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Senator Deschambault
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Dear Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren and Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee:

The Maine Department of Corrections submits this annual report on the Maine Batterer Intervention Programs to you in accordance with 34-A MRSA §1214.

Should you have any questions or request further information related to the report, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Randall A. Liberty
Commissioner



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Maine Batterer Intervention Programs

This annual report regarding Maine Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPs) is provided by the Maine Department of Corrections (DOC) Office of Victim Services (OVS) and is presented to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Maine Legislature (Title 34-A M.R.S.A. §1214(5)).

A BIP operating in the State of Maine must be certified by the DOC in order to receive court referrals (Title 17-A M.R.S.A. § 1804(6) and Title 19-A M.R.S.A. § 4014). The current BIP certification process is outlined under DOC rule (found on the Secretary of State website, section 03-201, Chapter 15). This rule outlines the procedures and standards governing the certification and monitoring of the BIPs, pursuant to 19-A M.R.S.A. § 4014, and is implemented through the DOC's Director of Victim Services. Attachment A is a copy of the current rules. Attachment B lists the currently certified BIPs across the State.

This is the seventeenth annual Maine Batterer Intervention Program report to the Legislature. This report includes 2019 data using the same criteria as used in the 2018 report comparing data regarding domestic violence offenders serving a sentence of probation for domestic violence with different types of conditions.

In 2019, as a result of Public Law 2017, Chapter 431 "An Act to Enhance Maine's Response to Domestic Violence" the DOC contracted with the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) to assist with the implementation of plans for using the monies appropriated under this law. This included implementing a plan for the partial reimbursement of certified

batterers' intervention programs for indigent participation fees, implementing a plan for training programs to sustain and expand the accessibility of certified batterers' intervention programs, and implementing a plan for the reimbursement of mileage expenses for certified batterers' intervention program facilitators who are providing testimony and information required by the court regarding offender participation in certified batterers' intervention programs as a condition of release. As part of this initiative, the MCEDV has also provided monitoring of the BIPs. Attachment C reflects Public Law 2017, Chapter 431. Attachment D reflects the notes and observations from (MCEDV) concerning this law.

Also as part of Public Law 2017, Chapter 431, a report is due to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters regarding the effectiveness of certified batterers' intervention programs, including any suggested implementing legislation by December 5, 2020. Therefore, a more in-depth report will be provided at that time.

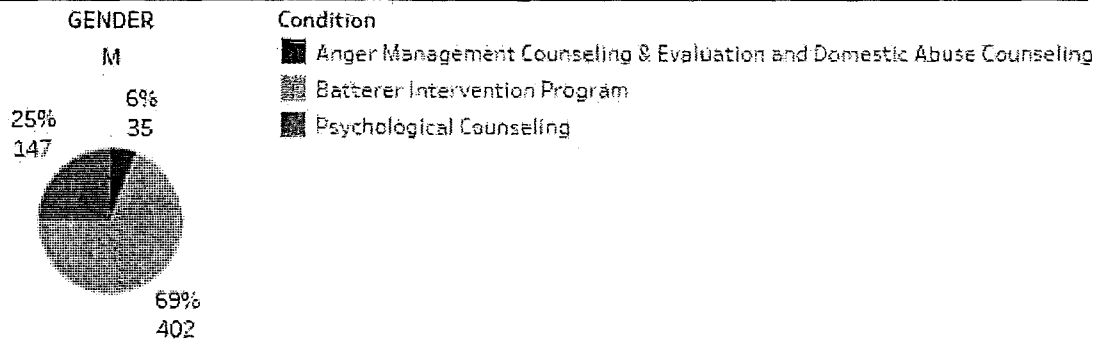
The OVS collects yearly data from each BIP across the State, and the data is compiled into a statewide total. The 2019 enrollment and completion data includes: number of males reported to have enrolled in the BIPs, males reported to have completed the programs, females reported to have enrolled in the BIPs, and females reported to have completed the programs. The male and female data submitted is reflected in Attachments E and F.

Information regarding offenders with a conviction for a domestic violence related charge as identified in statute and with a period of probation has been obtained from the DOC offender

records database (CORIS). The data includes a comparison of the probation conditions imposed as part of the sentence. Probation conditions compared were (1) anger management counseling, anger management evaluation and/or domestic abuse counseling, (2) certified BIP and (3) psychological counseling.

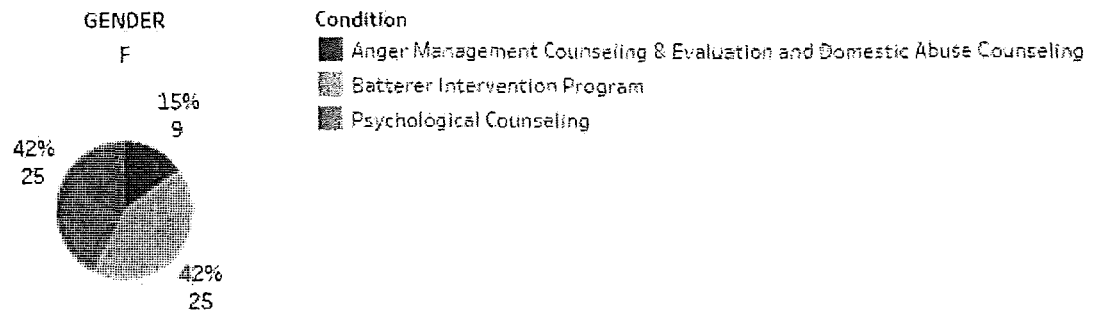
The chart and graph below reflect 470 male probationers with a domestic violence conviction statewide with a total of 584 conditions.

Condition	Count	Approx. Percent
Anger Management Counseling & Evaluation and Domestic Abuse Counseling	35	6%
Batterer Intervention Program	402	69%
Psychological Counseling	147	25%
Total Male Conditions	584	100%
Total Male Probationers	470	



The chart and graph below reflect 49 female probationers with a domestic violence conviction statewide with a total of 59 conditions.

Condition	Count	Approx. Percent
Anger Management Counseling & Evaluation and Domestic Abuse Counseling	9	15%
Batterer Intervention Program	25	42%
Psychological Counseling	25	42%
Total Female Conditions	59	100%
Total Female Probationers	49	



The domestic violence crime types used to calculate the 2019 data were taken from the Maine Statutory Citation Table for SBI reporting. Attachment G reflects the crime types taken from the Maine Statutory Citation Table for SBI Reporting.

This concludes this year's report.

ATTACHMENT

A

Chapter 15: BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

Summary: This chapter outlines the procedures and standards governing the certification and monitoring of Batterer Intervention Programs, pursuant to 19-A M.R.S.A. §4014.

