PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

PAIP programs are designed to address Intimate Partner Violence by serving the primary aggressor in the relationship. All PAIPs have the following service components: Intake/Assessment, Group, Service Coordination and System Collaboration.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals may attend a PAIP because of a court order or voluntarily, but the individual PAIP program must determine whether the offender meets PAIP criteria.

❖ Primary Aggressor in Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
  o Not all domestic battery charges are appropriate for PAIP, i.e. father/son, roommates or other non-intimate relationships.
  o A victim who is retaliating may be guilty of domestic battery, but is not appropriate for PAIP.

❖ Individual can benefit from program
  o Some conditions, such as, traumatic brain injury may result in episodes of violence, but individual may not benefit from PAIP.

❖ Individual does not detract from group benefit
  o If one individual’s participation in PAIP takes away the benefit from the rest of the group, he/she is not appropriate.

INTAKE

❖ Determine eligibility for PAIP
  o An in person intake must be conducted to determine that the individual is a perpetrator of violence within an intimate partner relationship and meets the admission criteria.

❖ Level of risk & victim safety
  o Victim safety and abuser accountability are the two main tenants of PAIP. A mandatory risk assessment process begins during intake and continues throughout PAIP programming.
Identification & referral for other service needs
- Domestic violence perpetrators may have other issues that need to be addressed. At a minimum, intake must include substance abuse and mental illness screening and referrals to needed ancillary services either before participating in group, simultaneously of after completion of PAIP.
- PAIPs may have follow-up with other services as a condition of their PAIP contract and successful completion of the program.

Participant Contracts
- All PAIP participants must sign a contract which outlines the expectations and rules of the program; including attendance, fees, group participation and progress. The consequences for non-compliance are also included.

GROUP
- Group is the accepted modality for PAIP. Individual sessions shall not exceed 4 unless there is an approved reason for the exception.
- Participants meet once a week for a minimum of 24, 90-minute sessions.
  - Participants may not attend more than one group per week.
  - Participants may have classes extended due to lack of progress or non-compliance with contract.

Psycho-educational program which focuses upon attitudes, beliefs & behaviors
- PAIP is not therapy, but an educational group that may integrate a cognitive behavioral framework.
- Individuals in need of counseling may be referred to other entities for such services in conjunction with PAIP services.

Co-facilitation
- All groups must be co-facilitated.
SERVICE COORDINATION

❖ Work with referring entity
  o Releases of information should be secured to facilitate coordination of services.
  o A referral process and communication expectations including referral, needed documentation for referral, communicating assessment recommendations, required forms, etc. should be worked out between PAIP and primary referral sources.

❖ Coordination between PAIP and referring entity is essential for holding abusers accountable.
  o Monthly status reports, reporting non-compliance, notifying of dangerousness, enforcement of participant contract and court order is essential.

❖ Coordination with other service providers
  o If other services are recommended this should be communicated to the referral source.
  o Responsibility for follow-up and service coordination should be clear.

SYSTEM COLLABORATION

❖ Participation in community efforts to address domestic violence, such as, work with domestic violence victim services, Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Councils, community-wide education, training of service systems.