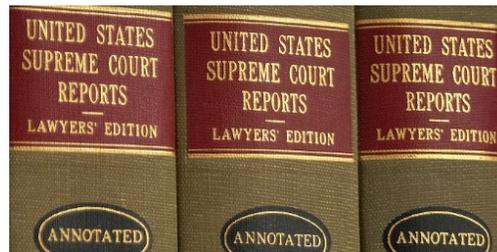




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## **ZOOM PROGRAM**

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Shielding the Abused: Treatment & Representation for Perpetrators**

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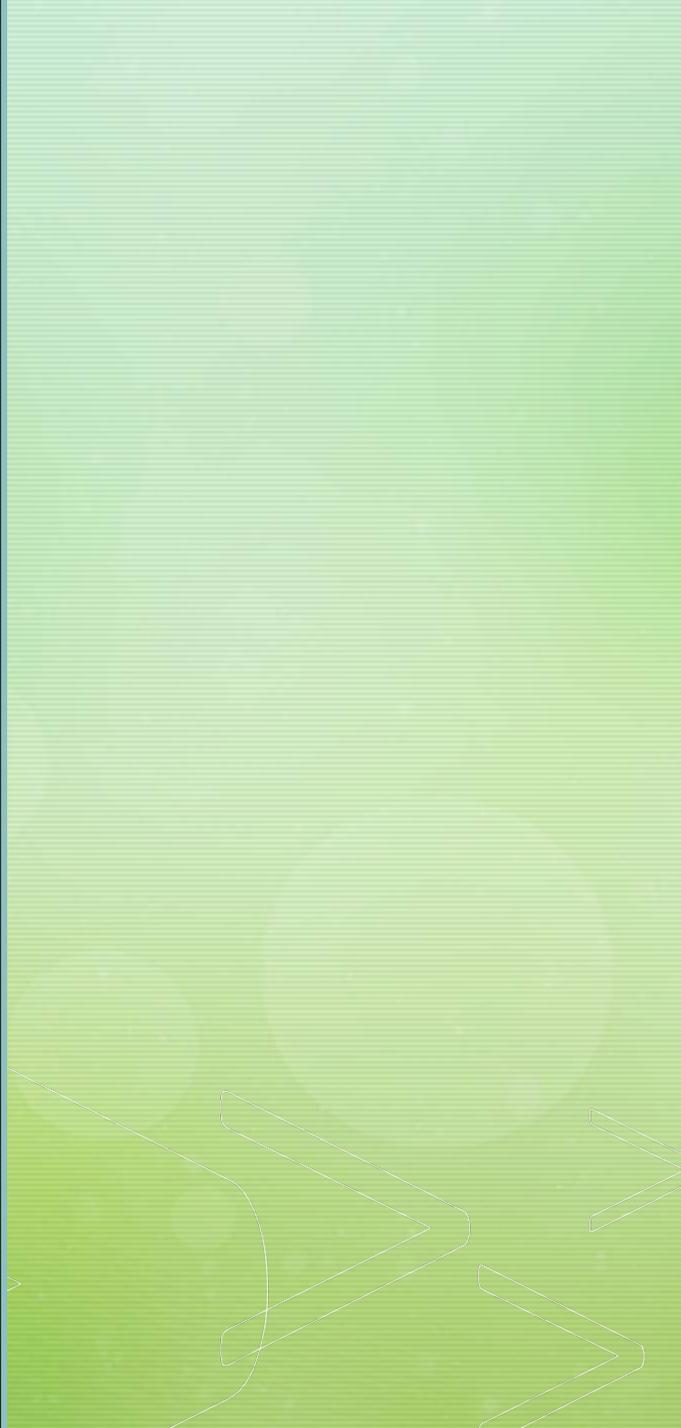
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# True North Counseling Services



# Perpetrator Empathy & Accountability Program (P.E.A.P)

- A psycho-educational Batterers' Intervention Program for male and female perpetrators of domestic violence. Our program is based on the Duluth Model of Domestic Violence Intervention.
- We provide services for individuals mandated by Suffolk and Nassau County Courts, Child Protection Services, New York State Parole, Suffolk/Nassau County Probation Departments, and other local referral sources.
- Non-mandated individuals are welcome to attend the program as well.
- The program is a minimum of 32 weeks.
- Clients must take sole accountability for their abusive behavior and demonstrate empathy for their victim.
- Successful completion is based on client's progress, compliance with program rules, and the recommendation of the group facilitator.
- Completion letters are not provided to clients as they are commonly used to further abuse the victim.
- Clients must complete 4 individual sessions throughout the program.