1. Procedures and Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs (relating to psychological, physical, verbal and sexual abuse)

1.1 Definitions

A. Domestic Abuse

In the context of this document, the definition of the term "domestic abuse" refers to 19-A M.R.S.A. §4002.

"Abuse" means the occurrence of the following acts between family or household members or dating partners.

1. Attempting to cause or causing bodily injury or offensive physical contact, including sexual assaults under Title 17-A, Chapter 11, except that contact as described in Title 17-A, § 106, sub-§ 1, is excluded from this definition;
2. Attempting to place or placing another in fear of bodily injury through any course of conduct including, but not limited to, threatening, harassing, or tormenting behavior;
3. Compelling a person by force, threat of force or intimidation to engage in conduct from which the person has a right or privilege to abstain or to abstain from conduct in which the person has a right to engage;
4. Knowingly restricting substantially the movements of another person without that person's consent or other lawful authority by: removing that person from that person's residence, place of business or school; moving that person a substantial distance from the vicinity where that person was found; or confining that person for a substantial period either in the place where the restriction commences or in a place to which that person has been moved;
5. Communicating to a person a threat to commit, or to cause to be committed, a crime of violence dangerous to human life against the person to whom the communication is made or another, and the natural and probable consequence of the threat, whether or not that consequence in fact occurs, is to place the person to whom the threat is

communicated, or the person against whom the threat is made, in reasonable fear that the crime will be committed; or

6. Repeatedly and without reasonable cause;
 - a. following the victim; or
 - b. being at or in the vicinity of the victim's home, school, business, or place of employment.

B. Batterer Intervention Program

1. The term "batterer intervention program" refers to a community-based educational program which is one component of a coordinated community response to domestic abuse where the main goals are:
 - a. working toward the safety of victims; and
 - b. holding domestic abuse offenders accountable for their actions.
2. The community-based educational programs for domestic abuse offenders (hereafter called "BIPprogram") referred to in these standards are designed specifically to intervene with court referred adults, but are not limited to court referrals.

C. Domestic Violence Center

1. The term "domestic violence center" refers to a network of programs and services for victims of domestic abuse. There are two coalitions of domestic violence centers in Maine. The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) is comprised of eight of Maine's domestic violence centers. Each domestic violence center is a private, independent, non profit agency which provides individual crisis intervention, legal information, and advocacy for people affected by domestic abuse, as well as support groups and shelter options for victims of domestic abuse and their children. These services are confidential, free of charge, and based on a self-help model. In addition, domestic violence centers provide training, education, and consultation to community groups, schools, public officials, and services providers to improve the community's response to domestic abuse. The Wabanaki Women's Coalition (WWC) is comprised of the five tribal domestic violence centers in Maine. Each of these tribal domestic violence centers provides individual crisis intervention, legal information, and advocacy for predominately Native Americans affected by domestic abuse, as well as support groups and shelter options for victims of domestic abuse and their children. These services are confidential, free of charge, and based on a self-help model. In addition, they provide training, education, and consultation to community groups, schools, public officials, and service providers to improve the tribal community's response to domestic abuse.

2. In the case of a domestic violence center which is not a member of the MCEDV or WWC, that center which is providing the services described above will serve as the collaborator in that jurisdiction.
3. For the purposes of this document, hereafter "domestic violence center" will be referred to as "DVC."
- D. **Monitoring** consists of observation of and consultation about the performance/operation of a BIP program in order to promote the safety of victims of domestic abuse. Monitoring must be provided by staff of a DVC as outlined in section 5.8 A or by a third party monitor as outlined in section 5.8 B.
- E. **Supervision** is the internal oversight of the process and content of the BIP program by a qualified primary supervisor as defined in section 4.5 C.
- F. **Staff** means both paid and unpaid staff.

2. Certification

2.1 Oversight of the Maine Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs

- A. The Maine Department of Corrections, hereafter called "DOC", shall be the lead agency responsible for implementation of these standards, through its Victim Services Coordinator. Only BIP programs that hold a valid certificate granted by the DOC shall be utilized for court referrals. A certificate shall be valid for two years unless suspended or revoked.
- B. The DOC, in consultation with the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse, shall develop and, on a biannual basis, review a certification process for BIP programs. The review process may include input from representatives of the following agencies and organizations and any others deemed appropriate by the DOC:
 1. domestic violence centers;
 2. batterer intervention programs;
 3. the judicial system;
 4. local law enforcement;
 5. victims of domestic violence;
 6. health and human service agencies;
 7. schools;
 8. hospital emergency departments;
 9. community corrections;

10. groups working with victims of child abuse;
 11. groups working with victims of sexual abuse;
 12. groups coordinating supervised visitation; and/or
 13. other stakeholders.
- C. BIPPrograms will be assessed a fee for program certification.
- D. Certification of BIPPrograms will be for a period of two years as referenced in section 2.1 A.
- E. If anyone has a dispute regarding the certification of a BIPProgram, which appears to be at an impasse, it will be the responsibility of the DOC, in consultation with the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse, to attempt to bring such a dispute to resolution.

2.2 Application for Certification

- A. Each BIPProgram requesting certification or renewal of certification shall submit a completed application to the DOC containing all of the information requested, to include, but not be limited to:
1. demonstration of the BIPProgram's ability to meet the Maine Standards;
 2. an overview of the BIPProgram content;
 3. proof of successful completion for all co-educators at a national batterer intervention training or similar training determined to be sufficient by the DOC;
 4. documentation of a working agreement with the local DVC in each county the BIPProgram may operate in or request for waiver of this requirement providing specific reasons for the request;
 5. documentation of a working agreement with the DOC Regional Correctional Administrator;
 6. demonstration of need for a BIPProgram, or another BIPProgram, in the geographic area (initial certification only);
 7. name, address, and telephone number of the BIPProgram and all sites; and
 8. a statement of ownership of the BIPProgram, that discloses the names, address, and telephone numbers of all owners, directors, and officers of the corporation, and any members of any governing or advisory boards.

2.3 Denial, Refusal to Renew, Suspension, and/or Revocation of Certification

A. Definitions

1. **Denial:** action taken by DOC to not certify a BIProgram.
2. **Refusal to Renew:** action taken by DOC at the end of a two year certification period rejecting a BIProgram's application for renewal.
3. **Suspension:** action taken by DOC in lieu of revoking or refusing renewal of certification that stipulates the Program must correct the noted deficiencies within the time specified.
4. **Revocation:** action taken by DOC removing a BIProgram's certification after the DOC has certified the Program, but before the BIProgram's two year certification has expired.

Any of these actions make the affected BIProgram ineligible to receive any referrals unless and until the program is certified, its certification is renewed, or the suspension is lifted.

