Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPP) offer group educational sessions to hold men who batter accountable and are designed to challenge their belief structures that support abusive behavior and ultimately create behavior change.

**Reduced Recidivism**

One program saw that completion of BIPP reduces the likelihood of re-assault by as much as 44 to 64%. Another BIP provider found that after 1 year of completing BIPP, 94% of participants have zero family violence offenses.

**Cost-Effective Supervision**

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<th>Average per person in 36-week BIPP: $2.66/day</th>
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Texas has over 25 years of experience maintaining programs, offering accountability groups, and administering state funding. The cornerstones of BIPP are victim safety & offender accountability.

One BIP provider surveyed attendees, and offenders identified group discussion as the most effective learning tool 64% of the time.

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My personal experience after 20 years of Parole Officer’s experience and 14 years as a group facilitator, which includes numerous and diverse trainings to decrease offender recidivism, the BIPP is the most effective tool to date. 
– Thomas Garcia, BIPP Coordinator, Women’s Protective Services

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When I first started the course, I felt that it was a waste of time and money. There were so many reasons to think of that justified me not being here. As time passed...I realized that I belong here...One other thing I learned is that I always have a choice.
– BIPP Participant, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Houston

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1Family Support Services, Amarillo.
2Center against Family Violence, El Paso.
3$671 total. TCFV survey of funded BIPPs, 2015.
5Texas Department of Criminal Justice Community Justice Assistance Division, Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Battering Intervention and Prevention Program: Services and Programs during the 2012-2013 Biennium, 2014.
6BIP programs must regularly inform victims of offenders’ participation in BIPP and must coordinate with family violence programs to offer services to victims. BIP programs work closely with court and probation to monitor court-ordered referrals to BIPP and are integral participants of coordinated community response to domestic violence.
The Impact of 2012-2013 50% Funding Cuts

- Unrestricted funds used to provide BIP programs instead of victim services.
- Fewer opportunities for facilitators to enhance skills.
- Financial drain on agencies; programs are no longer self-sustaining.
- Decreased training budget and fewer in-person sessions.
- Increase in staff burn-out and decrease in staff retention.
- Inability to adjust salaries to match cost of living increases.

The Impact of Potential Funding Increases for 2016-2017

- Increased oversight of accredited BIP programs
  Only 18% of Texas programs are audited once every other year. 82% are audited only once every 3 years.

- Stronger BIP programming in Texas
  Currently, funding from TDCJ-CJAD represents approximately 38% of BIPP Program operations.

- Enhanced access in rural and remote locations around the state

I didn’t know that some of the things I did were threatening. I really would like my next relationship to be based on respect and honesty.

– BIPP Participant, Family Support Services, Amarillo

Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs are the greatest tools I have addressing abusive behavior and for holding batterers accountable. I require batterers to complete the program because it is effective at addressing power and control issues, much more so than an anger management program. I consider these programs essential partners in the effort to stop domestic violence in my community.

– Judge Roberto Cañas, County Criminal Court #10, Dallas County, TX