

# Ontario's Partner Assault Response (PAR) Programme

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

Ontario funds 63 mandatory Partner Assault Response programmes across all 54 court jurisdictions - 12-week counselling for domestic-violence offenders. A 2006 study of 1,000 matched offenders found less spousal reoffending but no overall recidivism drop.

## 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                  | 1/1   |
| Achievement / evidence          | 0/1   |
| Gender-mainstreaming embedding  | 1/1   |
| Curator validation              | 1/1   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

[Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

[Ontario PAR Program](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

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