

Domestic
Violence
Intervention for
Abusive
Partners

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You will learn. . .

- What are DVIPs?
- How are they different from other treatment programs?
- Why refer to DVIPS through Civil Court?
- How to refer to DVIPS through Civil Court?

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What are DVIPs?

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Domestic
Violence
Intervention
Programs

- Abuser intervention programs re-educate offenders on their behavior and help them to develop new methods of interacting with intimate partners and family members.
- Previously referred to as Batterer Intervention Programs
- Overseen by NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement (NCCFWYI) & Domestic Violence Offender Management Committee (DVOM) under NC Domestic Violence Commission

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DVIP Structure

- ❑ Weekly Classes for 26 weeks and last 90 minutes
 - Total of 39 treatment hours
 - Must be completed within 30 weeks
- ❑ Classes are grouped by gender
- ❑ 2 Facilitators if class size greater than 8
 - Best practice is male & female co-facilitator
- ❑ Fees are determined by each program
- ❑ Victim Safety is an important component

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Common Questions about DVIPs

Length

Cost

Effectiveness

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How DVIPs Are Different from Other Programs?

Domestic Violence is

- ❑ **Happens within families**
- ❑ **A PATTERN of POWER & CONTROL**
 - ❑ Causes FEAR for SAFETY
 - ❑ Prevents victim from doing what they want
 - ❑ Forces victim do to something they don't want
- ❑ **More than physical violence**
 - ❑ Verbal threats & Intimidation
 - ❑ Psychological & Emotional Abuse
 - ❑ Manipulation, Blame & Denial
- ❑ **Chosen behavior that can be changed**

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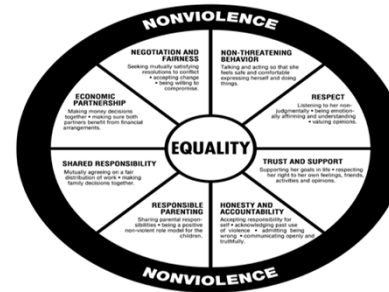
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DVIP Goals: Away From



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DVIP Goals: Towards



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DVIP Curriculum

- Types of domestic violence
- Impacts of DV on victims
- Impacts of DV on children
- Accountability
- Identifying abusive behaviors and alternative behaviors
- Healthy Relationships
- How MH/SA impact DV
- Identification of cues/triggers leading to abusive behavior

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DVIPs vs. Mental Health & Substance Use Programs

- Mental Health & Substance Use Do Not Cause Domestic Violence
- Mental Health and Substance Use Programs Do Not Address Domestic Violence
- Addressing both issues requires Both/And treatment not Either/Or

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Anger Management vs DVIPs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Victim could be anyone ❑ No addressing impact on victim ❑ No victim outreach ❑ Goal is to prevent/diffuse anger 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Victim is intimate partner/family ❑ Impact on victims is addressed ❑ Victim outreach ❑ Goal is victim safety
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Anger Management vs DVIPs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Anger is primary problem ❑ Focus on managing emotion ❑ Abuse seen as loss of control ❑ Viewed as personal MH issue ❑ Gender not considered to be an issue ❑ Not certified by NCCFWYI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Abuse and control primary problem ❑ Focus on changing beliefs and behavior ❑ Abuse is result of power and control ❑ Viewed as a societal issue ❑ Gender is a significant factor ❑ Certified by NCCFWYI
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Why Refer to DVIPs?

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Only abusers
can Stop
abuse

Many survivors
want the **abuse**
to end, **not** the
relationship

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Why refer to DVIPs through Civil Court?

Not everyone will pursue Criminal Charges

Lack of Criminal Charges does NOT equate to Lack of Danger for Victim

May be only entry into system and opportunity for intervention with abusive partner

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How can Civil Court refer to DVIPs?

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GS 50-B Relief a12

"A protective order may . . . Order any party the court finds responsible for acts of Domestic Violence to attend and complete an abuser treatment program if the program is approved by the Domestic Violence Commission"

