



Harmony House
established in 1985

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Harmony House - Who we are?

- ▶ Established in 1985
 - The first shelter in Hong Kong to provide refuge for victims of family violence
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- ▶ Specialist in dealing with Domestic Violence
 - Comprehensive services
 - Integrative approach
 - Pioneering role
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Our Mission

- To promote harmony and healthy relationships in families.
- To contact and reach out to families in need through counseling and crisis intervention
- To change attitudes, impart knowledge and skills through community education.



Our Goals

- To provide protection, caring and empowerment of women and children who are victims of family violence.
- To counsel and give guidance to batterers in order to stop the cycle of violence.
- To provide education to the community at large as well as specific target groups in order to promote family harmony.



Our Services

Harmony House

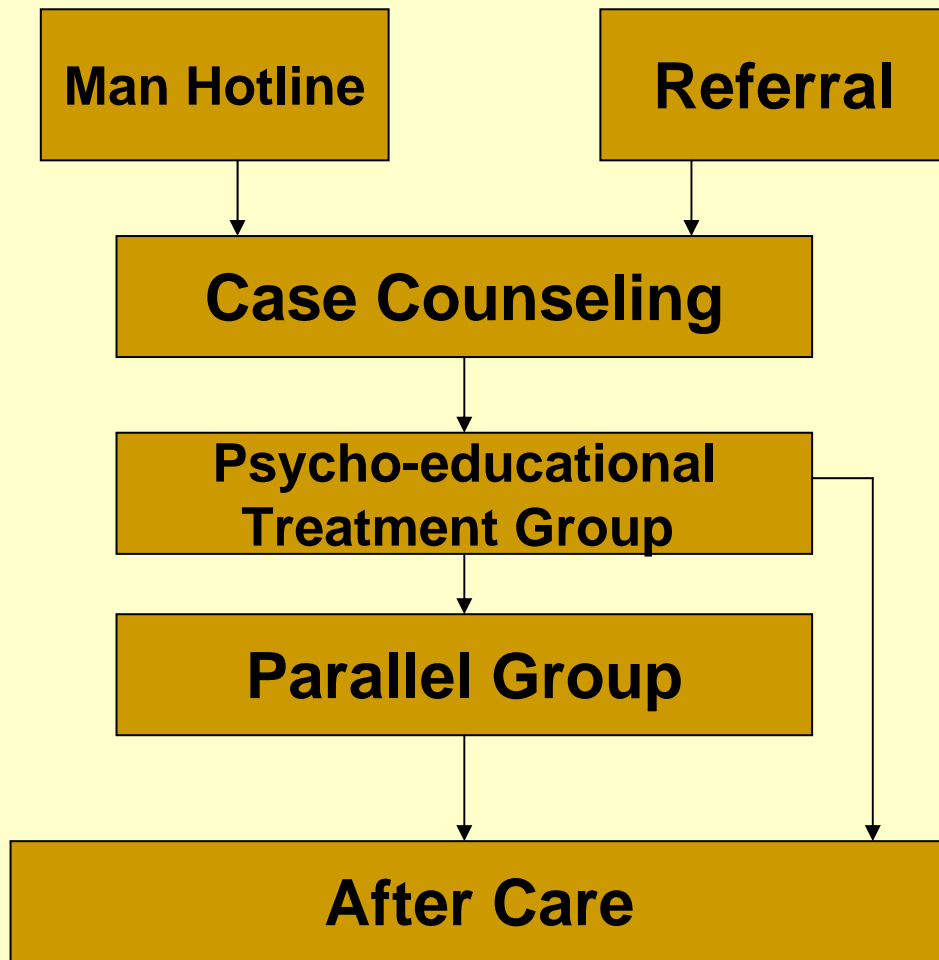
Shelter
(1985)

Community Education
and Resource Centre
(1992)

Third Path -
Man Services
(2000)

Crisis Intervention Team
on Family Violence
(2001)

Treatment Model of Batterer Program



Causes of Abuse as Perceived by Client (2000-2004)

Factors \ Years (Case numbers)	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Male Chauvinism	184(92%)	188(91.7%)	189 (93.6%)	185 (84.9%)
Hot-tempered	187(93.5%)	177(87.2%)	181 (89.6%)	179 (82.1%)
Financial Problem	149(74.5%)	150(73.9%)	163 (80.7%)	162 (74.3%)
Gambling	85(42.5%)	101(50%)	86 (42.6%)	77 (35.3%)
Alcoholic	73(36.5%)	83(40.9%)	87 (43.1%)	68 (31.2%)
Extra-marital Affairs	65(32.5%)	64(32.7%)	59 (29.2%)	70 (32.1%)
Jealousy	122(61%)	125(61.9%)	121 (59.9%)	129 (59.2%)



The Characteristic of Batterer

- ↳ **Male Chauvinism**
- ↳ **Hot Temper**
- ↳ **Jealousy**
- ↳ **Manipulation**
- ↳ **Denial**
- ↳ **Witness Domestic Violence as a Child**
- ↳ **Weakness in Self-expression**



