

## Brazoria County Domestic Violence Court Partners

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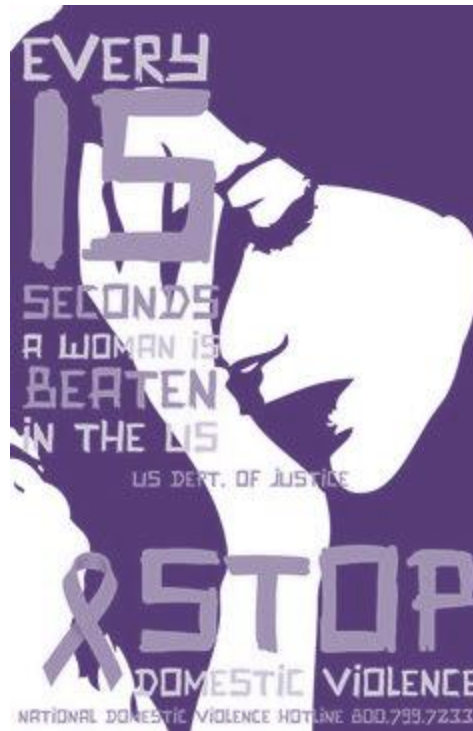
Brazoria County CSCD Victim Services

The Women's Center of Brazoria County

DA's Office Victim Services Unit

### What is the purpose of the Court?

- Enhance victim safety
- Increase offender accountability
- Consistent Judicial decision-making
- Provide early intervention
- Reduce recidivism



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### BRAZORIA COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT PROGRAM

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## BRAZORIA COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT

*Breaking the Cycle of Violence*



**300th District Court**

**111 E. Locust**

**Angleton, TX 77515**

## Domestic Violence Court Judge

### The Honorable Judge Chad Bradshaw



300th District Court Associate Judge

"The Domestic Violence Court Program holds offenders to a higher level of accountability." - Judge Bradshaw

## Brazoria County Domestic Violence Court Program Mission Statement

Brazoria County Domestic Violence Court Program seeks to enhance victim safety, increase the accountability of defendants and assist with the coordination of services across the agencies and community partners that directly and indirectly interact with the Court. The Court strives to promote a positive social change through actions that develop leadership, resources and collaboration within and across communities to end domestic violence and any underlying belief system that perpetuates it.

## Program Plan

The DV Court Program is designed to provide individuals the opportunity to accept responsibility for their violent, abusive and/or controlling behaviors while replacing those behaviors with pro-social behaviors and increasing communication skills. The program is accountability based and requires a pattern of honesty and self-disclosure. The

program is intensive and requires a strong commitment from the participant.

## Program Requirements

The Domestic Violence Court Program length for successful completion ranges from 10 to 18 months. The Court has core requirements and 4 progressive phases to assist with successful completion of the program.

Core Requirements for ALL phases:

- Demonstrate a pattern of honesty and self-disclosure
- No new arrest
- No incidents of violence
- Engage in treatment
- Submit to drug testing
- Comply with no contact orders
- Maintain stable housing
- Abide by curfew
- Participate in Batterer's Intervention and Prevention (BIPP) Journaling

Phase 1: Initial Engagement Phase (30- 60 days)

Phase 2: Basic Competency (3 to 6 months)

Phase 3: Advanced Competency (3 to 6 months)

Phase 4: Final Completion Phase (3 months)

Participants must submit a phase advancement request to advance. Requirements for advancement are outlined in the Participant Handbook.



## Assessment

Prior to acceptance into the DV Court Program, participants must submit to a Domestic Violence Risk Assessment which will determine the length of treatment in BIPP. Participants will be required to complete a minimum of 36 to 52 weeks of BIPP.

## Court Ordered Requirements

Batterer's Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) 36 to 52 weeks (Length depends on DV Risk Assessment)

Substance Abuse Evaluation

Prison for a Day

Domestic Violence Victim Impact Panel

Psychological Evaluation (If recommended)

Report to DV Court on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month

Possess no fire arms

Provide all social media information to Court

Abstain from alcohol and illicit drug use



## Core Competencies for Domestic Violence Court Program Participants

- Commit to the elimination of abusive behaviors
- Fully accept responsibility for the offense and abusive history
- Complete accountability worksheet
- Identify and progressively reduce patterns of power and controlling behaviors, beliefs and attitudes of entitlement.
- Participate in treatment and homework requirements
- Work towards the development of empathy
- Ability to define domestic violence
- Demonstrate appropriate, non-violent communication and coping skills.
- Accepts that one's behavior has, and should have, consequences.