B. Each of the following, in and of itself, may constitute full and adequate grounds on which to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew certification to operate a BIProgram:

1. failure to submit information required for certification;
2. failure to meet any of these Maine Standards for BIPrograms;
3. denial of entry to agents of the DOC to conduct site visits or inspections or any other attempt to impede the work of agents of the DOC;
4. obtaining or attempting to obtain certification by fraud, misrepresentation, or by the submission of incorrect, false, and/or misleading information;
5. criminal conduct by the owners, staff, or administrators as evidenced by criminal convictions;
6. operation of a BIProgram after the expiration of certification;
7. operation of a BIProgram in a manner which fails to fulfill the terms of the program - client agreement; or
8. operation of a BIProgram in a manner which endangers the health or safety of clients and/or victims of domestic abuse.

2.4 Recourse of Programs when Certification has been Denied, Refused Renewal, Suspended and/or Revoked

- A. A BIP program whose certification has been denied, refused renewal, suspended and/or revoked by DOC will receive in writing, by certified mail, a program compliance letter outlining the standards that the Program is not in compliance with and the time frames allowed to bring the BIP program into compliance.
- B. The BIP program has 60 days from the date of notification of denial, refused renewal, suspension and/or revocation of certification to resubmit the application, clearly indicating remediation for deficiencies. DOC must respond to this information within 60 days of receipt.
- C. The BIP program may appeal the DOC response to the Commissioner of Corrections within fifteen days of receipt of the response.

3. Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Abuse

3.1 Goals

- A. A coordinated community response to domestic abuse occurs when diverse segments of a community work together for two common goals:
 - 1. the safety of the victims of domestic abuse; and
 - 2. to end domestic abuse.

3.2 Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Abuse

- A. During development, implementation, and evaluation of BIP programs, BIP program staff must consult, cooperate, and coordinate with representatives of the following agencies and organizations:
 - 1. domestic violence centers;
 - 2. the judicial system;
 - 3. local law enforcement;
 - 4. health and human service agencies; and
 - 5. community corrections.
- B. During development, implementation, and evaluation of BIP programs, BIP program staff are encouraged to consult, cooperate, and coordinate with representatives of the following agencies and organizations:
 - 1. other certified BIP programs;
 - 2. victims of domestic violence;

3. schools, including community adult education programs;
4. hospital emergency departments;
5. groups working with victims of child abuse;
6. groups working with victims of sexual violence;
7. groups coordinating supervised visitation;
8. groups providing services to diverse populations; and/or
9. other related services.

3.3 BIPProgram - DVC Collaboration

- A. The BIPProgram shall acknowledge the experience of victims, who are experts on their own safety, and the important role of the DVC in responding to domestic abuse through:
 1. consulting with the local DVC on all written curricula, publications, and public relations materials of the BIPProgram;
 2. publicly acknowledging the contributions of the battered women's movement to their efforts and that BIPPrograms exist in support of the goals of the DVC;
 3. consultation with the local DVC when seeking funds in a way that competes with funding for DVC;
 4. always encouraging victims to contact their local DVC;
 5. inviting the local DVC advocates to attend BIPProgram groups;
 6. participation in a community response to domestic abuse; and
 7. negotiating an ongoing working relationship with the local DVC and accepting feedback in order to hold themselves accountable to the battered women's movement, acknowledging that a working relationship may go beyond these standards.

3.4 Partner Contacts

- A. A partner contact is the verbal and/or written exchange of information between the victim and a designated representative of the local DVC.
- B. The purpose of the partner contact is to provide the victim with:
 1. support and validation;
 2. information about the BIPProgram;

3. information about the local resources for victims;
 4. assistance in developing a safety plan; and
 5. information about the DVC as an ongoing resource for victims.
- C. Within seven days of enrollment in the BIPProgram, unless the time frame is modified by any working agreement with the local DVC, the BIPProgram shall provide the local DVC with the names and addresses of:
1. the domestic abuse offender enrolled in its program;
 2. any adult or child victim identified in available police reports and/or court proceedings; and
 3. current partner of the domestic abuse offender.
- D. The BIPProgram must never initiate written or verbal contact with victims except in the following situations:
1. when a victim may be in jeopardy (verbal communication only);
 2. notification of the domestic abuse offender's admission into the BIPProgram (written communication only); and
 3. notification of when the domestic abuse offender is discharged from the BIPProgram (written communication only).
- E. In no case is a BIPProgram required to initiate contact with a victim if such contact would jeopardize the safety of the domestic abuse offender or violate federal or state confidentiality laws.
- F. Should a victim initiate contact with a BIPProgram, the victim must always be referred to the local DVC for supportive services.
- 3.5 Financial Responsibility for BIPProgram - DVC Collaboration**
- A. Costs incurred by the DVC for providing services to partners in the context of their outreach efforts will be the responsibility of the DVC.
- B. Any costs incurred as the result of supervision, training, and/or monitoring by the DVC or a third party monitor of the BIPProgram shall be reimbursed by the BIPProgram.

4. BIP Program Model

4.1 BIP Program Format

A. BIP Programs must be:

1. held in a group format with no more than 15 participants nor less than 3 participants registered, unless the program is granted a waiver by DOC;
2. educationally oriented;
3. restricted to perpetrators of domestic abuse;
4. comprised of the same gender; and
5. have rolling or open admission (no waiting lists).

- B. The group must be co-educated by appropriately trained male and female co-educators, except that a group serving female domestic abuse offenders may be co-educated by two female co-educators. "Co-educated" means that each co-educator contributes substantially equally in the facilitation process. (See 4.5 for definition of appropriately trained.) At the discretion of the program director, exceptions may be made for individual classes to accommodate special circumstances, including, but not limited to, illness, vacation, weather, etc.

4.2 Inappropriate BIP Program Format

A. The following formats, methods, and treatment modalities must not be used by certified BIP programs working with domestic abuse offenders:

1. individual counseling;
2. couples or conjoint counseling;
3. anger management;
4. systems therapy;
5. addiction counseling (identifying violence as an addiction);
6. family therapy; or
7. medication management.

- B. Unless specifically authorized in these standards, educators must not concurrently provide services to a domestic abuse offender and the offender's victim, current partner or minor children.

4.3 Target Population

- A. These standards are specifically designed for adults who abuse their intimate partners, although other domestic abuse offenders may participate in BIP programs. It is important that appropriate models be implemented for men who abuse their female partners, for women who use violence against their male partners, and for same sex or transgender abusers.

