

Glossary

Batterer Intervention Program – agency that uses groups as the primary method to educate and change the behavior of men who abuse women with whom they are or have been intimate

Certification Board – (also called the Batterer Intervention Certification Board) – group of individuals responsible for overseeing the certification process as defined by the Virginia Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs. Members are approved by the VADV, C-TAB, and VCCJA memberships. Membership includes seventeen representatives: five representatives from C-TAB, five representatives from VADV, five representatives from VCCJA; and two at-large members

Certification Review team - representatives appointed by the Certification Board that assess applications and determine which programs meet certification standards. The Certification Review team shall have one Batterer Intervention Provider, one Victim Advocate, and one representative of VCCJA as members. Certification Review Committee members shall represent a statewide perspective and represent organizations that have a stake in promoting batterer accountability and victim safety

Certified Domestic Violence Program – public or private non-profit agency, which provides the services as, defined by the Virginia Domestic Violence Programs Criteria for Certification (see www.vadv.org for the criteria)

Cooperative Agreement – a written document that outlines the duties and mutual understanding of working relationships and expectations agreed upon by all parties who have signed the document

C-TAB (Coalition for the Treatment of Abusive Behaviors) - a statewide group of individuals and organizations that provide batterer intervention services; group meets quarterly to enhance the coordination and communication among batterer intervention service providers

Direct Services staff/volunteer – persons who are paid or unpaid who work face-to-face with clients; includes intake and group facilitation

External Evaluation – assessment done of the program by outside sources such as general public, Domestic Violence Program advocates and/or researchers; includes observation or taping of group sessions for review or data collection by an outside party

Group – the entire 36-hour, 18-week (at a minimum) program at a Batterer Intervention Program

Group session – one meeting of the Batterer Intervention Program's 18-week (or more) program

Internal Evaluation – assessment done of the program by program staff, clients or partners of clients; includes review of completion, referral and drop-out rates and feedback from program clients, partners of clients and staff

Plan of Action – a description of how an applicant will come into compliance with a Standard within 90 days

Referral Source – the agency or court that requires a batterer to receive services from the Batterer Intervention Program

VADV (Virginians Against Domestic Violence) - a statewide coalition of individuals, agencies and organizations committed to the elimination of domestic violence. As a non-profit membership organization, VADV provides a collective voice for concerned citizens and survivors of family violence through the Commonwealth of Virginia.

VCCJA (Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association) – an association whose mission is to enhance public safety through the development and expansion of pretrial, community corrections, and other criminal justice programs in the commonwealth of Virginia

Victim Contact – attempts to communicate with the partner or ex-partner of batterers in the program in order to provide referrals, services and information

[What is VADV?](#) | [Virginia Domestic Violence Programs](#) | [Training & Events](#) | [Batterer Intervention Programs](#) | [VAdata Website](#) | [To Get Help In Virginia](#) | [Resources](#) | [Links to Other Resources](#) | [Feedback](#) | [Site Index](#)