

# Overview of Domestic Violence Intervention Programs in North Dakota



The North Dakota Alliance to End Partner Abuse (NDAEPA) (previously the Batterers' Treatment Forum) supports the utilization of domestic violence intervention program standards and the implementation of training and mentoring that upholds best practices towards victim safety and offender accountability.

*NDAEPA is a project of the North Dakota Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition (NDD SVC) — [nddsvc.org](http://nddsvc.org)*

## NDCC 12.1-17-13. Mandated intervention program of domestic violence offenders

The sentence for an offense under section 12.1-17-01 (Simple Assault), 12.1-17-01.1 (Assault), 12.1-17-01.2 (Domestic Violence), 12.1-17-02 (Aggravated Assault), 12.1-17-03 (Reckless Endangerment), 12.1-17-04 (Terrorizing), 12.1-17-05 (Menacing), 12.1-17-07 (Harassment), 12.1-17-07.1 (Simple Assault), 12.1-18-02 (Felonious Restraint), 12.1-18-03 (Unlawful Imprisonment), 12.1-21-05 (Criminal Mischief), 12.1-21-06.1 (Interference with Telephone During Emergency Call), 12.1-31.2-01 (Disorderly Conduct Restraining Order), 12.1-31.2-02 (Order Prohibiting Contact), or 14-07.1-06 (Penalty for Violation of a Protection Order) against an intimate partner, must include an order to complete a domestic violence offender assessment and intervention program as determined by the court. A court may not order the offender to attend anger management classes or individual counseling unless a domestic violence intervention program is not reasonably available to the defendant and the court makes findings for the record explaining why an order to complete a domestic violence offender intervention program would be inappropriate.

## ND Battering Intervention Standards:

- Requires follow-up communication to courts
- Group must be at least twenty-four 1.5 hour sessions
- Attentive to lethality and safety needs of victims
- Anger management is not a best practice because individuals abuse partners even when anger is not present
- Must work closely with advocacy programs

*View full standards at [nddsvc.org/projects/ndaepa](http://nddsvc.org/projects/ndaepa)*

All certified programs in the state currently use a curriculum that supports the Duluth model. When criminal justice systems and battering intervention programs work closely together, lives can change.

**Coordinated Community Response Project** conducted a study that tracked 547 male participants who completed the New Choices Program from 2004–2020.

*Community Violence Intervention Center - Grand Forks, ND*

**Participants experienced:** 73% decrease in law enforcement involvement

90% decrease in criminal charges

86% decrease in protection orders filed

## Comments from Participants:



*"I have learned that violence is not just physical actions, so I have been focusing on the words I use and how I use them. I am becoming a better parent and partner because it is what my family deserves."*



*"I changed my attitude, how I talk, how I address situations. I wanted to be a better partner and have a better relationship. I also changed for the kids. I wanted to be better for everyone, including myself. My self-esteem is through the roof because of my accountability and willingness to change. I cannot remember the last time I was this happy."*

*Photos have been altered to respect client confidentiality.*

# North Dakota Domestic Violence Intervention Programs



 = In Compliance with ND Battering Intervention Standards

## Belcourt

**Hearts of Hope Batterers Intervention Program**  
Hearts of Hope  
PO Box 900  
Bismarck, ND 58316  
701-477-0002  
Rochanda Gourneau

## Bismarck\*\*

**SAVE (Solutions to Alleviate Violent Encounters)**  
Abused Adult Resource Center  
PO Box 5003  
Bismarck, ND 58502  
701-319-9329  
Kris M.  
violencefreebismarck@gmail.com

## Devils Lake\*\*

**Alternatives to Violence**  
Safe Alternatives for Abused Families  
PO Box 646  
Devils Lake, ND 58301  
701-662-7378  
Melandie Deplazes  
saaf@gondtc.com

## Fargo\*\*

**NoViolence**  
Rape and Abuse Crisis Center  
PO Box 2984  
Fargo, ND 58108-2984  
701-293-7273  
Madison Lucas  
madisonl@raccfm.com

## Grafton/Mountain\*\*

**Choice to Change**  
Domestic Violence & Abuse Center  
PO Box 228  
Mountain, ND 58262  
701-352-8266  
Julia Hell  
choicetochange@dvacnd.org

## Grand Forks\*\*

**New Choices**  
Community Violence Intervention Center  
211 S. 4th Street  
Grand Forks, ND 58201  
701-746-0405  
Taylor Redmann  
newchoicesgroup@cviconline.org  
www.cviconline.org/get-help/intervention-programs/

## Minot\*\*

**Balanced Beginnings**  
Domestic Violence Crisis Center  
PO Box 881  
Minot, ND 58702  
701-441-9394  
balancedbeginningsgroup@dvccminot.org

## Wahpeton

**Three Rivers Engaging Change**  
Three Rivers Crisis Center  
509 Dakota Avenue, Suite B  
Wahpeton, ND 58075  
701-899-9834  
Jayme Burlison  
engagingchange@midconetwork.com

## Williston\*\*

**Violence Free Program**  
Family Crisis Shelter  
PO Box 1893  
Williston, ND 58802  
701-580-3088  
Rhonda Mundo  
violencefree.fcs@outlook.com

## Correctional Facilities

### Bismarck

**New Pathways to Healthy Relationships Program**  
ND Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations (Prison)  
3100 Railroad Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58506

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### Jamestown

James River Correctional Center  
2521 Circle Drive  
Jamestown, ND 58401  
701-253-3711  
Amy Veith  
aveith@nd.gov

\*Services are only available to residents of these correctional facilities.

\*\*Services are also available for women