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 (NDDSVC) - 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

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:



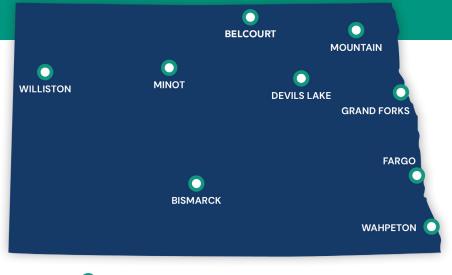
"I have learned that violence is not just physical actions, so I have been focusing on the words I use and how I use them. I am becoming a better parent and partner because it is what my family deserves."



"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 selfesteem 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



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