalking in the workplace. Support, financially and otherwise, advocacy and services for battered women and children. Continually educate and dialogue about domestic violence issues through personnel services.

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