



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

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Legal Aid	306-446-7700
Application Centre 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	306-510-0669
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 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

