

Assessment of Change in Abusive People

Assessment of change in abusive people must draw on multiple sources and include attention to the following:

- Has this person made a **full disclosure** of their history of physical and emotional abuse?
- Has this person recognized that abusive behavior is **unacceptable**?
- Has this person recognized and accepted their abusive behavior as a **choice** and taken **responsibility** for their actions?
- Does this person **show empathy** for the effects of their actions on you and your children?
- Can this person **identify their pattern** of controlling behaviors and entitlements?
- Has this person **replaced abuse** with respectful behaviors and attitudes?
- Is this person willing to **make amends** in a meaningful way?
- Does this person **accept the consequences** of their actions?
- Has this person completed or begun **meaningful & long term work** towards changing their behavior by attending an *Abuser Education Program*?