

KEY FEATURES OF DVIP

The Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) worked with a group of key stakeholders and state partners to develop the guiding principles, standards, and best practices for DVIP providers in our state. Below is a general list of the key features that the ACADV utilizes to vet providers and determine program compliance with our state standards.

- Abuse and control are viewed as primary problem
- Focus on changing beliefs and behavior of participant
- Abuse is seen as due to an effort to take & maintain control over victim
- Intervention is long term (26 sessions minimum)
- Each sessions is 1 hour in length, minimum
- Repeated reminders of the damage caused
- Victims are identified and accountability is paramount
- Sexism & gender socialization are significant factors
- Confrontational, denial is regularly targeted
- Domestic violence is understood as a social issue
- Program is part of a larger coordinated response to ensure community is aware of resources and accountability measures are transparent



WHAT IS DVIP?

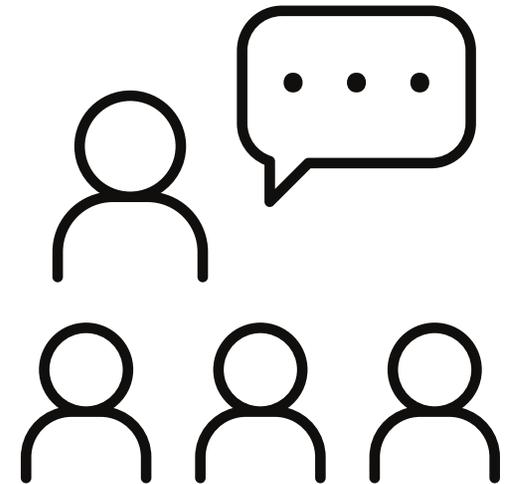
Domestic Violence Intervention Programs (DVIP) are an evidence-based intervention for those who use violence and/or abuse to exert power and control over someone with whom they share a domestic setting (current or former intimate partner, persons who co-habitat together, persons who share a child together, etc...

DVIP is not anger management. Anger management programs are not an effective stand-alone intervention for domestic violence offenders.

DVIP are specifically for domestic violence offenders and confront the core factors that research has identified contribute to battering.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS (DVIP)

FAQs, general information, and other key features



This information was developed by the DVIP Advisory Board & Work Group organized and overseen by the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV).

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Battering is a pattern of behavior, not a standalone event
- Battering is NOT an addiction or disease, and NOT caused by alcohol or substance abuse
- Batterers are solely responsible for their actions, and must be held accountable for their violence and abuse
- DVIP service providers shall remain neutral in court settings to prevent collusion or manipulation by abusers, if subpoenaed
- The goal of the DVIP program is to address the batterer's use of violence and abuse, NOT to reunite a family or couple

ADVISORY BOARD INFO:

The Advisory Board is composed of 12 professionals and key partners, facilitated by the ACADV. This Board meets once a quarter to review provider applications, answer or amend questions related to standards, and other administrative tasks. A full list of members and meeting schedule can be found on the ACADV website: www.domesticpeace.com

FIND A DVIP SERVICE PROVIDER NEAR YOU:



Scan the QR code above or visit our website at:
www.domesticpeace.com/DVIP for more information on offender interventions and/or to find a provider near you.



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FAQS:

What is domestic violence?

One person using a pattern of methods and tactics to gain and maintain power & control over another person(s).

What resources are available for victims?

If your life is in danger, please call 911. The national DV hotline is also available 24/7, you can call to speak with an advocate any time at 1-800-799-8233 (SAFE) or visit their website www.thehotline.org.

In Arkansas, the National DV Hotline will always connect you to one of our member programs. A full map of shelters and their contact information can be accessed at www.domesticpeace.com/shelters. Survivors are also encouraged to visit: www.victimrightsar.com to know their rights as a victim.

Do abusers show any potential warning signs?

There is no way to spot an abuser in a crowd, but most abusers share some common characteristics. Some of the subtle warning signs include:

- They insist on moving quickly into a relationship.
- They can be very charming and may seem "too good to be true."
- They insist that you stop participating in your preferred leisure activities or spending time with family and friends.
- They are extremely jealous or controlling.
- They do not take responsibility for their actions and blame others for everything that goes wrong.
- They criticize their partner's appearance and make frequent put-downs.
- Their words and actions don't match.

It's important to remember that domestic violence is first and foremost a pattern of power and control. Any one of these behaviors may not be indicative of abuse on its own, until it is considered as part of a pattern of behavior.

Will DVIP stop the violence?

While DVIP can be an effective intervention, it is never a guarantee that the violence or abuse will stop. Once an abuser has had all of the power in a relationship, it's difficult to transition to a healthy relationship where each partner has equal respect and power.