

## **Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General (OAG) BIP Facilitator Training FAQ.**

### **Am I a certified facilitator after I attend the training?**

No. This training is not a certification. This training is required by Oklahoma Administrative Code 75:25-5-21. The training satisfies a portion of the documentation you will need to facilitate Batterers Intervention Program (BIP) groups at Oklahoma office of the Attorney General (OAG) certified agencies.

### **What is The Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC)?**

The *Oklahoma Administrative Code* is a compilation of Executive Orders, permanent and preemptive rules filed with the Secretary of State as of a given date. Administrative rules, also commonly referred to as regulations, and criteria, are Laws enacted by state agencies, authorized by Legislation, to implement the statutes created by that Legislation.

### **What is OAC 75:25-5-21?**

75:25-5-21. Personnel training, batterers intervention services, section (b) requires All BIP staff, BIP volunteers, BIP contractors, and BIP program supervisors to complete Batterers Intervention Facilitator Training sponsored by the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General within six months of employment or volunteer service.

### **What other documentation is needed to facilitate BIP groups?**

Per section (c) of 75:25-5-21. Before providing any direct services, personnel facilitating batterers' intervention services shall observe a minimum of 12 batterers' intervention group sessions from an OAG certified program.

### **How do I track my hours?**

You will receive an observation form after you register for the training.

### **What happens after I attend the facilitator training?**

After you attend the *facilitator training* you will receive a certificate of attendance. If you have not already, you can begin your observation hours. Provide your OAG BIP certified agency with a copy of your completed observations hours form and your facilitator training attendance certificate.

### **How do I obtain the 20 hours of topics listed in section (c) of Chapter 75:25-5-21?**

The OAG Facilitator Training covers the training topics listed in that section. Your agency may also provide you with additional training on those topics.

### **What is an OAG certified program?**

Batterers Intervention Program Certification indicates approval to provide batterers intervention programs pursuant to 74 O.S. § 18p-6. In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. § 250.3(8), certification is defined as a "license."

### **My agency is not certified. What steps should we take to obtain OAG Certification?**

Contact Danni Johnson at [danni.johnson@oag.ok.gov](mailto:danni.johnson@oag.ok.gov) to request an initial application for Certification.

### **My agency doesn't want to provide BIP. Will I be able to do it individually?**

Not as an individual provider. You can only provide BIP groups as an employee or contractor at an OAG certified agency. Oklahoma Statute - 21 O.S. § 644 G2. a. The court shall require the defendant to complete an assessment and follow the recommendations of a batterers' intervention program certified by the Attorney General.

### **What curriculum is required to facilitate BIP?**

Our office does not require certified programs to use a specific curriculum. The curriculum used by the certified program shall include at a minimum the requirements listed in 75:25-3-1. (b)(1-11) Batterers intervention program. The Emerge model presented in this training is an evidence-based model curriculum option. The curriculum also covers the requirements listed in 75:25-3-1. (b)(1-11).