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PREDICTION OF RECIDIVISM FROM BATTERER CHARACTERISTICS
AND PRIOR ARREST RECORDS

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A variety of batterer characteristics, such as witnessing parental violence as a child, alcohol/drug use, and a prior legal history, have been found to be correlated with domestic violence. Initial research on recidivism of domestic violence has also suggested that these characteristics are correlated with recidivism, and thus, may possibly be used as predictor variables.

This study explores the relationship between a number of batterer characteristics and recidivism, using a sample of both male and female batterers involved in a domestic violence treatment program. Legal histories, percentage of treatment sessions completed, batterer subtypes and gender will also be explored as possible predictors of recidivism.