# Evaluations

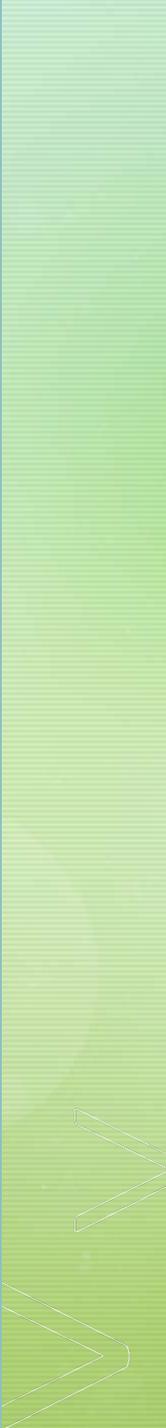
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  - Clients must provide necessary documentation such as orders of protection, copy of license, referral contact information, and copies of police/incident reports.
  - Clients may be subject to a \$30 rescheduling fee if documentation is not provided, they fail to attend the appointment, or do not cancel their appointment with 24 hours' notice.
  - If client is deemed appropriate for the program they will be placed into a group.
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# Evaluations

- Our Domestic Violence evaluation covers these areas:
- 1. Relationship and abusive behavior history
- 2. History of substance abuse
- 3. Client's own history of child abuse/abusing children
- 4. Mental health history

Please note:

- Clients may be recommended to receive a mental health or substance abuse evaluation before engaging in the program.
  - Clients may NOT participate in Anger Management or Couples Counseling while engaged in the program.
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# Fee schedule

- Intake (\$50-\$100)
  - Group (\$45-\$65)
  - Individual sessions (\$40)
  - Sliding scale is based on proof of Medicaid eligibility.
  - Insurance is NOT accepted.
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# Current Groups

## DV Men's Groups:

- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7:30 pm
- Thursday at 6:30 am

## DV Women's Group:

- Tuesday at 6:00 pm



# Group Rules

The program rules are strictly enforced to enable clients to practice accountability.

Below are some of the most important group rules:

- Clients must pay for all absences incurred in the program unless they are in the hospital/court at the time of group. These would be considered excused absences.
  - Clients are given 3 unexcused absences throughout the program. If they go over this amount they will be extended.
  - Clients will be terminated if they are absent from two consecutive groups.
  - Clients are only allowed one week's negative balance. The full balance must be paid the following week, or they will receive an absence.
  - Clients are restarted in the program if they receive a new charge, violate the order of protection, or use substances.
  - Clients who are aggressive/threatening towards staff and/or other group members will be asked to leave. This would result in an absence and/or termination
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# What is the Duluth Model?

The Duluth Model, originating in Duluth Minnesota, is a way that a community collaborates to end domestic violence. Such as:

- Taking the blame off the victim and placing the accountability for abuse on the offender.
- Shared policies and procedures for holding offenders accountable and keeping victims safe across all agencies in the criminal and civil justice systems from 911 to the courts.
- Prioritizing the voices and experiences of women who experience battering in the creation of those policies and procedures.
- Believing that battering is a pattern of actions used to intentionally control or dominate an intimate partner and actively working to change societal conditions that support men's use of tactics of power and control over women.
- Offering change opportunities for offenders through court-ordered educational groups for batterers.
- Having ongoing discussions between criminal and civil justice agencies, community members and victims to close gaps and improve the community's response to battering.

Reference:

<https://www.theduluthmodel.org/what-is-the-duluth-model/>



# FORMS OF ABUSE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATIONSHIPS

## Physical Abuse:

Hitting	Using weapons	Blocking a doorway
Slapping	Hair-pulling	Throwing things
Kicking	Grabbing	Pushing someone out of a car
Yanking someone	Physically restraining	Breaking things
Looming over another person	Pushing	Punching or kicking walls
Getting in a person's face	Shoving	Driving in a scary way
Punching	Choking	Burning

## Verbal Abuse:

Yelling, shouting, cursing, talking over someone, constantly interrupting, answering questions for the other person, not allowing them to speak, speaking in a condescending manner

## Mental Abuse (Mind Games):

Lying or twisting things around	Always being right
Tricking someone	Accusing the other person actions of which they are not guilty
Hiding the other's personal items from them	Blaming the other person for one's own mistakes
Believing the other person is always wrong	

## Emotional Abuse:

Insulting	Possessiveness	Constantly checking up on the person
Putting down	Not respecting feelings	Devaluing a person's point of view
Ridiculing	Ordering a person around	Spying on person through others
Threatening	Destroying personal property	Jealousy
Ignoring	Ruining a person's reputation	Humiliating someone

## Sexual Abuse:

Rape	Not listening to the word "No"
Unwanted touch	Deliberately not talking about birth control
Vulgar comments	Making someone pregnant against their will
Intense pressure to have sex	Getting her pregnant to prevent her from leaving

## Financial Abuse:

Taking their money  
Giving them an allowance  
Making them ask for money  
Hiding knowledge of or access to the family income  
Preventing them from getting or keeping a job

***NO** type of abuse is acceptable, and nobody has to just take it. If you feel you be a victim of abuse, you can call our 24-hour hotline:*

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from the Detroit News—submitted by Evelyn Forrest, Birmingham, Mich.

