



fpi goals

- To ensure the victim's safety.
- To foster a safe environment for self-exploration and self-discovery.
- To increase the participant's level of compassion and respect for self and others.
- To teach alternate options and techniques for conflict resolution
- To increase personal responsibility for thoughts, feelings, and actions.
- To create the opportunity to increase the participant's level of honesty and accountability .

who is eligible?

The FPI program serves men and women who have used tactics of domination and control in their relationships with their partners and/or children. These tactics include a wide range of physically and emotionally abusive behaviors.

Individuals in the FPI program are commonly mandated by courts or child welfare agencies, referred by therapists or counselors or participate in the program through self-referral.

The FPI program meets or exceeds accreditation standards set forth by the state of Kansas for batterer's intervention programs.

in fpi, you can...

- Explore lifelong patterns of abusive behavior.
- Learn to identify the use of denial, minimization, justification and excuses for abuse.
- Learn to express painful emotions without violence.
- Practice alternate conflict management skills.
- Discover new potential and capacity for change.
- Make new choices. Remember: violence is a choice. The essence of what it means to be human is the power of choice.

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what can I expect?

With the first call, assessment appointments will be made to gather necessary information from the alleged victim and the alleged perpetrator.



Two orientation sessions follow the assessment as an introduction to the group process and the program.



After orientation, a group will be assigned that best fits the client's need and schedule.



Fees for group sessions will be assessed on a sliding scale.



Psycho-educational group sessions will continue for 24 weeks with a structured curriculum.



Apology/reparation sessions for families with child abuse issues will be scheduled.



Coordination with involved agencies and authorities about attendance, progress and completion will be ongoing.

types of abuse

- **Threatening:** "If you even try to leave, I'll make you regret it. I'll get custody of the kids and you'll never see them."
- **Using emotional abuse:** Using insults or put-downs.
- **Intimidating:** Using looks, actions or gestures to make the victim afraid. Destroying property.
- **Jealousy:** If you cared about our relationship you wouldn't go out with friends. I know you're cheating on me"
- **Minimizing:** "You're making a big deal out of nothing. I didn't even hit you that hard."
- **Blaming:** "I wouldn't have hurt you if you didn't bother me all the time. You just make me so mad."
- **Using power:** "You can't tell me what to do, you're just a woman."
- **Using money:** "I bring home the paychecks so I decide how things go in this house."
- **Using physical violence:** Hitting, slapping or otherwise harming
- **Using sexual violence:** forcing or coercing into sex

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with compassion,
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