

AMEND is a program of Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties (DVS/CP).

Since July 1990, DVS/CP has confidentially provided, at no cost, unduplicated services to victims of domestic violence and their dependent children.

Legal advocacy and counseling services are offered at offices located in Cumberland and Perry



**Domestic Violence Services
of Cumberland & Perry Counties**

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 1039, Carlisle, PA 17013

Business Line

(717) 258-4806

Business Hours

Monday - Friday

8am - 4pm

MISSION STATEMENT

DVS/CP seeks to provide services and support to those who are experiencing domestic violence and to foster, as resources allow, social and systems change through education and advocacy



A Program Partner

The official registration & financial information of DVS/CP may be obtained from the PA Dept of State by calling toll free, within PA 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration doesn't imply endorsement.

For more information and to make referrals call:

Call Eric or Dorothy of the AMEND Program

717- 480-0489

Or log onto www.dvscp.org

AMEND

**AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR
MEN WHO ABUSE/BATTER**



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PERRY COUNTIES

AMEND is a 30 session educational program for men who abuse/batter their partners or others with whom they have a family relationship. AMEND uses the Duluth “power and control” curriculum, one of the oldest and most widely used models in the country.

Our work is guided by these beliefs: 1. violence is a learned behavior, not a reaction; 2. because violence is learned, it can be unlearned; 3. there is never a legitimate use of violence in a relationship. Through a variety of methods, including teaching, role-playing, exercises, and videos, we invite men to examine their own use of power and control and the beliefs and attitudes that support it, then to learn alternatives to violence, and skills that promote safety, fairness, and equality in their relationships.

Amend is comprised of 4 individual sessions, and 26 group sessions. The four individual sessions include one 2-hour intake interview, an orientation session, and two evaluation sessions, described below.

REFERRALS

Prospective group members may be self-referred, agency referred, or court-mandated. Upon contacting the agency, basic information is collected and a fee is determined.

INITIAL EVALUATION and ORIENTATION

The fee for this two hour evaluation and one hour orientation session is \$80 and must be paid in advance. When this fee is collected, an appointment is scheduled, and materials are sent to be completed prior to your appointment. Your evaluation will not be conducted without this information and you will not be refunded the fee. Upon completion of your evaluation, recommendations will be sent to you and your referral source regarding admission to AMEND, and/or other avenues of assistance.

GROUP SESSIONS

Fees are based on a sliding scale. You must provide proof of income at your Initial Evaluation (e.g., pay stub). Fees are due the beginning of each group session. Non-payment will result in non-admission to that session.

MID-TERM AND DISCHARGE EVALUATION

Each group member will participate in a one-hour individual evaluation session at his mid-term point and at the end of the program. An individual fee will be assessed for these sessions, the same as your evaluation fee. The purpose of these evaluations is to review your progress with you and to help ensure that you are prepared with a safety plan when you leave the program.

Those wishing to continue in AMEND after completing 30 sessions may do so, with the approval of the program coordinator and facilitators.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality is strictly maintained. No information revealed in group will be disclosed outside of group. We do share with partners and referral sources your attendance, level of participation, completion or discharge date. We are required ethically and legally to warn of imminent danger to self or others.

SAFETY FIRST

Our first priority is to the safety of women and children. To this end, AMEND is monitored by a victim advocate from DVS/CP to ensure that our policies and practices do not place victims of domestic violence at further risk, and that the program adheres to the Duluth curriculum.

LOCATIONS

INTAKE EVALUATIONS: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 201 West Louthier St., Carlisle, Pa. 17013. Enter the church from the parking lot, and go to the first room on the left.

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