Circles of Peace — Restorative-Justice Add-On to Court-Mandated Batterer Programmes, Tested in Two US Randomised Trials (Nogales, AZ and Salt Lake City, UT)

Gender Equality · Good practice · United States of America

Quality score: 63/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Restorative 'peacemaking circles' added to a court-mandated batterer programme. A Utah RCT found 53% fewer new arrests and 52% lower crime severity over 24 months; an earlier, under-powered Arizona RCT found no significant DV difference.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-20

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