- § 50B-3. Relief.
- (a) If the court, including magistrates as authorized under G.S. 50B-2(c1), finds that an act of domestic violence has occurred, the court shall grant a protective order restraining the defendant from further acts of domestic violence. A protective order may include any of the following types of relief:
- (1) Direct a party to refrain from such acts.
 - (2) Grant to a party possession of the residence or household of the parties and exclude the other party from the residence or household.
 - (3) Require a party to provide a spouse and his or her children suitable alternate housing.
 - (4) Award temporary custody of minor children and establish temporary visitation rights pursuant to G.S. 50B-2 if the order is granted ex parte, and pursuant to subsection (a) of this section if the order is granted after notice or service of process.
 - (5) Order the eviction of a party from the residence or household and assistance to the victim in returning to it.
 - (6) Order either party to make payments for the support of a minor child as required by law.
 - (7) Order either party to make payments for the support of a spouse as required by law.
 - (8) Provide for possession of personal property of the parties, including the care, custody, and control of any animal owned, possessed, kept, or held as a pet by either party or minor child residing in the household.
 - (9) Order a party to refrain from doing any or all of the following:
 - a. Threatening, abusing, or following the other party.
 - b. Harassing the other party, including by telephone, visiting the home or workplace, or other means.
 - c. Cruelly treating or abusing an animal owned, possessed, kept, or held as a pet by either party or minor child residing in the household.
 - d. Otherwise interfering with the other party.
 - (10) Award attorney's fees to either party.
 - (11) Prohibit a party from purchasing a firearm for a time fixed in the order.
 - (12) Order any party the court finds is responsible for acts of domestic violence to attend and complete an abuser treatment program if the program is approved by the Domestic Violence Commission.

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50Bs: Requested Relief #14

"I want the defendant to be ordered to attend an abuser treatment program."

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Name of Defendant

7. I want the defendant to be ordered not to come on or about:

<input type="checkbox"/> (a) my residence.	<input type="checkbox"/> (b) any place where I am receiving temporary shelter.
<input type="checkbox"/> (c) the place where I work.	<input type="checkbox"/> (d) any school(s) the child(ren) attend.
<input type="checkbox"/> (e) the place where the child(ren) receives day care.	<input type="checkbox"/> (f) the place where I go to school.
<input type="checkbox"/> (g) Other (name other places)	

The child(ren) currently attend (name school)

8. I want the defendant to be ordered to have no contact with me.

9. I want possession and use of the following vehicle:

[Vehicle make]

10. I want temporary custody of our minor child(ren) listed in this Complaint. I understand that I must file a separate child custody action for permanent custody.

11. I want the defendant to be ordered to make payments for the support of our minor child(ren), as required by law, but I understand it is only temporary and that I must file a separate child support action for regular, permanent child support.

12. I want the Court to prohibit the defendant from possessing or purchasing a firearm.

13. I want the Court to order the defendant to surrender to the sheriff his/her firearms, ammunition, and gun permits to purchase a firearm and carry a concealed weapon.

14. I want the defendant to be ordered to attend an abuser treatment program.

15. I want the defendant to be ordered to provide me and the child(ren) suitable alternative housing.

16. I want the defendant to be ordered to make payments for my support as required by law, but I understand it is only temporary, and that I must file a separate action for regular permanent spousal support.

17. Other (specify)

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GS 50b (A2):
If Court orders defendant to attend abuser treatment program

(A2) If the court orders that the defendant attend an abuser treatment program pursuant to G.S. 50B-3(a)(12), the defendant shall begin regular attendance of the program within 60 days. G.S. 50b-3 Page 2

of the entry of the order. When ordering a defendant to attend an abuser treatment program, the court shall also specify a date and time for a review hearing with the court to assess whether the defendant has complied with that part of the order. The review hearing shall be held as soon as practicable after 60 days from the entry of the original order. The date of the review shall be set at the same time as the entry of the original order, and the clerk shall issue a Notice of Hearing for the compliance review to be given to the defendant and filed with the court on the same day as the entry of the order. If a defendant is not present in court at the time the order to attend an abuser treatment program is entered and the Notice of Hearing for review is filed, the clerk shall serve a copy of the Notice of Hearing together with the service of the order. The plaintiff may, but is not required to, attend the 60-day review hearing.

(a3) At any time prior to the 60-day review hearing set forth in subsection (a2) of this section, a defendant who is ordered to attend an abuser treatment program may present to the clerk a written statement from an abuser treatment program showing that the defendant has enrolled in and begun regular attendance in an abuser treatment program. Upon receipt of the written statement, the clerk shall remove the 60-day review hearing from the court docket, and the defendant shall not be required to appear for the 60-day review hearing. The clerk shall also notify the plaintiff that the defendant has complied with the order and that no 60-day review hearing will occur.

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      A[Compliance hearing scheduled within 60 days] --> B[Prior to review defendant may present written verification to clerk]
      B --> C[Clerk will then remove hearing from court docket]
      C --> D[Contempt of Court possible for non-compliance]
  
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Summary

- DVIPS are Domestic Violence Intervention Programs
- DVIPS focus on DV & holding abusive partners accountable
- Victims may pursue DVPOs & not criminal charges
- GS 50-B a12 allows referral to DVIPS if DVPO obtained (# 14 Requested Relief)

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Questions?

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