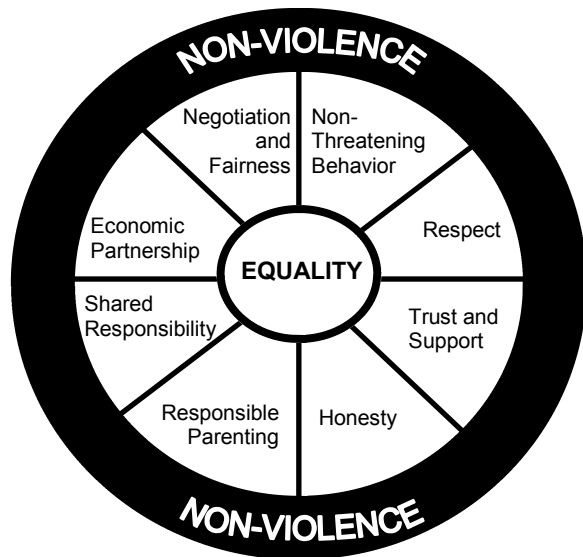


*Helping individuals thrive from a life of...*



*To a life of...*



**Our Commitment to their Success**

On a weekly basis, a report is sent to judges and others involved in the case to provide an update on the individual's progress. Upon completion of the program, a letter is sent to the participant, the court system, and anyone else the individual requests to receive notification.

At anytime after an individual has completed our course, they may attend a class, at no charge, to refresh their skills in continuing their recovery.



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## What is the Domestic Abuse Intervention Program (DAIP)©

DAIP© is a 26-week program that is based off the Duluth-model, which is a comprehensive community-based program for intervention in domestic abuse cases. DAIP© focuses on victim safety as the first priority, establishing accountability for batterers and promoting a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

The program is designed to help the participant:

- Gain practical information on how to change abusive and controlling behavior by exploring non-controlling and non-violent ways of relating to others
- Increase willingness to change abusive behavior by examining the negative effects of that behavior on relationships, partners, children and themselves
- Increase understanding of the causes of violence by examining the belief systems in our culture which support the use of violence toward partners
- Understand that acts of violence are related to attempts to maintain control over partners

## Our Experienced Staff

With over 40 years of combined experience, our staff is highly trained and dedicated to providing the most effective treatment. Through ongoing training, our facilitators continuously work on advancing their skills and knowledge base in an effort to end the cycle of domestic violence.

## Who is Eligible to Attend

Participants in the program are males ages 18 and older who generally have been court ordered to attend. Any male adult who has a history of domestic violence is welcome to attend.

## Class Location and Time

Classes take place at the Mulberry Center which is located at 414 S.E. Fourth Street in Downtown Evansville. Classes are offered on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Each class lasts approximately 90 minutes.

## Program Fee

The fee to attend the initial assessment is \$50.00 and the cost for each additional class (week 2-26) is \$25.00 per class. The fee is collected before each class begins; you must pay to attend. Payment is accepted by cash, check or credit card.

## Curriculum Content

The central focus will remain on participant responsibility and accountability for their beliefs and actions. It will challenge all abuse behaviors or victim blaming. The classes will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Definition of domestic violence
- Dynamics of power and control
- Socialization, including gender roles and equality
- Batterer's responsibility for past and future abusive behaviors
- Relationship between substance abuse, mental illness and acts of violence with a distinction that there is not a cause and effect relationship
- Relapse prevention plan that provides alternatives to all forms of abuse
- Challenging the beliefs that promote abusive behavior
- Nonviolent alternatives
- Family violence and the effects of violence on children

## Areas of Discussion

Participants will also discuss and learn how to make positive improvements in their lives in the following areas: conflict resolution, coping with anger, developing healthier relationships, trusting themselves and communication.

## Attendance Policy

At any time during the 25-week course, Mulberry reserves the right to discontinue an individual's participation in the program for the following reasons: continued abuse or physical violence, failure to comply with the attendance policy, violation of group and program rules, violation of court order pertaining to violence and/or abuse or intervention process, bringing weapons or illegal substances to the program property, threats or violence to program staff, and other situations that may apply.

All non-compliance issues will be documented in writing and immediate notification will be given to the referral source.

## Referral Process

If you have a mandated individual that you believe would benefit from our program, please contact us at 812.423.4700.

Once a referral is made, the individual who is being referred will need to contact Mulberry Center for an initial assessment. The initial assessment includes meeting with our DAIP facilitator where the individual will undergo a brief psychosocial history, substance abuse history, and domestic violence assessment. Once the assessment is completed and the individual is eligible, he can begin attending the classes.