



**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



**Men's Alternatives to Violence (ATV) Group**

Wednesdays at 1:30pm



DVTO Court is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. in CTRM #3

<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	
Legal Aid Application Centre www.legalaid.sk.ca	306-446-7700 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 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 www.prairieemployment.ca	306-445-6404
Battlefords Interval House	306-445-2742

**BATTLEFORDS  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
TREATMENT OPTION  
(DVTO) COURT**

**North Battleford, SK**

**PRINCIPLES OF DVTO**

- Family violence is a learned behaviour that can be changed.
- Early intervention 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.
- Support must be offered to victims and family members.

For more information about Domestic Violence Courts (including a video link), please visit [www.sasklawcourts.ca](http://www.sasklawcourts.ca) or scan the QR code below.



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT OPTION

## What is Domestic Violence Treatment Option (DVTO)?

Participation in the DVTO is voluntary.

DVTO is a special court that offers treatment programming and a lighter sentence for successful completion.

## What are the benefits?

- Healthier future and relationships
- **End the cycle of violence**
- Address other issues such as substance abuse or trauma and begin to heal
- Provided support
- Learn life skills such as effective communication & self care
- Successful completion will result in a lighter sentence

## What does the Treatment Option involve?

- Attend a weekly group session for 2-3 hours
- Depending on what program is right for you, groups meet for 18-24 sessions
- Attend court from time to time to re-view your progress
- Keep in contact with program facilitators and the Probation Officer

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

## How do I enter the Treatment Option?

Tell the Court (or your lawyer) that you are interested in DVTO. You will receive help with the next steps:

**Step 1:** Take responsibility for your offence by pleading guilty.

**Step 2:** Agree to facts about the behaviour for which you were charged.

**Step 3:** Report to a Probation Officer for assessment and supervision.

**Step 4:** If you are assessed as a good candidate for the program, you will be referred to either Battlefords Mental Health or Kana-weyimik Child and Family Services.

**Healing is possible**

## Is the Treatment Option right for me?

The DVTO team will determine if the treatment option is right for you. Some things they will look for are:

- Accepting responsibility for your behaviour
- Some willingness to change
- Absence of barriers that would prevent your participation in group

**Each day is a new opportunity to make positive changes**

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

If you do not successfully complete DVTO, you will be sent back to the regular court process in another court room.

## When can I contact my spouse or intimate partner?

Court will consider letting you contact your intimate partner once you have completed 1/3 of the program. The victim is entitled to know about your progress and can tell the Court how they feel about having contact with you.

## The Cycle of Domestic Violence