4.4 Length of the BIP program

- A. BIP programs must be a minimum of 48 classes over a minimum of 48 weeks in duration.
- B. Each weekly session must be at least 90 minutes long, with check-in consuming no more than 30 minutes.
- C. Each participant's attendance must occur at a rate of one class per week counted towards the 48 class requirement.
- D. The BIP program intake must not be considered one of the 48 weeks.
- E. Domestic abuse offenders who have completed a minimum 48 week BIP program should be given the opportunity of voluntarily continuing their participation or returning to the BIP program at a later date.

4.5 BIP program Staff Selection, Supervision, and Training

- A.
 - 1. Staff must have had no convictions or protective court orders or court-approved consent agreements for offenses involving violence during the last ten years.
 - 2. Staff must not have had any criminal conviction within the last ten years, unless granted a waiver to work for the BIP program from the DOC.
 - 3. Staff shall not be on administrative release, probation, parole, supervised release for sex offenders, or other supervision post-conviction, or deferred disposition for any state or federal criminal offense.
 - 4. The program shall develop and maintain hiring criteria.
- B. All BIP program staff having direct contact with domestic abuse offenders must:
 - 1. receive training in a curriculum used by the BIP program that is based upon, and adheres to, models developed by acceptable nationally recognized programs or similar training in a curriculum determined to be sufficient by the DOC and that is consistent with Maine BIP program Standards;

2. provide certification of completion of this training prior to or within 6 months of being hired to co-educate groups;
 3. be provided with on the job training with an experienced supervisor, to include a minimum of observation of six sessions of group, followed by co-educating an additional six sessions of group with a trained experienced educator prior to assuming responsibility for a group; and
 4. attend a minimum of 6.25 hours per year continuing education on topics agreed upon by MCEDV, WWC, and the Maine Association of Batterer Intervention Programs (MABIPS). It will be the responsibility of the primary supervisor of the BIP program to maintain training records.
- C. Any individual identified as the Program Director or a "primary supervisor" must have at least two years documented experience in the following areas:
1. direct work with victims;
 2. direct work with domestic violence perpetrators;
 3. group work; and
 4. supervision of employees.

4.6 BIP program Curriculum

- A. The BIP programs must include at a minimum in their curriculum that:
1. stress, a life crisis, and chemical dependency are not causes of domestic abuse, but ongoing substance abuse increases the risk of re-offense;
 2. domestic abuse is a choice a domestic abuse offender makes to use power and control over an intimate partner;
 3. domestic abuse offenders are solely and exclusively responsible for their controlling and abusive behavior;
 4. the effect of abuse on victims, including children who witness abuse, is harmful; and
 5. abuse is never justified.

4.7 BIP program Fee Structure

- A. Except for federal, state, or charitable organization funding (which must not include insurance), a domestic abuse offender is solely responsible for paying for participation in a BIP program.
- B. A domestic abuse offender must be charged at least a nominal fee. Programs may charge on a sliding fee scale.

5. Administrative Standards

5.1 BIProgram Intake Process

- A. The BIProgram shall schedule an intake into the BIProgram within two weeks, absent good cause, from the time the domestic abuse offender contacts the BIProgram.
- B. At the intake, the domestic abuse offender must enter into a written agreement with the BIProgram, which must include the following:
 - 1. the responsibilities of the domestic abuse offender;
 - 2. the responsibilities of the BIProgram;
 - 3. an agreement to stop all forms of violence;
 - 4. the minimum length of the BIProgram;
 - 5. signed waivers of confidentiality and/or appropriate releases;
 - 6. the fee structure and the weekly fee due from the offender;
 - 7. criteria for discharge;
 - 8. a copy of the complaint procedure; and
 - 9. readmission criteria.
- C. During intake, the BIProgram must obtain the following information from the domestic abuse offender:
 - 1. full legal name of domestic abuse offender;
 - 2. current home address and mailing address (if they are different);
 - 3. current home telephone number, cell phone number, or telephone number of contact if the domestic abuse offender does not have a telephone;
 - 4. date of birth;
 - 5. name of employer, and current work address and telephone number of employer;
 - 6. partner and/or victim name (if they are different);
 - 7. current driver's license number, or photo ID card;

8. make, model, year and license plate number of the vehicles used by the domestic abuse offender;
 9. history of any substance abuse;
 10. psychiatric history including homicidal and suicidal ideation;
 11. history of any weapons possession and usage; and
 12. history of abusive behaviors.
- D. Within six weeks after the domestic abuse offender begins the BIProgram, the domestic abuse offender must provide the BIProgram with the following independent descriptions of the domestic abuse offender's abusive behavior, including, but not limited to:
1. police reports (if applicable);
 2. administrative release, probation, parole, supervised release for sex offenders, or other post-conviction supervision or deferred disposition conditions (if applicable);
 3. legal pleadings, including, but not limited to, civil petitions and civil and criminal complaints (if applicable);
 4. court orders, including, but not limited to, protective orders, and court-approved consent agreements (if applicable); and
 5. previous child protective service reports (if applicable and available).
- E. The following must be notified in writing of the domestic abuse offender's acceptance into the BIProgram within 7 days, unless the time frame is modified by the DVC working agreement:
1. the domestic abuse offender;
 2. the victim and/or current partner, unless notification of the victim would jeopardize the safety of the domestic abuse offender or violate federal or state confidentiality laws;
 3. the domestic abuse offender's Probation Officer (if applicable);
 4. the local DVC; and
 5. the referral source, including, but not limited to, the prosecuting attorney's office, pre-trial agency, or Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

- F. At minimum, the information to be contained in the communication referred to in 5.1 E must include:
 - 1. the date the domestic abuse offender begins the BIPprogram;
 - 2. limitations of the BIPprogram; and
 - 3. that victims are not required to have any contact with the DVC and/or BIPprogram.
- G. A copy of the participant agreement must be provided to the referral source and pre-trial agency (if applicable). A copy of the agreement must be made available upon request from the victim or DVC.
- H. A BIPprogram may only accept referrals of persons residing in a county in which the BIPprogram has a working agreement with the local DVC, unless the program is granted a waiver by DOC.

