

## Additional Resources

If you are experiencing any form of violence or abuse by an intimate partner and are seeking support, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at **800-799-7233** and they will connect you with local resources.



## For More Information About BIP

- Call **412-350-2449**
- Email **BIP@allegheycounty.us**
- Visit **www.allegheycounty.us/BIP**

## Battering Intervention Programs

Battering Intervention Programs (BIP) are the most commonly accepted intervention for perpetrators of intimate partner violence in the United States. BIP is structured as a set of curriculum-based, psycho-educational group classes. The main purpose of BIP is to hold offenders accountable and to reduce future harm. Participants learn to take responsibility for abusive behavior and explore the negative effects of violence. DHS partners with local non-profit agencies, the Allegheny County Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, the District Attorney's Office, the Allegheny County Jail and intimate partner violence experts to create a coordinated system that holds batterers accountable and reduces risks to the survivor's safety.

## DHS is

responsible for providing and administering publicly funded human services to Allegheny County residents.

## DHS Principles

### All services will be:

- High quality, comprehensive, and accessible
- Individualized and designed to be respectful of the unique cultural characteristics of each individual/community.
- Integrated and offered through a team approach that recognizes the capacity of individuals and families to identify their own strengths, needs, and goals; create relationships and natural supports; and take steps necessary to accomplish these goals.



### Human Services Building

One Smithfield Street, Suite 300  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
p: 412-350-4456  
f: 412-350-3880  
[www.allegheycounty.us/dhs](http://www.allegheycounty.us/dhs)

## Integrated Program Services

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### DHS funding information is available at: [allegheycounty.us/human-services/about](http://allegheycounty.us/human-services/about)

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## Battering Intervention Program



**Holding  
batterers  
accountable  
for their  
behavior and  
reducing  
future harm  
to survivors**

Being violent with your partner is never justified. Taking away their choices isn't either. Sometimes batterers, people who are violent toward or controlling of their intimate partners, know they need help. Other times, a professional may need to get involved.

Either way, enrolling in a Battering Intervention Program (BIP) is recognized as the best way for batterers to make the changes that are needed.

## A Time for Change

As an Allegheny County resident, you may:

**Decide on your own to enroll in BIP classes, or be referred to a BIP provider by**

- Allegheny County Adult Probation
- a Magisterial District Judge
- the County Court of Common Pleas
- the DHS Office of Children, Youth and Families
- the Public Defender's Office
- a local human services agency

## Enrolling in BIP

Whether you decide on your own to enroll, or you were referred by a professional to a BIP, the first step is to call or email one of the BIP providers listed in the middle panel to schedule your intake-assessment appointment.

If self-referring, please decide which program is best for you by noting the groups each program serves.



## BIP Providers



### Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

*MENS Group*

**Call 412-687-8017, ext. 340**

**Email [mens@wcpittsburgh.org](mailto:mens@wcpittsburgh.org)**

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### PERSAD Center

*For individuals who identify as LGBTQ+*

**Call 412-441-9786, ext. 218**

**Email [BIP@persadcenter.org](mailto:BIP@persadcenter.org)**

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### Renewal

*For men and women*

**Call 412-605-4432**

**Email [batterersintervention@renewalinc.com](mailto:batterersintervention@renewalinc.com)**

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### Wesley Family Services

*For men who are either in the community or incarcerated at the Allegheny County Jail*

**Call 412-458-6455**

**Email [BIP@WFSPA.org](mailto:BIP@WFSPA.org)**

## Frequently Asked Questions and Answers



### How much time will BIP take?

- The entire series will take three to six months to complete.



### What is the cost?

- You should bring \$15 to your first appointment for an intake-assessment fee.
- After that, you are expected to pay a per-class fee based on your income and family size.
- There may be no fee if the participant's income is low enough.



### Where and when are classes?

- There are over 20 class times and locations across Allegheny County.
- The providers will work with you to find the days and times that will work for you.



### English is my second language - are there translators?

- Yes. Please let the provider know you need translation services when you schedule your intake-assessment appointment.
- The translation services are free to you.
- ASL and ESL interpreters are available.