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## **BATTERING INTERVENTION & PREVENTION PROGRAM (BIPP)**

Brazos Valley Mental Health and Wellness **Battery Intervention and Prevention Program** is a 25-week class including orientation for individuals who have been referred to us because of abuse, violence, and/or controlling behavior in their intimate family relationships. Our goal is to teach clients how to recognize abuse, take accountability for their actions, and change their behaviors.

### **To enroll in a BIPP Class:**

- Call our office at 979-777-1683 to schedule an evaluation
  - Clients must have successfully completed an evaluation prior to being placed in a class
  
- Arrive at the scheduled location (Bryan or Brenham) for your scheduled evaluation. The evaluation fee of \$75 can be paid by cash, debit/credit card, or money order.
  - Clients should expect to fill out paperwork and to be asked questions about their history, offending incident, and victim information.
  - Expect to spend 60-75 minutes for the evaluation appointment.
  - Once the evaluation has been completed the client will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified when the next class begins.
    - Class times are not always conducive to the client's schedule; the client is expected to accommodate the scheduled class time or wait for the next class with the understanding it also may not be conducive to the client's schedule.
  
- Attend and participate appropriately in weekly classes at the scheduled location.
  - BIPP classes are held once a week for 25 weeks. Each class is 1.5 hours and the cost per class is based on the client's income, minimum of \$33 per week with a maximum of \$75 for group classes and \$50 for individual sessions.
  - Attendees are expected to participate appropriately, complete assignments, and pay all required fees.

Our office keeps in touch with referral sources (parole/probation officers, courts, CPS, attorneys, etc.) via monthly Progress Reports. **Please make sure to bring the referral source's information (name, phone number, and email) to the evaluation.** Certificates of Completions will be sent to the referral source once the course is completed and all fees have been paid in full.