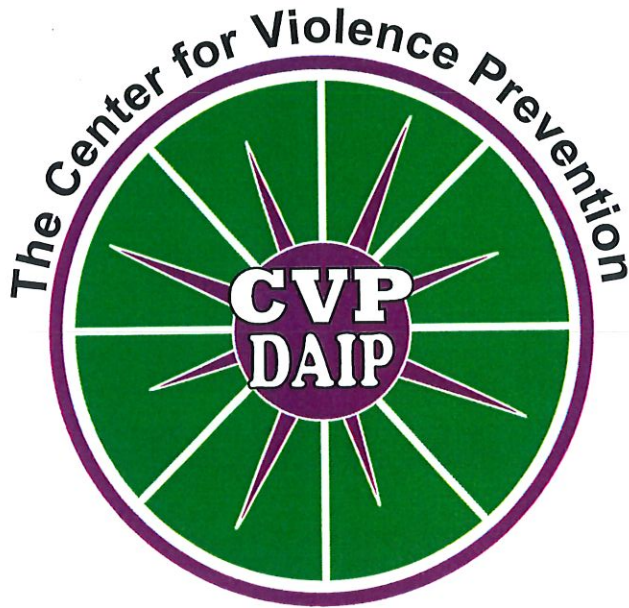


Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Abuse



Domestic Abuse Intervention Program

Batterer's Intervention Program

A BIP is an integral tool of a coordinated community response to domestic abuse and focuses on accountability for batterers with a priority on victim safety.

Using the nationally respected **Duluth Model** our goals will:

- Ensure safety for the partners of group participants while working to end domestic abuse by creating a culture of deterrence.
- Ensure the program is collaborating with the justice system, human service providers, and battered women's programs.
- Teach offenders alternatives to coercive, controlling, and abusive behavior in intimate relationships.

How it works

- Perpetrators are court-ordered into the 24-week educational program designed to confront the abuser with his abusive conduct.
- Eight themes, based on the Duluth Model and promoting non-abusive behavior, are presented by a male and female facilitator.
- Trained facilitators are compensated for each session with fees collected from the perpetrator.

BIP Program Philosophy

- Abuse is intentional.
- Battering is a system of abusive behaviors that are used to maintain control.
- Most cultures have supported male dominance in families.
- Individual men can change.
- Except in cases of self-defense, there are always alternatives to abuse.

BIP Program Content

- Participants are encouraged to take full responsibility for their behavior.
- Facilitators respectfully challenge existing sexist beliefs and attitudes.
- Groups support the men to change controlling and abusive behavior.
- Facilitators challenge minimization, denial, and blame.
- The group process is compassionate but not controlling.
- Facilitators teach men to develop relationships with women based upon equality.

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