

Counterpoint's Toronto Model for Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Are Abusive or at Risk of Abuse

Are you interested in working with men to address issues of intimate partner violence, emotional abuse, and male privilege? Are you interested in creating meaningful change in your community around gender-based violence? Are you interested in becoming an effective group facilitator around challenging topics?

If you answered yes to any of these questions...Counterpoint has the training for you!

We are excited to announce that we are offering the second iteration of our new *Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Abuse or at Risk of Abusing* training program for doing this work, after 2 highly successful sessions in the fall of 2022.

The training is based on our extensive experience offering the Partner Abuse Response (PAR) program (PAR) in Ontario for over 20 years – the core program available in Ontario for men charged with intimate partner violence-related charges.

You will receive a strong theoretical background on intimate partner violence, Ontario's criminal justice response, and working with men who have or are at risk of abusing. You will also receive valuable opportunities to apply this knowledge to build your skills, including practice in developing your own approach and observing and learning directly from Counterpoint's experienced PAR program facilitators.

Brief Description:

As one of the largest providers of Ontario's PAR program and the only agency in Ontario focused entirely on the delivery of the PAR program, Counterpoint is one of a small number of agencies with expertise on working with men who abuse in Ontario and indeed in Canada. Intimate partner violence continues to be a significant and persistent issue around the world and in our own communities. In Ontario alone, the number of femicides increased by 52% between 2019 & 2020 with the onset of the pandemic according to recent data from the Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses. We know that the COVID-19 pandemic and pandemic isolation factors have led to increases in these crimes around the world.

Counterpoint recognizes that as long as the expertise & strategies for working with men to change are limited to the reactive criminal justice system, intimate partner violence will continue.

That's why Counterpoint is offering this training for any interested person. The process & strategies that you will learn will be applicable in all kinds of social service roles (e.g.

child welfare, settlement, violence against women), community development workers, men's health workers, family advocates, therapy & counselling roles and finally for anyone who connects with men in some capacity. This training will also give you the skills needed to work as a PAR program facilitator.

We have worked to develop a robust curriculum that will ensure you are exposed to the theory and skills needed to help men change and apply this new knowledge in your own workplace, community or relationships.

Key Characteristics of Training:

- Approximately **20-25 hours of training**, featuring a mix of in-class learnings, practicing what you've learned opportunities and opportunities to observe Counterpoint's PAR program sessions.
- Training period between **January-March 2023** & space is limited.
- **No experience needed**, however prior group facilitation experiences an asset.
- Upon completion, graduates will receive a Certificate of Completion
- **Total Cost: \$1000**
- More information on Counterpoint can be found on our website:
<https://counterpoint.coop/coop-wpv3/>

If you are interested or have any follow-up questions, please send an email to adam.helfand-green@counterpoint.coop