

Benefits of Participation

Possible benefits of your participation in Domestic Violence Prevention Program include:

- A better understanding of yourself, your beliefs, attitudes and your behavior.
- A feeling of greater security with who you are and what is important to you.
- Greater control of your life while letting go of control of others.
- The ability to make better choices in response to your anger.
- Possible dismissal or PJC on the charge following completion of the program.

Please be Aware

There is no guarantee that enrollment in this program will stop the violence. If violence continues, we encourage the victim to use the legal system to press criminal charges.



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Domestic Violence Offenders
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM
OR TO SCHEDULE A SCREENING
APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL
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How do clients enter the program?

Referrals to the program come from Criminal and Civil Court, Department of Social Services or other community agencies, and voluntary participation by individuals who feel the need to seek help for their domestic violence behavior or attitude.

GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION THROUGH COURT

1. For **DEFERRED PROSECUTION/DISMISSAL OF DOMESTIC CASES:**

The defendant must not have any prior convictions except minor traffic convictions.

2. For **DEFERRED PROSECUTION/PJC OF DOMESTIC CASES:**

A. The defendant may **not** have a past conviction, to include:

- Any felony
- Any assault
- False imprisonment
- Resisting and Obstructing a Law Officer
- Violation of a 50-B Order
- Misdemeanor Breaking and Entering

B. The defendant will plead guilty and disposition will be deferred so that the defendant can complete the Domestic Violence Prevention Program (DVPP). Upon completion of DVPP, defendant will return to court for a dismissal or permanent PJC, as previously agreed.

3. FOR THOSE DEFENDANTS WHO ARE **COURT ORDERED** TO COMPLETE DVPP (NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DEFERRED PROSECUTION):

This continues to be left up to the discretion of the presiding judge. A judgment should be entered with DVPP being noted as a condition of supervised or unsupervised probation. If a defendant fails to complete DVPP or other recommended interventions, the Program Coordinator will remand the defendant back to the respective probation officer or directly to the court.

4. DVPP will screen all referrals for appropriateness as well as to discern other contributing or primary factors. Although we will make every attempt to provide an appropriate intervention for all referrals, we will determine whether or not we can adequately serve a particular defendant.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PARTICIPATE

Domestic Violence Prevention Program is a group psycho-educational treatment program for individuals who have abused their partners. The program follows a modified version of the Duluth Model, which is one of the most recognized curricula used in domestic violence intervention and focuses on accountability and behavior modification. The program is 26 weeks and consists of an individual comprehensive assessment, orientation, weekly group sessions, and monthly progress reports to referring agency. DVPP participants attend classes once each week. Please call for specific times. In order to participate in DVPP, the following conditions apply:

- You must be willing to talk and learn about yourself.
- You must be willing to be screened for possible substance abuse. If necessary, a referral for treatment and/or education may be required. (*Substance abuse is involved in a large percentage of domestic violence cases.*)

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- A screening/intake is required before beginning the program. The cost for the screening/intake is \$75.00.
- The cost of the 26-session program is \$540 (non-refundable). \$90 is required at orientation (class #1). Additional payments can be made in five \$90.00 installments every six weeks. All payments must be made in advance of group attendance. Total cost is \$615.00, including screening/intake.