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## Liberal Program Receives Batterer Intervention Certification

A Liberal batterer intervention program has been certified as having met the core state standards, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced today.

The Toolbox was certified as having met the standards described in the *Essential Elements and Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs*. A new Kansas law enacted by the 2012 state legislature requires batterer intervention programs to obtain certification from the Attorney General's Office.

The Batterer Intervention Certification Panel, appointed by the attorney general, completed an in-depth process including evaluation and site visits to assess program compliance. The certification was awarded for a two-year period, during which the program will be subject to additional monitoring by the Attorney General's Office.

Batterer Intervention Programs are community-based programs providing educational and counseling services to domestic violence batterers who use dominating, controlling and abusive tactics in relationships. These programs establish accountability for batterers and prioritize victim safety by assisting participants to choose and sustain non-violence in their lives.

For more information on the Batterer Intervention Program, visit [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov) or call 1-800-828-9745.

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