

Batterer Intervention Program (BIP)

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Alternatives

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BIP Program Requirements

Program follows Batterer Intervention standards set forth in

**Oregon Administrative Rules
(OAR 137-087-0000, *et seq.*)**

Note: OAR standards apply to intervention services for male batterers who engage in battering against women. Rules have not yet been promulgated for women batterers and battering in same sex relationships.

Intake Process

- ❖ Referral packet is received from referring party. Packet includes referral information with police reports from current and past cases
- ❖ Offender is instructed to call and schedule intake

Intake (cont'd)

- ❖ Includes brief orientation
- ❖ Offender reviews and signs necessary paperwork including:
 - personal contact information
 - releases of information to the referring party and victim
 - abstinence contract
 - prohibition on weapons contract
 - treatment agreement
 - contract for participation
 - payment agreement

Evaluation

❖ Begins with collecting information:

- relationship between the offender and victim. Limited to:
 - type of relationship (spouse; girlfriend; fiancé)
 - length of relationship;
 - children in the home and elsewhere

Evaluation (cont'd)

❖ Addition information collected:

- number of times police have been called to residence due to violence with victim?
- arrested for this incident or given ticket?
- any past arrests for any violent crimes?
- currently on probation? If so:
 - how long is probation?
 - who is PO?
 - what are conditions of probation?
- any current active restraining order(s) or no contact prohibition(s) through courts or probation?

Evaluation (cont'd)

❖ **Other information requested:**

- any violence in past relationships?
- alcohol/drug use, history of treatment?
- Offender witness violence growing up, or use of violence in family, school, neighborhoods, other places
- Offender offered opportunity to describe in detail use of violence against partner/victim bringing him to BIP
- Offender asked to report worst violence committed

Evaluation (cont'd)

❖ **Offender asked about following behaviors including how many times he has used them:**

- Physical abuse
- Intimidation
- Emotional abuse
- Isolation
- Minimizing, Denying, Blaming
- Using children
- Male Privilege
- Economic Abuse
- Coercion and threats

Evaluation (cont'd)

❖ **Offender required to answer questions:**

- ▶ Last incident of any kind of abuse toward partner?
- ▶ Any incidents of violence against a past partner?
- ▶ Any incidents of violence against other people?
- ▶ Victim **EVER** tried to get outside help because of abuse? (restraining orders, police, shelters, counseling)?
- ▶ Any hitting, pushing, or shoving while she was pregnant?
- ▶ Has she ever received medical attention as result of violence?
- ▶ Have you threatened to kill her?
- ▶ Have you threatened to or used a gun or weapon against her?

Evaluation (cont'd)

❖ **Next set of questions used to determine if offender has made attempts to have good relationship with partner:**

Offenders asked to list how often he engages in following behaviors. They are to consider these on a scale of:

0-Never 1-Once 2-Sometimes 4-Often

How often do you:

- ▶ Discuss issues relatively calmly
- ▶ Listen to your partner
- ▶ Ask for partner's opinion
- ▶ Talk through a disagreement
- ▶ Apologize to your partner
- ▶ Support her decision to do something for herself
- ▶ Leave the room to calm down when getting upset
- ▶ List other things you do to avoid using violence:

Evaluation (cont'd)

❖ **Participants must also answer following questions:**

- ▶ Have you killed or injured a pet?
- ▶ Have you threatened to or tried to commit suicide?
- ▶ Have you ever pressured or forced her to have sex with you?
- ▶ Have you used pornography or forced her to watch pornography?
- ▶ Have the children in your household ever seen you be violent? If yes, Describe their reaction
- ▶ Have you ever been violent when you thought the children were sleeping?
- ▶ Have the children ever seen your partner with injuries resulting from your violence?
- ▶ How do you think your violence might affect children in your household?

Evaluation (cont'd)

❖ **Final questions participants must answer:**

- ▶ What might happen if you don't stop using violence in the short term? Long term?
- ▶ What positive changes would you like to make for yourself?

After Intake & Evaluation

- ▶ All information (police reports, victim statements, witness statements, offender reporting) then transferred to the Spousal Assault Risk Assessment tool and scored. This is used to determine if the risk level is Low, Medium, or High.
- ▶ Concludes with offender being assigned to group

Program requirements:

- ❖ Primarily group sessions
 - Groups limited to 15 participants unless approved by local Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and authority who has ordered or required participation or county's Local Supervisory Authority
- ❖ Minimum participation of 36 weeks

Program (cont'd)

- ❖ After participant completes 32 sessions, BIP required to submit summary report (with copy to participant) to probation department (if supervised probation) or court (if bench probation)
- ❖ BIP report may recommend continued BIP participation after 36 weeks
- ❖ If further participation recommended and no objections, BIP continues as recommended

Program (cont'd)

- ❖ No later than 30 days after participant either completes or is terminated from BIP, BIP required to provide exit summary to authority who has ordered or required participation (with copy to participant)

Program (cont'd)

- ❖ **BIP required to note in any communication concerning completion of BIP that completion:**
 - ▶ is not evidence that participant is presently non-abusive or not violent
 - ▶ does not describe current behavior outside BIP
 - ▶ does not predict future behavior