5.2 BIPprogram Discharge or Leave

- A. Reasons for discharge from a BIPprogram include that:
 - 1. the domestic abuse offender has completed the 48 week program to the satisfaction of the BIPprogram staff, based upon criteria contained in the participant agreement;
 - 2. the domestic abuse offender has five absences during the 48-week BIPprogram;
 - 3. the domestic abuse offender fails to pay the weekly fee determined by the BIPprogram (the offender must be discharged if the offender fails to pay the fee for 4 sessions); and/or
 - 4. the domestic abuse offender does not comply with the rules of the BIPprogram.
- B. A domestic abuse offender may request medical or other leave of absence for good cause with approval of the Program Director, who must consult with the referral source. If approved, the offender is allowed to continue the BIPprogram from the last class prior to the approved leave.
- C. The following must be notified in writing within 7 days of the domestic abuse offender's discharge or leave from the BIPprogram:
 - 1. the domestic abuse offender;
 - 2. the victim and/or current partner, unless notification of the victim would jeopardize the safety of the domestic abuse offender or violate federal or state confidentiality laws;

3. the domestic abuse offender's Probation Officer (if applicable) (the Probation Officer must also be immediately notified verbally of a discharge, unless the discharge was due to the offender's completion of the program);
 4. the local DVC;
 5. the prosecuting attorney's office if a Probation Officer is not involved; and
 6. DHHS if involved; and
 7. the presiding judge of a Domestic Violence Monitoring Docket, if the domestic abuse offender is enrolled in a Domestic Violence Monitoring Docket.
- D. At minimum, the information to be contained in the communication referenced in 5.2 C must include:
1. the date the domestic abuse offender was discharged or given leave from the BIPprogram;
 2. the reason for discharge or leave; and
 3. recommendations, which may include, but are not limited to, assessment for additional services or further action by the Probation Officer, which may include revocation.

5.3 Re-Admission to BIPprogram after Discharge

- A. Except as set out below, a domestic abuse offender who has not successfully completed 48 weeks and returns after being discharged must start at intake unless the domestic abuse offender is allowed to start at week 1 by the Program Director.
- B. If the discharge was based upon absences, the offender is allowed to start at five classes before the last class prior to discharge.
- C. If the discharge was for non-payment of fees, after consultation with the referral source, the Program Director may allow the offender to receive credit for all classes attended and paid in full as long as the offender continues to pay the fee on schedule after the offender's return.
- D. Notwithstanding the above, any domestic abuse offender who has not successfully completed 48 weeks and returns after being discharged and who was discharged due to committing another domestic abuse offense or who committed another domestic violence offense after discharge must start at intake.

5.4 Transfer of Credits

- A. Each certified BIPprogram must accept transfer of credits for weeks satisfactorily completed at another BIPprogram certified in the State of Maine provided the domestic abuse offender was in good standing with the other

program at the time of transfer and no more than three months has elapsed since the last class attended at the previous BIP program. Absent good cause, no transfer of credit may occur if more than three months has elapsed since the last class attended at the previous BIP program.

- B. Each participant requesting transfer of credit must obtain a letter of referral from the previous program, setting forth the number of weekly credits that the domestic abuse offender has earned, the number of absences, and that the participant is in good standing, and present it to the new program prior to receiving any credit(s) for weeks completed.

5.5 Complaint Procedure

- A. Before filing any complaint against a BIP program, the domestic abuse offender shall make an attempt to resolve the complaint in an informal manner by talking with the educator(s).
- B. If unable to come to an agreement with the educator(s), the domestic abuse offender shall contact the Program Director who shall attempt, as soon as possible, to resolve the complaint.
- C. If the complaint remains unresolved, a formal written complaint may be made to the Department of Corrections, 111 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0111, Attention: Victim Services Coordinator. A copy of the complaint must be provided by the offender to the BIP program Director, DVC and referral source.
- D. A victim may file a formal written complaint to the Department of Corrections, 111 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0111, Attention: Victim Services Coordinator. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the BIP program director and the DVC as part of the investigation.

5.6 Confidentiality

- A. All written and/or oral communications, including electronic communications, from or to victims must be held in confidence by the BIP program, except for mandated reporting requirements.
- B. Notwithstanding the above, the BIP program may provide information to the DVC so that the DVC may offer safety planning resources.

5.7 Record Keeping

- A. Domestic abuse offender and victim records (if any) must be maintained in separate files with no record or reference of partner contact beyond the initial letter to the victim and/or partner about the domestic abuse offender's admission into the BIP program.
- B. There must be at least minimal documentation for each group session attended, which must include:

1. date;
 2. topic; and
 3. amount of time spent in group.
- C. Monthly status reports must be provided by the BIProgram to the domestic abuse offender's Probation Officer or other referral source. Reports must include, but are not limited to, the following information:
1. attendance;
 2. current payment status; and
 3. compliance with other BIProgram rules.

5.8 Approval and Monitoring Process

- A. Any costs incurred as the result of monitoring of the BIProgram shall be the responsibility of the BIProgram.
1. BIPrograms must arrange for monitors to attend a BIProgram class at least quarterly per educator pair. Monitoring may occur more frequently upon agreement between the BIProgram and the DVC or third party monitor, as applicable.
 2. BIPrograms must arrange for monitors to provide verbal communication to BIProgram regarding the performance/operation of each observed class immediately after the class and written communication within 30 days. The BIProgram is required to provide the documentation of monitoring to the DOC Victim Services Coordinator and the local DVC.
- B. Third Party Monitors must be utilized when the local DVC is unable, unwilling, or fails to monitor the BIProgram or is operating the BIProgram.
1. Selection of third party monitors must be made pursuant to criteria developed by the MABIP, the MCEDV, and WWC.
 2. When a new third party monitor is used, the BIProgram is required to provide the monitor's name and qualifications to the DOC Victim Services Coordinator, the local DVC, WWC, and MCEDV.
 3. Documentation of monitoring sessions must be sent to the local DVC.

6. Waiver

- A. The DOC may waive the requirements of these standards if and only if specified above.

- B. All requests for waivers must be directed to the DOC's Victims Services Coordinator, who must make the final decision on a waiver request in his or her sole discretion.

7. Jail and Correctional Facility Programs

- A. Programs offered in a jail or DOC correctional facility do not meet the definition of a certified BIP program. Credit toward attending a certified BIP program must not be given or transferred for any participation in any jail or DOC correctional facility program.

8. Duty to Warn

- A. When a domestic abuse offender enrolled in a BIP program makes an overt or covert threat of harm to self or others, the educator must promptly warn the following persons or agencies in the following order:
 - 1. Appropriate local, county, and/or state law enforcement agency(ies);
 - 2. Victim or other person threatened, if current contact information is available;
 - 3. Probation Officer, if applicable; and
 - 4. Appropriate DVC(s).

9. Mandatory Reporting

A. Required report of child abuse or neglect to DHHS

BIP program educators must immediately report or cause a report to be made to the DHHS, Child Protective Services, and/or *Indian Child Welfare Act* caseworker when the educator knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected by a person responsible for the child or that a suspicious child death has been caused by a person responsible for the child.

B. Required report of child abuse or neglect to Prosecutor's Office

BIP program educators must immediately report or cause a report to be made to the appropriate prosecutor's office when the educator knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected by a person not responsible for the child or that a suspicious child death has been caused by a person not responsible for the child.

C. Required report of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation to DHHS

BIP program educators must immediately report or cause a report to be made to DHHS when the person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that an incapacitated or dependent adult has been or is likely to be abused, neglected or exploited.

