
Collaborations

Provident works closely with local courts, probation and parole offices, the Division of Family Services (MO) and the Division of Child and Family Services to ensure that domestic violence offenders are held accountable for their actions.

In addition, we also work with victims, advocacy agencies and other offender programs.

Referring agencies receive a monthly report on each client to track progress.

MEDV clients are also required to sign a release to enable Provident to contact victims regarding client progress and victim safety.



We believe men can change their abusive attitudes and behaviors and live positive lives.

Accreditations

- Illinois Protocol for Partner Abuse Intervention Programs
- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
- Association of Batterer Intervention Providers
- Missouri Department of Corrections

Our Staff

All groups are facilitated by Master's Level Clinicians

Locations

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- *South County*
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St. Louis, MO 63123
314.898.0102
- *Ferguson*
409 S. Florissant
Ferguson, MO 63135
314.884.6099
- *Metro East*
5016 N. Illinois, Ste A
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Men Ending DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A program designed to help men end their use of control, abuse and violence towards women

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Men Ending Domestic Violence (MEDV)

About MEDV

MEDV is a program designed to help men end their use of violence and abuse through psycho-educational groups conducted by Provident, a social service agency founded in 1860 in St. Louis.

MEDV has been in existence since 1996 and consists of an intake assessment and 32 weekly sessions.

Philosophy

Physical violence is usually part of a larger pattern of abusive behavior that can include emotional abuse, isolation, threats, coercion, stalking and harassment.

The tenets of our program include:

- Violence is never justified.
- Anger does not cause battering.
- Batterers abuse for a variety of reasons and in a variety of settings, all of which need to be addressed.
- Alcohol and drug use can exacerbate, but do not cause aggressions. Substance abuse treatment can be critical for success in reducing violence and control.
- Unless addressed, aggressive behavior can increase in severity and frequency.
- Abusive men can learn to have healthy, non-violent relationships.
- Men who cannot or will not amend their abusive behavior should be subject to civil and criminal penalties designed to protect others.

Curriculum

The 32-week curriculum includes understanding various forms of Power & Control, The Cycle of Violence, Gender Roles and Oppression, Thinking Errors, Empathy, Anger Management, Healthy Communication and Conflict Resolution, and Effective Parenting. We rely heavily on the Power & Control Wheel created by the Duluth Model.



For more information about MEDV, please contact Provident at 314.802.2670 and press option 9. Or, go to our website at www.providentstl.org.