

DVAP-CLASSES FOR MEN: POLICIES

Confidentiality Disclaimer

The Domestic Violence Accountability Program-Classes for Men is **not** a form of mental health treatment and is not confidential. Class information and discussion is focused on domestic violence. There is ample opportunity for questions and discussion about the information that is presented. This is not, however, the place to deal with individual circumstances.

Weapon Prohibition

No weapons of any kind are permitted on the premises of DVAP. That includes **anything** that may be considered a weapon such as a pocket or utility knife.

Attendance Guidelines

_____, you are required to attend DVAP, 75 minutes weekly for the duration of your court order. Should your court order expire, your participation in DVAP will be terminated.

Your attendance will be recorded as of _____.

DVAP is providing you with a calendar so that you may keep a record of your attendance.

It is recommended that you save your receipts of attendance for your records.

Permission to transfer to another class may be requested by contacting the administration office during regular business hours. You may transfer to another class *only* once during the program.

DVAP Absence Policy is as follows: For a six-month (26 classes) you may be absent up to 3 times, if a 4th class is missed or you obtain 2 absences in a row, you will be dismissed from DVAP.

There is no penalty for absence due to religious observance *if requested in advance*.

Admittance into class requires being on time, having correct class fee in form of a money order **only**. *Cash or check will not be accepted*. It is important that you bring the correct class fee, as DVAP personnel cannot provide you with change or reimbursement for overpayment.

You are expected to be alcohol and drug free the day of each class. If instructors and/or staff *suspect* drug or alcohol use, you may be dismissed and marked absent from that class.

Use of cell phone or electronic device is *prohibited*.

You are expected to interact respectfully in DVAP. Disruptive, intimidating or disrespectful behavior toward anyone, from arrival at the class location until departure, on the telephone or in person, may result in a range of consequences, up to and including being dismissed from DVAP.

If you choose to or are asked to leave class for any reason, do so knowing that you may not return to class, you will be marked absent and your class fee will not be refunded.

You may be asked to leave class, at any time, for any reason, by the instructors. Your signature of agreement during registration reflects your commitment to do so promptly and respectfully. Instructors will not discuss any aspect of the incident at that time.

Should you wish a review, you may request one by calling the administrative office during regular business hours.

As part of your registration, you affirmed your understanding and agreement to all the above DVAP policies with your signature._____.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM (DVAP)

CLASSES FOR MEN SERVING FAMILY, CRIMINAL, AND SUPREME COURTS

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NON-OFFICIAL ATTENDANCE RECORD

This calendar is provided to record your own attendance.

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Date Class Begins: _____

The purpose of the Domestic Violence Accountability Program: Classes for Men are to provide an additional disposition for the court (or agent of the court) for men who appear as a result of their acts of domestic violence. DVAP-Classes for Men provides a service to the Court and is used by the criminal justice system as a mechanism for accountability. It is therefore crucial that:

- DVAP: Classes for Men never are used as a diversion from a more serious consequence.
- Orders to attend DVAP: Classes for Men are made only when the court can levy a consequence to the offender who does not comply.
- Voluntary participants are not accepted to attend DVAP: Classes for Men.

The Domestic Violence Accountability Program: Classes for Men provide an opportunity to assess an offender’s seriousness about following the conditions of a court order.

In DVAP, participant’s adherence to policies and procedures are respectfully and vigilantly monitored and reported to the court. In DVAP classes, professionally trained instructors offer participants a fully developed curriculum about men’s violence against women in our society and how to end it in our communities. The curriculum provides all of the information necessary to make personal and community transformation a reality. It is based on the collective knowledge of battered women’s movement gathered over the last thirty years and includes the same material we use in community education and professional training. DVAP is organized in cooperation with the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

Cost to Attend:

Registration Fee: \$30.00 Weekly Class Fee: \$35.00
(Income Based Sliding Scale Available)

Class Fee Review: To request a fee reduction, call the office to schedule a review and be prepared to bring proof of your income such as:

- A current pay stub **or** a letter from employer showing your salary
- Unemployment/ Public Assistance Verification
- Supporting letter about your financial status which cannot be from your current or former partner

Class Schedule and Locations: Classes are held in the evenings Monday-Thursday and Saturday mornings. Classes are taught in English and Spanish.

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*** No classes will be held on dates shaded.**