

Overview of Domestic Violence Offender 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 offender 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 offender 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."

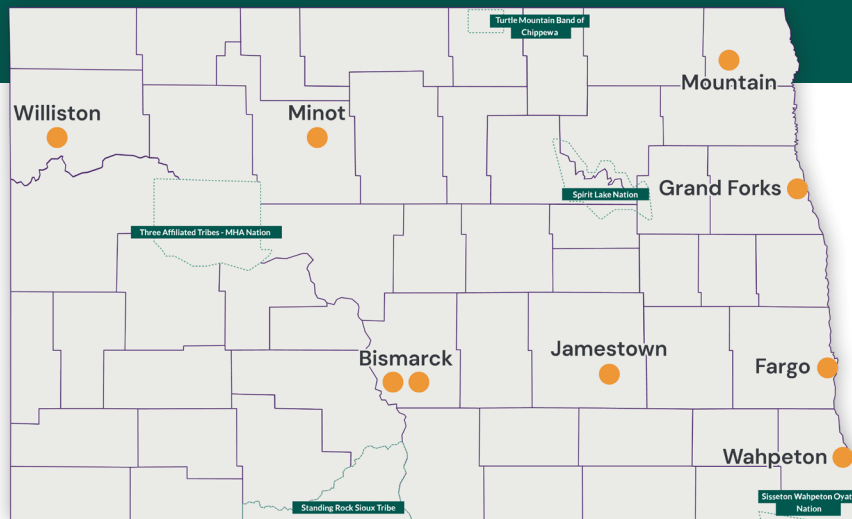


"I changed my attitude, how I talk, how I address situations. I wanted to be a better partner and have a better relationship. I also changed for the kids. I wanted to be better for everyone, including myself. My self-esteem is through the roof because of my accountability and willingness to change. I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

Photos have been altered to respect client confidentiality.

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Domestic Violence Offender Intervention Programs



● = In Compliance with ND Battering Intervention Standards

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
 317 8th St N
 Fargo, ND 58102
 701.293.7273
 Mariah Duchesne
 mariahd@raccfm.com
 noviolence@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
 701.317.5051
 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@dvcminot.org

Wahpeton

Three Rivers Engaging Change
 Three Rivers Crisis Center
 509 Dakota Avenue, Suite B
 Wahpeton, ND 58075
 701.899.9834
 Jayme Burlison
 jayme@threeriverscrisiscenter.com

Williston**

Violence Free Program
 Family Crisis Shelter
 PO Box 1893
 Williston, ND 58802
 701.580.3088
 Natasha Cortner
 violencefree.fcs@outlook.com

Correctional Facilities

Bismarck

New Pathways to Healthy Relationships Program
 ND Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations (Prison)
 3100 Railroad Avenue
 701.328.6100
 Bismarck, ND 58506

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Jamestown

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 Jamestown, ND 58401
 701.253.3711
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*Services are only available to residents of these correctional facilities.

**Services are also available for women