

Abuse Intervention Programs

Governor's Office of Crime
Prevention and Policy

What are Abuse Intervention Programs (AIP)

- AIPs help people who use abusive behavior change by learning about power and control and the effect of abuse on their partners and children in order to build new relationship and coping skills.
- In order to receive court-ordered referrals, AIPs must be certified by the Governor's Family Violence Council (FVC). AIPs must recertify every three years. The Council conducts site visits on a regular basis to ensure compliance with the AIP Operational Guidelines.
- AIP and anger management are NOT the same and it is imperative that abusers receive the correct referrals in order to make change.
- Individuals who successfully complete an abuse intervention program are 40% less likely to commit any future acts of violence, including intimate partner violence, than a comparable control group of those who were not referred to a program or did not attend a program.

AIP Operational Guidelines

Operating Standards



- Victim Confidentiality
- Intake Process
- Victim Safety
- Program Format

Program Staffing



- Required Education
- Required Training

Discharge Criteria



- Program Completion
- Program Reporting

Community Collaboration



- Intimate Partner Violence Victim Service Program
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Intimate Partner Violence Coordinating Council
- Parole and Probation

