

Domestic Violence – Batterers Intervention Services

Location: Group – Office Setting

Client: Parent/Caregiver

Duration: Moderate – referrals created for one year. Classes are 26 weekly group sessions. Please plan for the batterer to attend the entire program.

Payer: DCS/MCO

Summary:

The batterer or offending parent may be selected for service delivery of Domestic Violence Batterers Intervention Services. Batterers' intervention services shall not exist in isolation, as it represents only one component of a coordinated community response to domestic violence. Services shall maintain cooperative working relationships with local programs (domestic violence programs and shelters, survivor programs, law enforcement, courts, advocates, legal services, etc.). Services shall focus on victim safety, batterer accountability and community collaboration, in that order. Services should be non-abusive, support change, and hold program clients accountable for their behavior. Group is the only method of services for the batterer. Group sessions will be for same-gendered participants only. All service must follow the ICADV approved policies and procedures for BIP service delivery (outlined in full service standard). BIP providers will work in collaboration with DV victim and child providers and/or victim advocates to ensure safety of the victims.

Intake process will include acknowledgment of batterer's past and current use of physical and sexual violence, including other abusive behaviors, within and outside of intimate relationships, substance abuse screening, screening for history of mental illness or trauma, and identification of current threats or ideations of homicide. Substance abuse, addictions, and/or mental illness counseling/treatment is not an appropriate intervention for domestic violence and may not be substituted for the program. If intake indicates the need for substance abuse or mental health assessment or treatment, it shall be done separately and not in conjunction with batterer's intervention.

Monthly reports will not look like other community based services. Monthly reports may include information on attendance, if fees are paid (if applicable), if group rules were violated and which ones, and if the client admitted to their violence. The provider cannot make predictions on if the client will continue to offend again. The provider will not provide a certificate of completion.