10. Ethics

- A. BIP program staff must not discriminate against a domestic abuse offender based on age, race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or socioeconomic status.
 - B. A domestic abuse offender should be treated with dignity and respect by BIP program staff regardless of the nature of the offender's crimes or conduct.
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STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 19-A M.R.S.A. §4014; Resolve 2013 ch. 3

EFFECTIVE DATE:

April 29, 1998 (major substantive)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

19-A M.R.S.A. §4014(1). The Maine Department of Corrections is adopting a proposal to revise the existing standards for the certification of batterer intervention programs pursuant to 19-A M.R.S.A. §4014 (1) to revise the Standards as a result of the 2002 biannual review. The Maine Department of Corrections developed the proposed rules in consultation with the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse in accordance with the provisions of 19-A M.R.S.A. §4014(1). The proposed revisions to the Batterer Intervention standards will result in improved operation of the Batterer Intervention Programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

June 26, 2003 - filing 2003-167 (major substantive)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 19-A M.R.S.A. §4014(1). The Maine Department of Corrections is adopting a proposal to revise the existing standards for the certification of batterer intervention programs pursuant to 19-A M.R.S.A. §4014 (1) to revise the Standards as a result of the 2004 biannual review. The Maine Department of Corrections developed the proposed rules in consultation with the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse in accordance with the provisions of 19A M.R.S.A. §4014(1). The proposed revisions to the Batterer Intervention standards will result in improved operation of the Batterer Intervention Programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

July 23, 2005 - filing 2005-247 (major substantive)

REPEALED AND REPLACED:

June 20, 2008 – filing 2009-211 (major substantive)

April 4, 2013 – filing 2013-074 (EMERGENCY, routine technical)

August 11, 2013 – filing 2013-198 (routine technical)

November 13, 2017 – filing 2017-172 (routine technical)

CORRECTED:

May 17, 2018 – Section 5.5, reinserted paragraph D.

May 18, 2018 – Section 5.5, changed the Section heading by removing the word
“Participant”.

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Maine Department of Corrections

Certified Batterer Intervention Programs

Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties

Program	Meeting Time/Location
Alternatives to Abuse (Safe Voices) (Male Program) Director: Courtney O'Brien P.O. Box 713 Auburn, ME 04212 (207)795-6744 x21 Certified until 9/13/2021	Monday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 37 Birch Street, Lewiston, ME Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tri County Mental Health Building, 49 Congress Street, Rumford, ME Tuesday, 4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. UU Church, 479 Main Street, Norway, ME Tuesday, 4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. USM-LA, Room 107, Lewiston, ME Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. UMF, Roberts Hall, Room 220, Farmington, ME
Alternatives to Abuse (Female Program)	

Director: Courtney O'Brien P.O. Box 713 Auburn, ME 04212 (207)795-6744 x21 Certified until 9/13/2021	Monday, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. USM-LA, Room 107, Lewiston, ME
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Aroostook County

Program	Meeting Time/Location
Northern New England Community Resource Center (Male Program) Director: Charles Moody P.O. Box 164 Houlton, ME 04730 (207) 694-3066 Certified until 5/3/2020	Monday, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, Presque Isle, ME Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cary Medical Center, Caribou, ME Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Houlton Regional Hospital, Houlton, ME
Choices (Female Program) Director: Desiree Chasse Contact: call for more details (207) 728-3199 Certified until 3/4/2020	Call for more details

Cumberland County

Program	Meeting Time/Location
A Different Choice (Male Program) Director: Matthew Perry P.O. Box 704 Portland, ME 04104 (207) 233-5997 Certified until 7/11/2021	Monday, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 40 Windham Center Road, Windham, ME Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 999 Forest Avenue, Unit 5, Portland, ME

Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties

Program	Meeting Time/Location
Choices - The Men's Group (Male Program) Director: Mary O'Leary 14 Maine St. Brunswick, ME 04011 (207) 240-4846 (207) 373-1140 Certified until: 1/11/2021	Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Bath Police Dept., Bath, ME Thursday, 5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Public Safety, Topsham, ME Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Congregational Church, 176 Limerock Street, Rockland, ME

<p>Time for Change Women's Group (Female Program)</p> <p>Director: Rebekah Paredes</p> <p>P.O. Box A Rockland, ME 04841 (207) 594-2128</p> <p>Certified until: 7/22/2021</p>	<p>Tuesday, 5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>MCRRC, 45 Congress Street, Belfast, ME</p> <p>Call for more details</p>
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Hancock County

Program	Meeting Time/Location
<p>Choice V (Male Program)</p> <p>Supervisor: Astor Gillis</p> <p>59 Franklin St., B Ellsworth, ME 04605 (207) 667-2730</p> <p>Certified until 11/8/2021</p>	<p>Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>59 Franklin Street, B, Ellsworth, ME</p>

Kennebec and Somerset Counties

Program	Meeting Time/Location
Menswork (Male Program) Director: Jon Heath Menswork P.O. Box 304, Augusta, ME 04332 (207) 446-3386 Certified until 7/15/2021	Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 209 Eastern Avenue, Augusta, ME Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant Street, Waterville, ME Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Skowhegan Federated Church, 13 Island Ave, Skowhegan, ME *Rolling intakes for menswork are held weekly, 30 mins before each class, at the respective sight. No appointment necessary.
Respect ME (Female Program) Director: Robert Rogers 5 Commerce Drive Skowhegan, ME 04976 (207) 474-8368 Certified until: 8/4/2021	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Kennebec Behavioral Health, 5 Commerce Drive, Skowhegan, ME Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Kennebec Behavioral Health, 66 Stone Street, Augusta, ME

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Knox, Lincoln, and Waldo Counties

Program	Meeting Time/Location
Choices - The Men's Group (Male Program) Director: Mary O'Leary Brunswick, ME 04011 (207) 240-4846 (207) 373-1140 (207) 594-0270 Certified until 1/11/2021	Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Bath Police Dept., Conference Room 250 Water Street Bath, ME Thursday, 5:10 p.m. - 6:40 p.m. & 7:10 p.m. - 8:40 p.m. Topsham Public Safety, 100 Main Street Topsham, ME Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Congregational Church, 176 Limerock Street, Rockland, ME Tuesday, 5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. MCRRC, Public Safety Way, 45 Congress Street, Belfast, ME
Time for Change Women's Group (Female Program)	

Director: Rebekah Paredes (207) 594-2128 Certified until: 7/22/2021	Call for more details
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Penobscot & Piscataquis County