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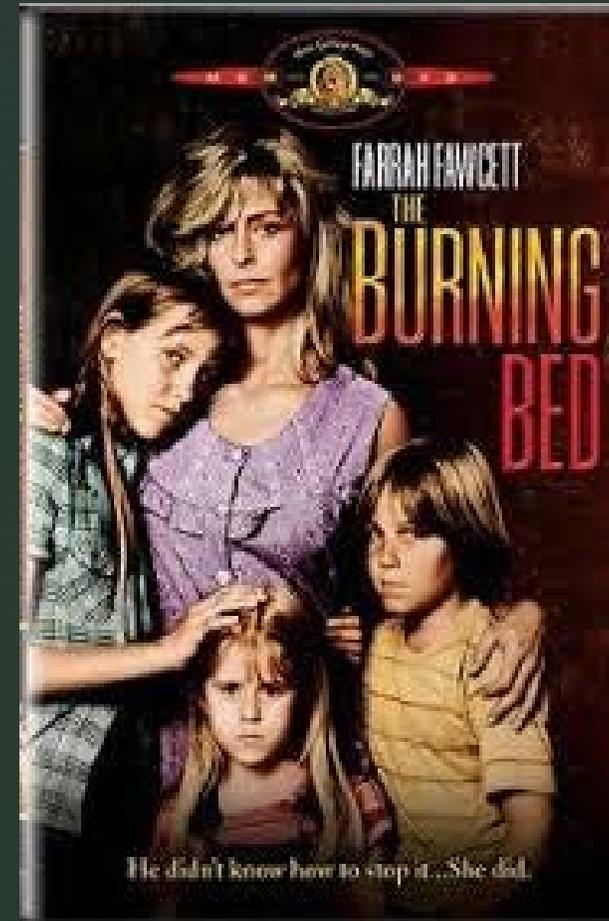
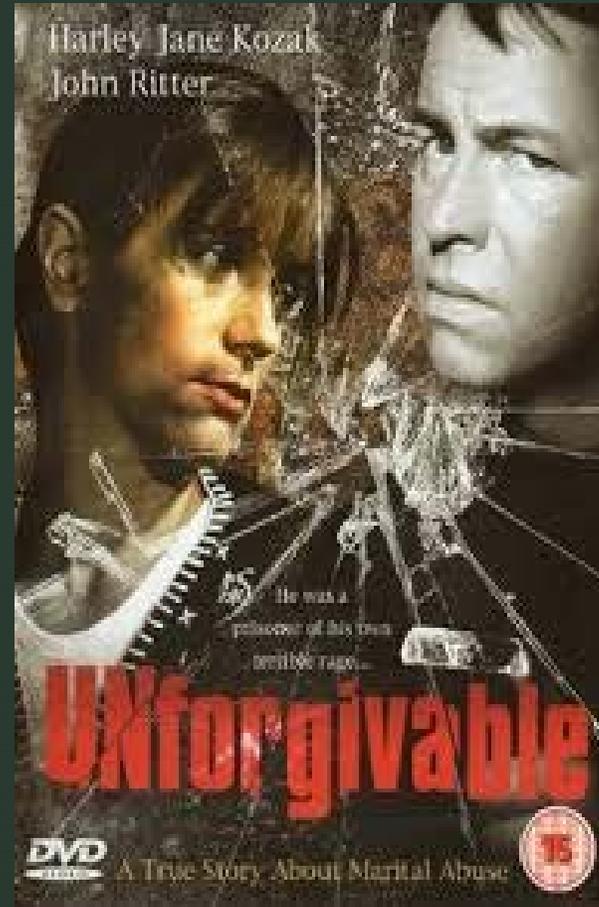
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# Effectiveness

Historically, Batterers' Intervention Programs have had mixed results. According to one Meta-Analysis of DV Perpetrator programs it was found that:

“Domestic violence offenders who participated in interventions using the Duluth Model were less likely to recidivate, compared with offenders who did not participate.”

“There were fewer reports of violence reported by partners of domestic violence offenders who participated in interventions using the Duluth Model, compared with offenders who did not participate”

Babcock, Julia C., Charles E. Green, and Chet Robie. 2004. “Does Batterers' Treatment Work? A Meta-Analytic Review of Domestic Violence Treatment.” *Clinical Psychology Review* 23: 1023–1053.

Reference:

<https://crimesolutions.ojp.gov/practic edetails?ID=17>

# Limitations of Batterers' Intervention Programs

## What we can do:

- Hold offenders accountable for their abusive behavior
- Offer tools to change the behavior for those who want it
- Educate offenders about dynamics and patterns they may never have identified
- In some cases, identify dangerous offenders who may be inappropriate for such intervention

## What we cannot do:

- “Fix” or “cure” someone who has been abusive
- Change someone who does not want to change
- Guarantee victim safety

Reference: Abusive Partner Intervention Program  
New York State Guidelines



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