

Domestic Violence Offender Management Board

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS REGARDING
REQUIRED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT
Effective September 1, 2010**

The law requires a person who is convicted of a crime, the underlying factual basis of which involves domestic violence (DV) offense, to complete an evaluation and follow treatment as recommended (§18-6-801 C.R.S). Treatment provides an opportunity to learn, grow, and change. It is not punishment. Treatment requires you to participate.

The following are some of the factors for deciding your level of DV treatment: criminal history; drug or alcohol issues; mental health issues; use or threatened use of weapon; safety concerns for the victim and the public; employment status; etc.

There are three levels of treatment. You must do an evaluation which includes a risk assessment with a state approved treatment provider. Once your treatment level is determined, a treatment plan will be developed. This plan will be reviewed every two to three months by a multidisciplinary team and may be modified based on your progress.

Some of the circumstances that can affect the length of treatment: group attendance or lack thereof; degree of willingness to learn; participation in group; new criminal activity during treatment; following court orders and treatment plan; continuing your abusive actions and behavior; demonstration of financial responsibility, etc.

Treatment completion is based on understanding and applying your treatment goals. It is not based on a set length of time. You must actively participate in treatment, learn and demonstrate new skills in your life such as accepting responsibility for your abusive behavior and understanding how it impacts others, demonstrate accountability for actions, use tools to prevent conflict such as timeouts, use appropriate communication skills, eliminate abusive behaviors, understand various types of abuse, and reduce your pattern of power and control behaviors, etc.

Contact your treatment provider or probation for more information and/or refer to the Standards at: http://www.dcj.state.co.us/odvsom/Domestic_Violence/standards.html