

## FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors in a relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner.
- Domestic violence can include behaviors such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, threats, and emotional abuse.
- In 2008, Texas reported 136 women were killed by their intimate partner.<sup>1</sup>
- 189,401 family violence incidents were **reported** in Texas 2008.<sup>1</sup>
- Each year, women experience 48 million intimate partner physical assaults & rape in the United States.<sup>2</sup>
- Domestic violence is one of the most chronically underreported crimes in the United States.

<sup>1</sup> Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Council on Family Violence, 2009

<sup>2</sup> Tjaden P, Thoennes N. Extent, nature and consequences of intimate partner violence: findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey. Washington (DC): Depart. Of Justice (US); 2000.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Dept of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, "Criminal Victimization," 2003.

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**FELLOWSHIP ENDING  
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# Batterer's Intervention & Prevention Program

**A Program of  
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## Mission Statement

The mission of Friendship of Women, Inc. is to provide leadership and support on family violence and sexual assault issues and a safe place for victims and their families. The Fellowship Ending Violence/Batterer's Intervention and Prevention Program works to eliminate male to female battering by providing services to batterers, promoting safety for victims of domestic violence, and bringing about social change necessary to end battering and all other forms of relationship abuse.

## WHAT IS THE PROGRAM ABOUT?

The program is made up of a group of men that accept responsibility for their abusive behaviors, actively participate in ending their abuse, learn non-violent behaviors, and apply non-abusive problem solving skills.

## WHO ATTENDS THE PROGRAM?

Participants who are willing to accept responsibility for their abusive behaviors and work towards changing such behaviors attend the BIP Program. Referrals are made from the Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Parole Division, District Attorney's Office, the Court system, voluntarily, and other referral sources. Females can also be referred and enrolled in the program.

## WHO CONDUCTS THE GROUPS?

Groups can be facilitated with one or two facilitators who have a minimum of 40 hours training in family violence and battering intervention. Facilitators are all committed to ending violence against women.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**LENGTH:** The program is a 24-week program that meets once a week for a two-hour session.

**COSTS:** There is a one-time, non-refundable \$35 enrollment fee and a fee of \$15 for every session.

Total program cost: \$395.00.

Groups are offered in both English and Spanish.

We offer both male and female groups.

## PROGRAM GOALS

1. To **accept full responsibility** for their threatening, abusive and violent behavior.
2. To **stop** all threatening, abusive and violent behavior.
3. To **change any of the attitudes** that give permission or support the threatening, abusive and violent behavior.
4. To **learn new skills** of self-control, non-violence, positive communication and conflict resolution.
5. To actively **practice the skills** rather than using threatening, abusive and violent behavior.
6. To actively use the **group for support**.

