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SUB Typing A BATTERER POPULATION

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Archival data from a local batterers' assessment and treatment program was gathered on approximately 75 males. The study describes this population on a number of variables including: frequency and severity of violence, alcohol/drug use, amount of violence witnessed and experienced during childhood, attitudes toward women and violence, and mental health. In addition, self reports and police reports of the violent incident which precipitated involvement with the police were compared in order to check the accuracy of the self report. These results are discussed in terms of implications for batterer treatment programs.