

Wisconsin Batters Treatment Provider Association (WBTPA)

The Wisconsin Batterer Treatment Provider Association (WBTPA) was formed to oversee the ongoing development and implementation of the State of Wisconsin Male Batters Treatment Standards. The WBTPA has been established as a project of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV). Local batterers treatment providers are eligible to join the WBTPA as an Individual and/or Program Member.

History

In the mid-1990's, a group of batterers treatment providers met to discuss issues of mutual concern. This group evolved from a sub-committee of the Governors Council's Justice Committee that was revising the batterers treatment standards.

Several sub-committee members continued to meet and discuss their interest in formalizing an association, its purpose and goals. They developed a long-range vision, reduced an ambitious plan to a manageable set of initial goals and objectives and considered several options for either incorporating as an organization or joining another.

In 1998, the WCADV board and founding members of the association began discussing the pro's and cons of WCADV adopting the treatment association as a coalition project. In December, the board and three of the founding members met to finalize the agreement to adopt the association.

The mutual decision to join WCADV/ adopt the project was based, in part, on our mutual belief that batterers treatment and providers of treatment services must be accountable to battered women and to providers of services to battered women. The association's primary goals have been to certify batterers treatment providers, who comply with the WI batterers treatment standards, and to hold these providers accountable to the standards and to provide education, training and networking opportunities for treatment providers.

The active promoters and founders of the Association and their affiliations at that time included: Tim Brown (Family Center, WI Rapids), Kevin Hamberger (Kenosha), Darald Hanusa (Madison), Jim Harwell (Regional Domestic Abuse Services, Oshkosh), Craig Mayfield (Sojourner Truth House, Milwaukee), and Jim Pease (Lac Courte Oreilles).

The Association held its Inaugural meeting at the WCADV 21st Anniversary conference in May, 1999.

For more information about WBTPA, please contact WCADV.