Reluctant to seek help

- ↳ It is not a problem**
- ↳ I can manage**
- ↳ It is a family matter**
- ↳ Lose face**
- ↳ Lack of batter treatment services**



Psycho-educational Treatment Group

***The Ultimate Goal of Program :
Stop the Violent Behavior***

Theoretical Approach:

- 📌 The Feminist Perspective**
- 📌 Cognitive Behavior Approach**



Psycho-educational Treatment Group

Content :

- 📌 Awareness and Expression**
- 📌 Impact of Violence**
- 📌 Change of Abusive Belief**
- 📌 Reflection of the Power & Control / Gender Issues**
- 📌 Problem Solving & communication skills**
- 📌 Relapse Prevention Plan**



Characteristics

- 📌 Voluntary base**
- 📌 Open Group Approach**
- 📌 Top priority on safety issues**
 - partner contact
 - participant with agreement
 - batterer's safety



Evaluations

Objectives of the Study :

- ▶ Reducing family violence among men battered their conjugal partners ?**
- ▶ Why and how violent men change**
- ▶ What are the factors that contribute to these changes ?**



Methods of Study :

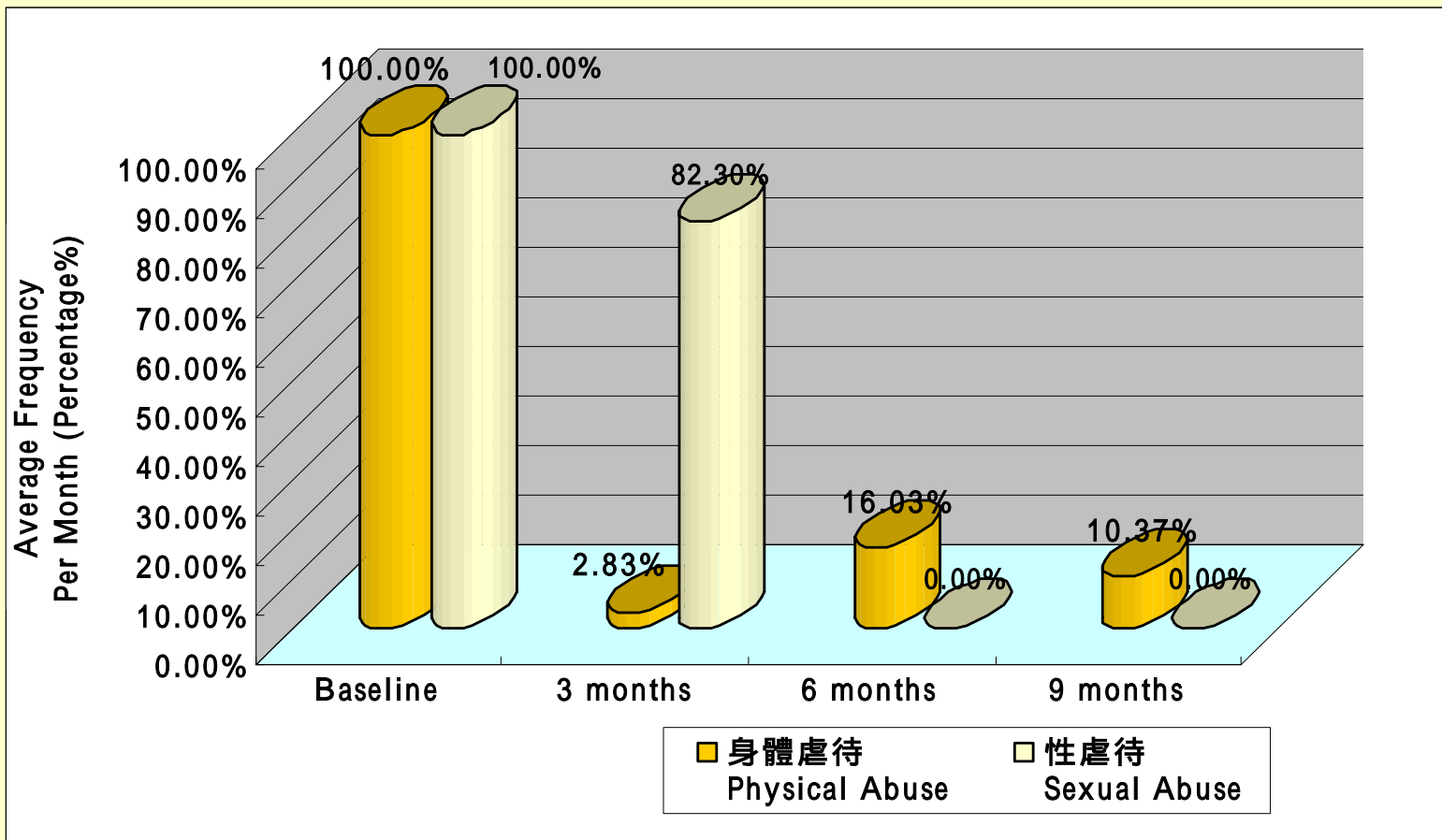
- *Client profile Study*
- *Use of Behavioral Charts*
- *Case Study*



