

The Unbeatable Way in Espoo

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Where it all began

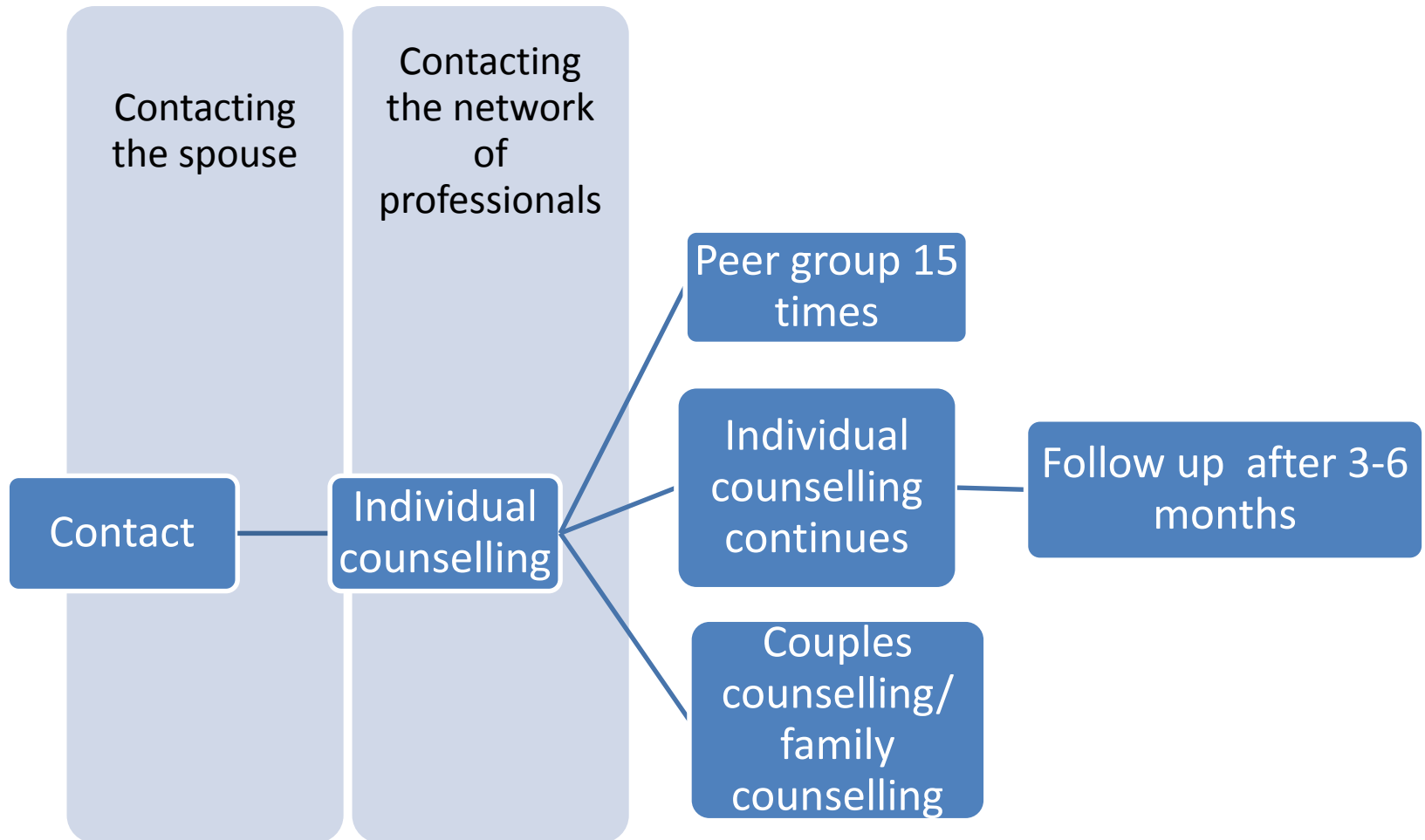
- The council for Gender Equality placed a division to ponder the violence against women and domestic violence in 1990
- Based on the report (over 60 proposals for action) the services for male perpetrators of domestic violence started
 - also Victim Support, Rape Crisis Center

Lyömätön Linja - the starting point

- Priest Lasse Reijomaa's column in a magazine
- Womens' aid in Espoo (NGO)
- Aims of the project (1993-) :
 - To start an educational programme for men
 - To build a professional network
 - To influence the public discussion to break the tabu of DV

Lyömätön Tie ("The Unbeatable Way")

– A domestic violence intervention programme



Miehen Linja ("The Way of Men")

- Started 2005
- The immigrant women and children were overrepresented in shelters
- More and more international men also sought help for themselves (as perpetrators)
- Culturally sensitive approach
- Preventive groupwork