

BATTLEFORDS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT OPTIONS (DVTO) COURT

North Battleford, Saskatchewan

PRINCIPLES OF THE DVTO COURT

- Family violence is a learned behaviour that can be changed.
- Early intervention in family violence by a multi-disciplinary team is essential.
- Offenders need to take responsibility and be held accountable for their actions, while being supported by group therapy and reported to Court for any deterioration of their behaviour.
- Initial and ongoing support must be offered to victims and family members.



Kanaweyimik Men's group

Mondays 9:30AM-12:30PM

Unless it is a statutory holiday, then group moves to Wednesday

Kanaweyimik Women's group

Tuesdays 9:30AM-12:30PM



Mental Health Men's Alternatives to Violence (ATV) Group

Wednesdays at 1:30PM

If addictions are an issue appointments are made with an addictions counsellor

CONTACT INFORMATION

Legal Aid	306-446-7700
Application Center www.legalaid.sk.ca	1-800-667-3764
Provincial Court www.sasklawcourts.ca	306- 446-7400
R.C.M.P.	306- 446-1720
Crown Prosecutor	306- 446-7788
DVTO Coordinator	306-933-5542
Aboriginal Courtworker	306-445-1383
Probation Services	306-446-7540
Victim Services	306-446-1550
Kanaweyimik Family Violence Program www.kanaweyimik.com	306-445-3500 1-888-445-5262
Mental Health Alternatives to Violence Treatment Program	306-446-6500
Addiction Services	306-446-6440
Sexual Assault Centre 24 hour support line	306- 445-0055 306-446-4444
Catholic Family Service www.battlefordscfs.ca	306- 445-6960
Prairie Employment	306-445-6404
Battlefords Interval House	306-445-2742

Who is eligible ?

Any person who has criminal charges against a previous or current intimate partner.

What is DVTO Court?

The Domestic Violence Treatment Option (DVTO) Court is a court for people who have charges against an intimate partner. If you complete the programming required in DVTO, the Judge will take that into consideration when you are sentenced.

When is DVTO Court?

DVTO Court is usually held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 9a.m., Court Room #3, North Battleford Provincial Court House.

Ending the cycle of violence is the best gift you can give yourself and your family.

Can I go through the DVTO Court?

You can only take part in the DVTO Court if you admit you are guilty of the crime that you have been charged with. If you are not guilty of the crime you have been charged with or do not want to go through the DVTO Court, you will be sent to another court room.

The DVTO Working Group will meet to discuss the allegations against you and various other factors and will make a recommendation to the Court regarding whether you should take part in the DVTO Court process.

What do I have to do?

If you decide to deal with your criminal charge in the DVTO Court, you will be ordered by the Court to do the following:

- Report to a Probation Officer for assessment and supervision.
- Attend Battlefords Mental Health or Kanaweymik for counseling each week until you are done.
- If alcohol or drugs were being used by you at the time you committed your crime or you have a problem with drugs or alcohol, you may be ordered to report to Addictions Services for counseling on the dates required by the Addiction Services Worker.
- You may also be ordered by the court to do other things, depending on your situation.

What if I don't do the things I'm supposed to?

If you do not do the things that the Court has ordered you to do, you will not be allowed to go through the DVTO Court. You will be sent to another court room.

When can I contact my spouse or intimate partner?

Once you are done 1/3 of the programming, the Court will consider letting you contact your intimate partner. The victim can be represented at Court and at Working Group. They are entitled to know about your progress and can tell the Court how they feel about having contact with you.

The Cycle of Domestic Violence