Batterer Profile (Dec., 2000 - Feb., 2004)

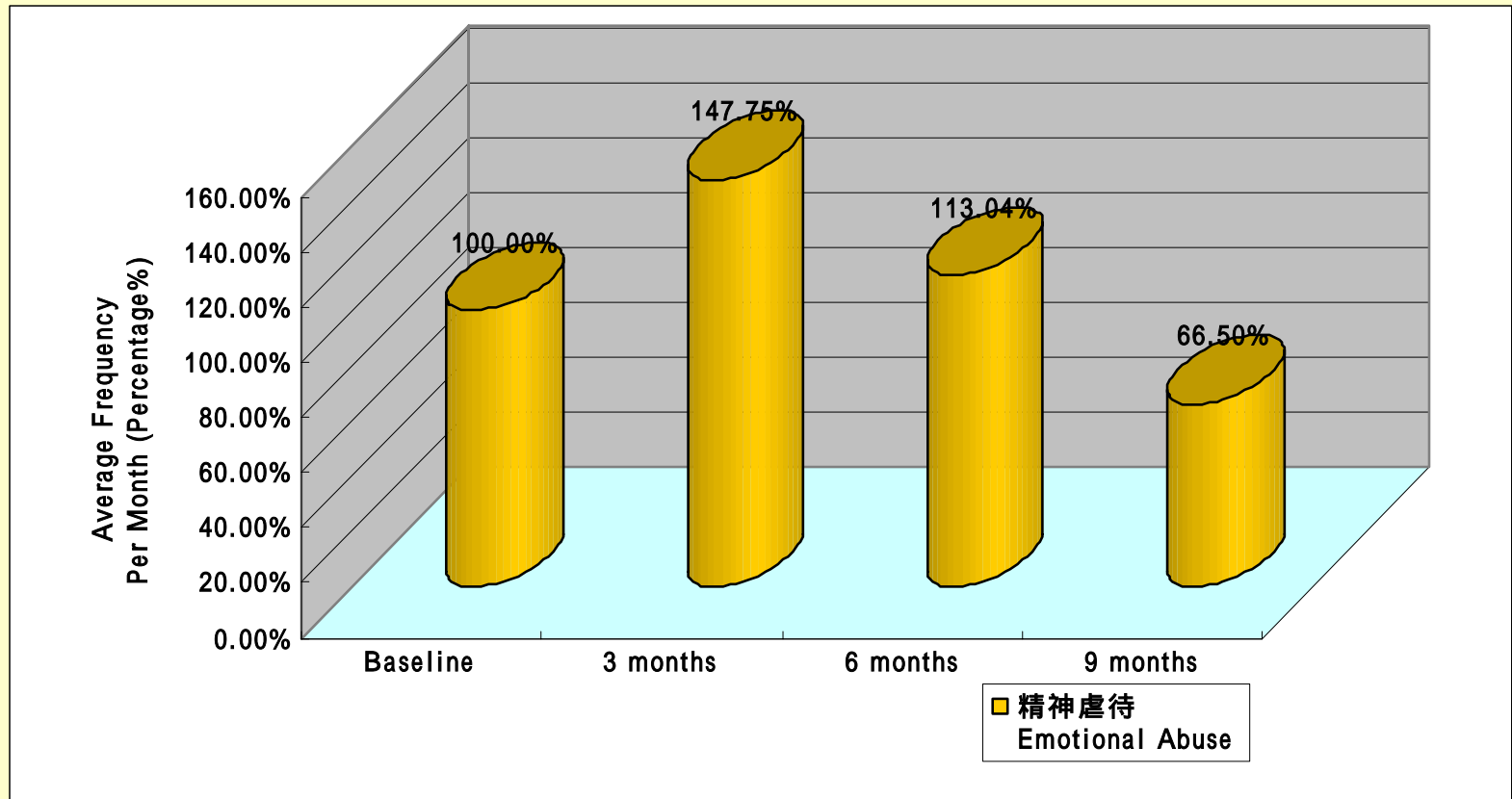
Age	41-50	41%
Living District	West N.T.	37%
Occupation	Blue collar	44%
Marital Status	Married	73%
Number of children	1-2 children	60%
Education Level	Primary or Below	51%
Family Income	\$3001- \$9000	43%

Outcome of Third Path - Batterers' Report Effect on Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse



Outcome of Third Path - Batterers' Report

Effect on Emotional Abuse





Case Study

- *“I came to know it was wrong from the other fella”*
- *“I didn’t know it hurts – but I did after joining the programme”*
- *“I’ve tried to see things more positively”*
- *“Now I know how to control my temper better”*



Recommendations

- **Review Cap. 189**
- **A Plea for Mandatory Counseling**
 - **Police Discretionary Scheme for Adults**
 - **Revise Bind Over Order attached with condition of batterer treatment**
 - **Probation Order Revision**



Thank You