Program	Meeting Time/Location
Turning Points: A non-Violent curriculum for Women (Female Program) Director: Amanda Cost P.O. Box 653 Bangor, ME 04402 (207) 945-5102 Certified until 10/9/2020	Call for more details
DV Classes for Men (Male Program) Penquis Director: Saige Weeks 262 Harlow Street, Bangor, ME 04401 (207) 876-6210 (207) 973-3699 (fax) For Class Information: Stephen Madera (207) 270-2963 Certified until 10/18/2020	Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Charlotte White Center, Admin Building, 572 Bangor Road, Dover-Foxcroft, ME Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Penquis 262 Harlow Street, Bangor, ME

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Washington County

Program	Meeting Time/Location
Step Forward, Leaving Violence Behind (Male Program) Director: Missy Fairfield P.O. Box 1466 Ellsworth, ME 04605 (207) 255-4934 Certified until: 12/10/2021	Call for details

York County

Program	Meeting Time/Location
Violence No More (Male Program) Director: Martin Burgess 15 York Street, Building 9, Suite 201-H, Biddeford, ME 04005 (207) 283-8574 Certified until 6/19/2021	Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 15 York Street, Building 9, Suite 201-H, Biddeford, ME Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sanford, ME

Caring Unlimited (Female Program) Director: Susan Giambalvo (800) 239-7298 (207) 490-3227 Certified Until: 6/26/2021	Call for more details
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An Act To Enhance Maine's Response to Domestic Violence

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Report on effectiveness of programs. The Department of Corrections shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters a report regarding the effectiveness of certified batterers' intervention programs, including any suggested implementing legislation, by December 5, 2020. The joint standing committee may report out legislation addressing the report.

Sec. 2. Sunset of funding for programs. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, funding provided to the Department of Corrections, Office of Victim Services related to expenditures for certified batterers' intervention programs may not be provided beyond fiscal year 2020-21 without explicit legislative approval.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Victim Services 0046

Initiative: Provides funds for partial reimbursement of certified batterers' intervention programs for indigent participant fees. These funds are appropriated on an ongoing basis but not after June 30, 2021.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$100,000

Office of Victim Services 0046

Initiative: Provides funds for training programs to sustain and expand the accessibility of certified batterers' intervention programs. These funds are appropriated on an ongoing basis but not after June 30, 2021.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$20,000

Office of Victim Services 0046

PUBLIC Law, Chapter 431, LD 525, 128th Maine State Legislature
An Act To Enhance Maine's Response to Domestic Violence

Initiative: Provides funds for partial reimbursement of mileage expenses for certified batterers' intervention program facilitators who are providing testimony and information required by the court regarding offender participation in certified batterers' intervention programs as a condition of release. These funds are appropriated on an ongoing basis but not after June 30, 2021.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$5,000

Office of Victim Services 0046

Initiative: Provides funds for the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence for the administrative expenses associated with additional funding for certified batterers' intervention program expenses. These funds are appropriated on an ongoing basis but not after June 30, 2021.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$25,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$25,000

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$150,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$150,000

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 128th Legislature, Second Special Session, unless otherwise indicated.

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The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) entered into a contract with the Department of Corrections (DOC) to implement the work required by the passage of “An Act to Enhance Maine’s Response to Domestic Violence,” (P.L. 2018, chp. 431). The first year of implementing this legislation has been one of learning and building a more complete picture of the work that is happening statewide. In March 2019, MCEDV hired Karen Wyman as Violence Prevention and Intervention Coordinator, and the work to implement a process for partially reimbursing programs for fees for very low-income participants and coordination of training for Certified Batterer Intervention Program (CBIP) staff began.

CBIP staff and their partnering Domestic Violence Resource Centers (DVRCs) are largely enthusiastic about the training and networking opportunities that this funding has provided, as well as the financial resources through the partial reimbursement of fees and staff travel. Programs are developing systems for managing the increased data collection that the reduced fees require. Statewide coordination from MCEDV promises to build and strengthen relationships among CBIPs, their partnering (or parent) DVRCs, and statewide partners, particularly in the justice system.

A new program that will serve men in Washington County, which previously had no CBIP, has recently been certified by the Department of Corrections. This program’s development is due in large part to the resources (training, consultation, and partial fee reimbursement) made available through the 2018 legislation.

Reduced Fees for People with Low-Income Ordered to CBIP

MCEDV has created reimbursement forms, guidance documentation, and a recommended practice for implementation of LD 525 (2018 Chapter 431 Public Law) to partially reimburse fees for income-eligible participants. Currently, six of the eight programs for men and one of the programs for women are requesting reimbursement for income-eligible participants. Staff at programs that are offering reduced fees (\$10/session minimum) say that it makes a significant difference in participants’ ability to complete the program. Program staff also acknowledge that the additional administrative work can be a challenge to manage with limited staff and budget.

Monitoring of Certified Batterer Intervention Programs

MCEDV redesigned the monitoring form which is available for CBIPs, DVRCs, and 3rd party monitors to use. The new form clearly indicates adherence to state standards and recognized best practices in violence intervention as well as providing a framework for more robust and specific feedback about the educational decisions made in class and how those decisions challenge or reinforce participants’ use of violence.

Partner Contacts and Surveys

MCEDV is in the process of designing and implementing a partner impact survey for the partners and former partners of CBIP participants. The design for this survey will take considerable inspiration and guidance from the work of Project Mirabal.

Site Visits

MCEDV visited all the Certified Batterer Intervention Programs and observed classes at all programs with classes in 2019. As part of these visits, MCEDV discussed compliance with state standards as well as

strengths, challenges, and program needs. Challenges and needs are summarized in the Training and Needs section of this document.

The most common strengths cited by both men's and women's intervention programs are strong relationships with domestic violence resource centers and victim advocates as well as close connection to the local Coordinated Community Response efforts. Men's programs also commonly mentioned class atmosphere and relationship with participants as reflecting a commitment to fairness, respect, and equity as a strength, while women's programs noted their emphasis on survivor's experience, autonomy and safety alongside their ability to connect women with resources to support those things as strengths of their programs.

Training and Needs Assessment

MCEDV provided substantial training to CBIP staff during 2019 that included opportunities for certification in national models for both men's and women's intervention programs. In May of 2019, Melissa Scaia of Global Rights for Women and Scott Miller of Domestic Abuse Intervention Program provided certification training for 60 people on *Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter*. Melissa Scaia returned in December to train 45 people in the Domestic Violence Turning Points curriculum for women who used violence. While here, Melissa provided a full-day of training on Advanced Facilitation for 49 participants, including educators, monitors, and directors of both men's and women's programs. All the trainings were well-received and at full capacity. In addition to providing initial certification and continuing education, the trainings offered valuable opportunities for networking and information-sharing between CBIPs and DVRCs across the state. Training participants included staff members from all the state's CBIPs and DVRCs, the Wabanaki Women's Coalition, Immigrant Resource Center of Maine, and the Department of Corrections.

