

# Batterer Intervention Provider Standards Compliance Council

## BIPSCC

### FACT SHEET

#### Background

In Michigan, a Governor appointed task force that included practitioners, judges, probation, domestic violence programs, and state departments developed Standards for batterer intervention programs in 1998. The purpose for developing standards was to provide guidelines for ethical and accountable intervention systems that would protect victims and other family members; and establish a minimum level of respectful, humane, consistent, and appropriate intervention for persons convicted of a domestic violence related criminal charge.

The Batterer Intervention Services Coalition in conjunction with the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and Department of Human Services Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, and Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (with support from the State Court Administrators Office and the District Court Judges Association) have been meeting to design a process to 1) identify batterer intervention service providers operating in the state, and 2) determine which providers meet Michigan standards for batter intervention service providers.

#### Who is the Batterer Intervention Provider Standards Compliance Committee (BIPSCC)?

The BIPSCC is a multidisciplinary group of volunteers that includes representation from probation, parole, batterer intervention programs, judges, victim service providers as well as the Department of Human Services and the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. The committee meets monthly to review and approve applications.

#### What are the direct benefits to my program?

- Your program information will be easily accessible on the website for one year to anyone who wants to make referrals to the communities you serve (to maintain your listing on the web-site a renewal application will be requested).
- You will receive notification of training opportunities available in your field.
- You will be kept current of the accreditation process as it evolves and have the opportunity to provide feedback that will assist the council in meeting our long-term goal of ensuring the availability of quality batterer intervention services in Michigan.

#### How can I get an application?

Go to [biscmi.org](http://biscmi.org) and click on the link to BIPSCC. Review the instructions and then click the link to take the online survey.

#### When can I apply?

Programs can apply at anytime.

**How much does it cost?**

\$100.00 for initial application and \$50.00 for a renewal application for all programs for a 2-year period from the date of approval. Payment must be included with the application.

**What if program is not in compliance?**

BIPSCC will notify program to get additional information. Programs may be asked to submit documentation if changes are needed.

**When will my program be listed on the website?**

BIPSCC meets once a month. It can take up to 8 weeks after application is approved to be listed.

**Where can I get a copy of the standards?**

[http://www.biscmi.org/aboutus/michigan\\_standards.html](http://www.biscmi.org/aboutus/michigan_standards.html)

**How can I ask questions?**

Send an email to [bipstandards@gmail.com](mailto:bipstandards@gmail.com). A response will be sent within 2 days.

**Website disclaimer:**

The individuals and programs listed herein have submitted documentation that their program meets or exceeds the Michigan BIP standards established in 1998. BIPSCC does not provide on site assessment and evaluation at this time, BIPSCC cannot vouch for the quality of the listed programs. BIPSCC encourages anyone seeking an accountable BIP to visit and observe groups themselves. For a complete copy of the Michigan State standards go to [www.biscmi.org/standards/](http://www.biscmi.org/standards/). If you have questions or concerns about the process or a particular program in your area contact us at [bipstandards@gmail.com](mailto:bipstandards@gmail.com)