

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

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 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

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

-and-

Jamestown

James River Correctional Center
2521 Circle Drive
Jamestown, ND 58401
701-253-3711
Amy Veith
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*Services are only available to residents of these correctional facilities.

**Services are also available for women