Through the monitoring process, technical assistance, site visits, and feedback about trainings, the CBIPs have identified needs, promising practices, and statewide recommendations.

Needs

- **Training** for newer educators to understand the dynamics of domestic abuse and to gain certification, as well as opportunities for more experienced educators to reinforce their skills and knowledge and meet continuing education requirement. Cost and availability of trainings are barriers.
- **Program management support** is needed, including the hiring, training, supervising, and retaining qualified educators and monitors; implementation of consistent practices statewide; efficient systems for attendance, fee, and data collection and tracking.
- **Supports to reduce barriers to participation**, including transportation for both participants and educators; child care (particularly for women's programs); and resources for co-occurring issues (substance use, mental health, physical health).
- **Stronger statewide Coordinated Community Response** to include consistent CBIP practices statewide and training of community partners, particularly within the criminal and civil legal systems.

- **Responding to diverse populations** including people with limited English proficiency, culturally specific populations, including New Mainers, tribal members, and LGBTQ+ communities.
- Men's programs noted a need for **greater connection to victim advocates and survivor** experience to keep the impact on survivors at the center of the work.
- **Managing volume of referrals** – in some areas, high volume creates a caseload that is difficult to manage, and in other areas, low volume makes it difficult to run classes consistently.

Promising Practices

- Monitors attend 3 consecutive classes instead of one per quarter allowing more robust feedback, stronger relationship between educators and monitors, stronger connection to survivor perspective.
- Online group co-facilitated by Jon Heath and Melissa Scaia.
- Programs considering "trading" monitoring services to help reduce operational costs
- Partnership with "Raising Readers" so that CBIP participants who are parents can bring books home to their children

Statewide Recommendations from Certified Batterer Intervention Programs

- Stronger and more consistent statewide coordinated community response
- Consider use of dialogue process, critical thinking, and process of analysis in primary prevention
- Model paperwork available – intake forms, release forms, etc. to increase consistency and equity, and to ease process to transfer a person from one CBIP to another as needed
- Consider changing language of "batterer intervention programs" to "abuse or violence intervention programs" to focus more specifically and accurately on the behaviors than on the persons
- Opportunities for technical assistance between and among programs and from MCEDV

MCEDV's work will continue to focus on strengthening the training and professional development available to CBIPs as required by the state standards, supporting the continued implementation of partial fee reimbursement, and gathering robust data to better understand the impact that these programs have on recidivism and the well-being of adult intimate partners and children affected by the CBIP participants' behavior.

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STATEWIDE BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAM MALE STATISTICS

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

2019 Statewide Totals

Number of men who were enrolled in the program	1072
Number of men who completed the program (48 weeks)	364
Number of men who left without completing the program (voluntarily, their choice)	86
Number of men who left without completing the program (discharged, expelled)	127
Number of men who re-offended due to a non-DV related incident and went to jail while attending	43
Number of men who re-offended due to a DV related incident and went to jail while attending	38
Number of men who completed but were required to attend again after completion	15
Number of referrals from MDOC probation	686
Number of referrals resulting from filings or condition of release	29
Number of referrals from DHHS	72
Number of protection from abuse referrals (PFA)	128
Number of self-referrals	16
Transfers from other Batterer Intervention Programs	63
Number of other referrals	16
Number of deferred dispositions	123
Number of men with special needs	94
Number of men referred to another provider for mental health services	12
Number of men referred to another provider for substance abuse	10
Number of men referred to another provider for literacy services	1
Number of men referred to another provider for parenting services	24
Number of men referred to another provider for vocational services	2
Number of men referred to another provider for employment services	1
Number of men referred to another provider for financial services	1

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STATEWIDE BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAM FEMALE STATISTICS

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

2019 Statewide Totals

Number of women who were enrolled in the program	67
Number of women who completed the program (48 weeks)	22
Number of women who left without completing the program (voluntarily, their choice)	7
Number of women who left without completing the program (discharged, expelled)	8
Number of women who re-offended due to a non-DV related incident and went to jail while attending	4
Number of women who re-offended due to a DV related incident and went to jail while attending	1
Number of women who completed but were required to attend again after completion	0
Number of referrals from MDOC probation	33
Number of referrals resulting from filings or condition of release	11
Number of referrals from DHHS	5
Number of protection from abuse referrals (PFA)	11
Number of self-referrals	4
Transfers from other Batterer Intervention Programs	0
Number of other referrals	0
Number of deferred dispositions	24
Number of women with special needs	24
Number of women referred to another provider for mental health services	17
Number of women referred to another provider for substance abuse	11
Number of women referred to another provider for literacy services	0
Number of women referred to another provider for parenting services	0
Number of women referred to another provider for vocational services	0
Number of women referred to another provider for employment services	0
Number of women referred to another provider for financial services	0

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Maine Statutory Citation Table for SBI reporting

Crime Type	Maine State Statute
Domestic Violence Assault	17-A 207-A.1.A
Domestic Violence Assault, Priors DV	17-A 207-A.1.B.1
Domestic Violence Assault, Priors T 19-A	17-A 207-A.1.B.2
Domestic Violence Assault, Priors T 15	17-A 207-A.1.B.3
Domestic Violence Criminal Threatening	17-A 209-A.1.A
Domestic Violence Criminal Threatening, Priors DV	17-A 209-A.1.B.1
Domestic Violence Criminal Threatening, Priors T 19-A	17-A 209-A.1.B.2
Domestic Violence Criminal Threatening, Priors T 15	17-A 209-A.1.B.3
Domestic Violence Terrorizing	17-A 210-B.1.A
Domestic Violence Terrorizing, Priors DV	17-A 210-B.1.B.1
Domestic Violence Terrorizing, Priors T 19	17-A 210-B.1.B.2
Domestic Violence Terrorizing, Priors T 15	17-A 210-B.1.B.3
Domestic Violence Stalking	17-A 210-C.1.A
Domestic Violence Stalking, Priors DV	17-A 210-C.1.B.1
Domestic Violence Stalking, Priors T 19	17-A 210-C.1.B.2
Domestic Violence Stalking, Priors T 15	17-A 210-C.1.B.3
Domestic Violence Reckless Conduct	17-A 211-A.1.A
Domestic Violence Reckless Conduct, Priors DV	17-A 211-A.1.B.1
Domestic Violence Reckless Conduct, Priors T 19-A	17-A 211-A.1.B.2
Domestic Violence Reckless Conduct, Priors T 15	17-A 211-A.1.B.3
Violation of Protective Order	17-A 506-B.2
Violation of Protective Order	17-A 506-B.3
Violating Protective Order	19-A 4001.1
Reckless Violation of Protective Order	19-A 4011.4