



Probation Service Definition

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

Service Name	Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Non-Treatment
Setting	Community-based
Facility License	A facility license is not required for this service. Programs must be approved by the Nebraska DVIP Standards Committee.
Service Description	<p>DVIP's are cognitive-behavioral based educational programs founded in the belief that individuals are responsible for their attitudes and behaviors and can eliminate or modify abusive behavior through personal ownership of a change process. The program purposes are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold individuals accountable and challenge their beliefs. • Teach new skills to help individuals change their behavior and adopt prosocial responses. • Provide role models while educating individuals about non-controlling behaviors. • Confront collusion and victim-blaming by individuals in the program. • Challenge myths about domestic violence. • Provide referrals to other agencies for needed services. • Report compliance and non-compliance to courts or other referral sources.
Service Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program shall follow Nebraska State DVIP Standards along with their own polices as approved by the Standards and Review Committee to include, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide an orientation prior to beginning group sessions. ○ Programs must make reasonable attempts to notify victims, current or former partners, including those with whom the individual shares a child in common, about the individual's participation in the program. ○ Hold individuals accountable for their harmful actions, challenge their beliefs, and teach skills to help them change their behavior. ○ Abide by a memorandum of understanding signed with their local probation district(s) as directed in the standards. ○ Provide referrals to other agencies for needed services. Program will also collaborate with Probation on potential needs for further services. ○ Each program must complete an individual monthly report on all program participants who are on probation. The report must be submitted to the identified probation officer by a date decided upon by both the program and probation. ○ Monthly reports must be completed using the standardized form as indicated in the Standards.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Programs must participate in a monthly meeting with the assigned/designated probation officer(s) to staff cases. ○ Programs shall follow their approved policies surrounding Notification of Imminent Threat to Health or Safety (Duty to Warn). ○ Programs shall abide by their approved Program Participant Contracts and Rules regarding participant’s obligations in the program and nature of the intervention program. ○ Programs will follow their approved internal guidelines for termination and non-compliance by participants. Decision making will be consistent and uniform, in line with Nebraska DVIP Standards. ○ Programs will not refer to completion as “graduation” or “successfully completed the program”, nor shall it provide a certificate of completion. Programs should only indicate that the individual completed the requirements of the program which would include, but are not limited to, financial obligations to the program and compliance with the program’s contract and group rules. ○ Tele-services should only be utilized upon approval from the Nebraska State Standards Committee. <p>Program plan required <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Service Frequency	Weekly
Length of Service	Weekly, minimum 90-minute sessions excluding breaks. Programs should last a minimum of 30 and not more than 36 weeks, not including intake, orientation, and exit sessions.
Staffing	<p>Facilitators, co-facilitators, and supervisors should have the minimum educational and training qualifications as outlined in the State DVIP Standards and be an approved Registered Service Provider. Also, per the Standards, staff having regular victim contacts who are not facilitators, co-facilitators, or supervisors must have completed the Nebraska Coalition’s victim advocacy training. Prior to hiring staff, programs must complete a criminal background check and a Nebraska child/adult abuse central registry check. Staff cannot have legal charges or have been under supervision by a court for a minimum of 6 months prior to hiring.</p> <p>This service requires Criminogenic Continuing Education Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Staff to Client Ratio	Per the State DVIP Standards, groups that consist of six or more participants must include a co-facilitator.
Hours of Operation	Programs set their group schedules but are expected to be flexible in scheduling to accommodate service needs, which may include evening and/or weekend availability.
Service Desired Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individual has attended the required amount of group sessions as outlined in the program’s contract and participated at an acceptable level.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual has complied with the program's contract and group rules.• Program will notify victims about program completion according to its approved policies.• Program will notify probation/courts about program completion per its approved policies.
Unit and Rate	Fees are set by the program to be paid by the participant. Participant fees may be based on a sliding scale and based on the program's determination of the participant's ability to pay; fees may be waived if necessary. Programs must accept indigent participants. Participants eligible for the PRS-BIP Financial Program Voucher are allowed a \$50 orientation fee and \$35 per session for up to 12 sessions to be paid by the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation.