Cycle of Violence

Batterer:
- hitting, choking, humiliation,
- imprisonment, rate, use of
- weapons, beating, verbal
- abuse, (see continuums
- for other
- behaviors)

Denial

Batterer:
- moody, nitpicking,
- isolate her, withdraw
- affection, put downs,
- yelling, drinking
- or drugs, threatens,
- destroys property,
- criticizes, sullen,
- crazy-making

Acute Explosion

Batterer:
- I’m sorry, begs
- forgiveness,
- promises to get
- counseling, go to church, A.A,
- sends flowers, brings presents,
- “I’ll never do it again,” wants
- to make love, declares love, enlists
- family support, cries

Honeymoon

Tension Building