Broward County Court-Mandated Batterer-Programme Experiment — Randomised Trial of Duluth-Model Counselling with No Effect on Re-arrest (Cautionary Case)

Gender Equality · Good practice · United States of America

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

NIJ-funded randomised trial: men convicted of misdemeanour domestic violence in Broward County got probation alone or probation plus 26 weeks of Duluth-model groups. Re-arrest was 24% in both arms and victim-reported abuse did not differ.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-12

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