

# BATTERING INTERVENTION IN NORTH DAKOTA: A BRIEF OVERVIEW



NORTH DAKOTA  
ALLIANCE TO END  
PARTNER ABUSE

The **North Dakota Alliance to End Partner Abuse (NDAEPA)** (previously the Battersers' Treatment Forum) supports the utilization of battering intervention standards and implementation of training and mentoring that upholds best practices towards victim safety and offender accountability.

*NDAEPA is a project of CAWS North Dakota – [www.cawsnorthdakota.org](http://www.cawsnorthdakota.org)*

## NDCC 12.1-17-13. Mandated intervention program of domestic violence offenders

The sentence for an offense under section 12.1-17-01 (Simple Assault), 12.1-17-01.1 (Assault), 12.1-17-01.2 (Domestic Violence), 12.1-17-02 (Aggravated Assault), 12.1-17-03 (Reckless Endangerment), 12.1-17-04 (Terrorizing), 12.1-17-05 (Menacing), 12.1-17-07 (Harassment), 12.1-17-07.1 (Simple Assault), 12.1-18-02 (Felony Restraint), 12.1-18-03 (Unlawful Imprisonment), 12.1-21-05 (Criminal Mischief), 12.1-21-06.1 (Interference with Telephone During Emergency Call), 12.1-31.2-01 (Disorderly Conduct Restraining Order), 12.1-31.2-02 (Order Prohibiting Contact), or 14-07.1-06 (Penalty for Violation of a Protection Order) against an intimate partner, must include an order to complete a domestic violence offender assessment and intervention program as determined by the court. A court may not order the offender to attend anger management classes or individual counseling unless a domestic violence intervention program is not reasonably available to the defendant and the court makes findings for the record explaining why an order to complete a domestic violence offender intervention program would be inappropriate.

## ND Battering Intervention Standards:

- Requires follow-up communication to courts
- Group must be at least twenty-four 1.5 hour sessions
- Attentive to lethality and safety needs of victims
- Anger management is not a best practice because individuals abuse partners even when anger is not present
- Must work closely with advocacy programs

*View full standards at [www.cawsnorthdakota.org/ndaepa/](http://www.cawsnorthdakota.org/ndaepa/)*

All certified programs in the state currently use a curriculum that supports the Duluth model. When criminal justice systems and battering intervention programs work closely together, lives can change.

**Coordinated Community Response Project** conducted a study that tracked 547 male participants who completed the New Choices Program from 2004-2020.

*Community Violence Intervention Center – Grand Forks, ND*

**Participants experienced:** 73% decrease in law enforcement involvement

90% decrease in criminal charges

86% decrease in protection orders filed

## Comments from Participants:



*"I have learned that violence is not just physical actions, so I have been focusing on the words I use and how I use them. I am becoming a better parent and partner because it is what my family deserves."*



*"I changed my attitude, how I talk, how I address situations. I wanted to be a better partner and have a better relationship. I also changed for the kids. I wanted to be better for everyone, including myself. My self-esteem is through the roof because of my accountability and willingness to change. I cannot remember the last time I was this happy."*

*Pictures above have been altered to respect client confidentiality.*

# NORTH DAKOTA BATTERING INTERVENTION PROGRAMS



★ = In Compliance with ND Battering Intervention Standards



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### **BISMARCK**

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*\*Services are only available to residents of these correctional facilities*

*\*\*Services are also available for women*