

Domestic Violence Program for Men Policies

As a part of your registration, you signed an agreement to abide by all of the following policies.

Confidentiality Disclaimer

The Domestic Violence Program for Men provides the court with reports of your attendance and of your adherence to other program policies that will be explained in this registration session. The Domestic Violence Program for Men is not a form of mental health treatment and is not confidential. In addition, should staff deem that you are in imminent danger of harming yourself or anyone else, appropriate authorities will be called and attempts will be made to alert any intended victim. Suspicion of child abuse or neglect will also be reported. Your initials indicate that you understand these policies.

Weapon Prohibition

No weapons of any kind are permitted on the premises of the Domestic Violence Program for Men. That includes **anything** that might be considered a weapon such as a pocket or utility knife.

Participation

- You have chosen to attend:

_____ site _____ day _____ time.

- Your attendance will be recorded as of _____.

Policy and Attendance Requirements

- You are required to attend the Domestic Violence Program for Men, 1½ hours weekly for the duration of your court order. Your court order is a:

- 52 session order: You may be absent up to 6 times, if a 7th session is missed you will be dismissed
- 26 session order: You may be absent up to 3 times, if a 4th session is missed you will be dismissed

All allowed absences extend the length of time it takes to complete your order.

- Absence restrictions: You may only take one absence in the first four sessions held
You may only be absent two times in a row
You may only take three absences in the first 26 sessions
More than this will result in dismissal. **There are no excused absences.**
- Any session missed due to office cancellation, holiday or religious observance extends the length of time it takes to complete your order.
- The program is providing you with a calendar so that you may keep a record of your attendance. If you wish to obtain a *non-official* attendance record, there is a cost of \$5.00.
- All messages or questions you may have about the Domestic Violence Program for Men must be handled directly by you. Please do not ask anyone to call on your behalf.
- If your work schedule changes in a way that will interfere with your attendance, contact the office weekdays between 9AM and 5PM.

- Please inform the office immediately if your primary phone number changes, as there are times we may cancel a session at the last minute.
- Admittance requires being on time, having your fee card and paying your weekly fee by money order or cash in exact dollar amount (no coins). Instructors cannot make change. Lost fee cards can be replaced at a cost of \$2.00 in cash at sign-in. To request a fee reduction, contact the office weekdays between 9AM and 5PM or speak to an instructor.
- You are expected to be alcohol and drug free the day of each session. If staff *suspect* drug or alcohol use, you may be dismissed, marked absent from that session and your fee will not be refunded.
- You are expected to be awake. You may not sleep, nap or doze nor appear to be sleeping, napping or dozing in session. If staff *thinks* that you are, you may be dismissed, marked absent from that session and your fee will not be refunded.
- You are expected to interact respectfully during your involvement in the Domestic Violence Program for Men. Disruptive, intimidating or disrespectful behavior toward anyone, at any time, on the telephone or in person, may result in a range of consequences, up to and including dismissal from the program.
- If you choose to or are asked to leave a session for any reason, do so knowing that you may not return, that you will be marked absent and that your fee will not be refunded.
- You may be asked to leave a session, at any time, for any reason, by staff. You are expected to do so quickly and respectfully. Staff will not discuss the incident at that time. Should you wish a review, you may request one by calling the office weekdays between 9AM and 5PM.

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Domestic Violence Program for Men Schedule

Rockland County

Tuesdays6:30PM - 8:00PM VCS of Rockland County, New City
Wednesdays ... 11:30AM - 1:00PM VCS of Rockland County, New City
Thursdays.....7:00PM - 8:30PM Finkelstein Memorial Library

Orange County

Mondays.....6:15PM - 7:45PM Center for Recovery, Newburgh
Wednesdays6:30PM - 8:00PM RECAP Trust Center, Middletown

Westchester County

Tuesdays6:00PM - 7:30PM Department of Probation, White Plains
Wednesdays....6:30PM - 8:00PM Broadway Manor, Yonkers
Fridays.....12:30PM - 2:00PM Department of Probation, White Plains

2009 Non-Official Attendance Record

This calendar is provided to record your own attendance.

Date Attendance Begins: _____

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VCS Community Change Project

Participant Pamphlet

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