

Men's Domestic Violence Education and Intervention Program (MDVEIP)

PRESENTED BY:

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTRE
(DVPC)**

DVPC Context:

- Participants are mandated to attend through the criminal court
- Enrolment and prioritisation of attendees is arranged in partnership with Probation and Parole (QCS)
- 3 x programs on the Gold Coast each week
- 1 x program in Logan each week
- Sessions are conducted at Probation and Parole locations
- Program is embedded in a women's service which is embedded in a city-wide Integrated Response – *double integration*



Structure:

- 27 weeks
- 9 integrated themes of three weeks – facilitators can decide on which theme to follow depending on conversations in the group.
 1. Non-violence / Nonthreatening behaviour
 2. Respect
 3. Trust and Support
 4. Honesty and Accountability
 5. Responsible Parenting
 6. Shared Responsibility
 7. Economic Partnership
 8. Sexual Respect
 9. Negotiation and Fairness
- Themes are guides to explore participant's beliefs and expectations of their relationships with women
- Other topics are also discussed as they arise



Structure:

- Male / Female co-facilitation
- Rolling group members
- Maximum group size - 16
- Reporting:
 - 6, 12 & 18-week reviews
 - Weekly participation summaries (Facilitator and Participant)
 - Exit Summary for each participant
 - Women's Advocate provides feedback to facilitators each week from partner contact
 - Continual assessment of changes in dynamic risk



Teaching Tools:

- The Equality Wheel
- The Power and Control Wheel
- The Control Log
- The Equality Log
- Group Dialogue: The medium of learning
- Male / Female Co-Facilitation
- DVD Vignettes
- Women's perspective videos
- Group exercises
- Role-Plays
- Lesson Plans
- Facilitating a Men's Nonviolence Class DVDs



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The Curriculum:

Duluth believes that:

- Stopping violence is one thing, eliminating other abusive behaviours is a much longer process
- If a man does not have a personal commitment to give up his position on power, he will eventually return to the use of threats or violence to gain control.

Therefore...

- The Curriculum is designed to help participants stop using the behaviours on the Power and Control Wheel which results in authoritarian and destructive relationships.



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Lasting change and true commitment to egalitarian relationships necessitates three (3) things:

- 1. A long, honest look at deeply held beliefs**
- 2. A resolve to handle conflict differently, and**
- 3. An honest examination of why he wants a woman in his life**

The Duluth intervention process and this curriculum are designed to challenge a lifelong pattern of thinking, of rationalising, and of acting that leads to violence and other forms of abuse.



What is a Duluth program?

An authentic Duluth program has 4 characteristics:

1. **Dialogue is the difference** – we do not believe that violence and abuse is a knowledge deficit problem. *‘The students – no longer docile listeners – are now critical co-investigators in dialogue with the teacher’* Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed, 62, 1999
2. **Anchored and presented from a woman’s perspective** – Not, ‘this is what we think men’s problems are’, BUT rather, ‘this is what women want men to know.’
3. **Work with the room, not an individual** – a collective conversation about a social problem not an individual problem.
4. **Integrated** in a Coordinated Community Response



“No facilitator is perfect, no class is the same,
and yet, through consistent use of the
curriculum tools, men start to change their
belief systems that perpetuate their violence
and begin to make changes.”

Duluth authors.

