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UW wants men to dial in on violence

New study offers
'checkup' on phone

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Wanted: Men who engage in domestic abuse (or think they might).

University of Washington researchers started a program Wednesday encouraging men concerned about their behaviors toward spouses and family to call 1-800-MEN-1089 for a domestic abuse checkup.

"This study is designed with one major goal — to capture the attention of the man who is concerned about hurting their loved ones," said project director Lyungai Mbilinyi, a University of Washington researcher. "We want to reach men before the controlling and the physical assault get worse."

The process involves a confidential interview with a trained clinician from the UW or University of Minnesota schools of social work. They will help the man take stock of his behavior and his options.

Men can choose to participate

GET INVOLVED

Men who would like to participate in the domestic abuse checkup can call 1-800-MEN-1089 from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays.

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