

# NEW BEGINNINGS CCS

## Batterers' Intervention/Anger Management Program

### Group Counseling Agreement

#### Duration of Counseling

- Group members will attend one session per week for 26 weeks for the Batterers Intervention Program or 16 weeks for Anger Management Program.
- Group sessions will last 90 MINUTES per week.
- Group size will be a minimum of 3 clients and a maximum of 15 clients.
- All members are invited to continue utilizing this group after successful completion, for a nominal fee of \$10 per group.

#### Format

- All classes will be held virtually through ZOOM. Each client will be assigned to a group based on their schedule.
- Group members who log-in/arrive more than 10 minutes late will be counted absent. Members who are consistently late may be terminated from the group.

#### Attendance

- Group members are expected to attend every session for the entire session. Leaving early or arriving more than 10 minutes late will be counted as an absence.
- Clients who miss more than **FOUR (4)** sessions or three consecutive sessions will be considered having chosen not to complete the program and will be discharged. A letter will be sent to the referring judge or agency informing them of your decision..

#### Fees

- The fee for each group is \$25.00 and will be pre-paid on-line utilizing the New Beginnings Website: [www.newbeginningsccs.org](http://www.newbeginningsccs.org)
- **The entire fee must be paid before 12pm on the day of your group session.**

#### Participation

- All group members are expected to participate in the group each week.
- ZOOM cameras must be on at all times and turned-on face area.
- No participation in a car unless it is parked.
- No other individuals are allowed in the room during groups.
- Participation is defined as identifying areas needing change in your life, accepting responsibility for your actions and actively working on those issues.
- Failure to actively participate will be considered as making a choice to not complete the program. The group leaders will discuss this choice with you and may accept your decision to terminate the program. The referring agency will be notified of the decision.

#### Safety

- No weapons of any sort are allowed in-group.
- Participants convicted of DV are expected to abide by state and federal laws prohibiting possession of a firearm or ammunition. Any evidence to the contrary will result in termination from group with a report to the appropriate authorities.
- Participants are expected to relate in all circumstances in non-violent ways. A team of facilitators will evaluate any additional violence-related incidents or legal charges and the individual may be terminated from the program.

#### Drugs and Alcohol

- Group members who come to session under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave/log out of the session and referred for drug/alcohol assessment.
- The second time a group member attends group under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you will be terminated and the case officially referred back to the referral source.

#### Confidentiality

- Group members may not discuss the specifics of the group, such as information that may identify another member or details of another member' statements in-group, with anyone outside of the group.
- When a group member is thought to be a danger to self or to others, action must be taken to ensure the safety of the group member or other threatened individuals.
- It is understood that group leaders will be in contact with the referring agency (court, judge, victim's advocate, caseworker, etc.).
- Group Facilitator will contact your Probation Officer to report your progress, participation and attendance monthly or as needed via telephone or email.
- SCDPPPS may submit a request to attend virtual groups. The request will be submitted 24 hrs. prior to the scheduled group via email, login information will be provided at the time of the request.

**I read, understand and agree to all of the above.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_