

CORNERSTONE COUNSELING BATTERERS PROGRAM INTAKE

Client Name _____ DATE _____
Client Date of Birth _____ Case Number _____

Referred by: _____
Court City _____
Probation Office Name _____

Home Address _____ H Phone _____
City _____ Cell #(s) _____

EMAIL1# _____ Email #2 _____

Drivers License # _____ Other ID Type _____

Victim Name _____ Birth Date _____

Victim Home Address _____ H Phone _____
City _____ Cell #(s) _____

EMAIL1# _____ Email #2 _____

Your Employer Name _____ Job Title _____

Work City _____ Annual Income \$ _____

Employer City _____ Years with company _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone _____

Attorney's Name (If Court Case) _____ Phone _____

Children's Names _____ Age _____ School _____ Issues? _____

Behavior or Mental Health and Symptoms (Past and Current): _____ **Treatment Plan?** _____

Medical Health and Symptoms (Past and Current): _____ **Treatment Plan?** _____

Substance Abuse and Symptoms (Past and Current): _____ **Treatment Plan?** _____

Past Arrest Charges (number and words) _____ **Year** _____ **Plea** _____ **Consequence?** _____

Do you own or have in your possession firearms, knives, or any other kinds of weapons?
Y _____ N _____ If yes, please explain _____

What do you expect to learn from this program? _____

Who can we call in the event of an emergency: _____ **Cell:** _____
Address of Contact: _____

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CORNERSTONE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM CONTRACT

- 1) I agree to pay my established fee of \$ 30 per week in cash to get a seat in the program. If I do not bring my fee I will not get a seat in the program and it will count as an absence and I will be charged an absence fee equal to my regular program fee. I know I will not be considered completed with my financial commitment to Cornerstone if I do not pay all fees in full.
- 2) I understand my regularly schedule program is held on _____ in _____. I know that I am expected to attend attend a minimum of **52 weekly** Batterers Treatment sessions only on this day unless Cornerstone reschedules my program due to a holiday or if I have permission from the Ventura Court to miss a program or attend on a different day/time. If I miss a program for any reason other than jail time or hospitalization, it will be counted as **one** of my **three allotted absences** for the 52-program program and I will be charged for the absence my usual weekly fee. If I miss a **4th program**, I will be **terminated** from the program pending a court reinstatement. This reinstatement must pass through the Probation Office who will give me a form allowing my return to the program.. Upon reinstatement I know I will not be given any additional absences and will need to complete the entire program at Cornerstone.
- 3) I have been given a paper receipt log card showing my payment. This will serve as my record of attendance and receipt for all payments. If I lose this card or paper receipt, I will have to pay **\$10** to obtain each replacement document.
- 4) I agree to allow Probation Staff to monitor and participate in my group treatment program and I will participate as usual. I also agree to allow the contents of my case file to be reviewed by the Ventura County Probation Department representatives.
- 5) I know that recording of any session is prohibited. I know I must demonstrate motivation to change the violent and coercive behavior.
- 6) I know that if I damage any property in the office or building I will be held financially responsible for the cost to repair it.
- 7) I agree to attend program sessions **free of chemical influence** unless previously approved by the group facilitator. I understand that if I violate this rule, I will be told to leave program that day, receive no credit for that session, and still be responsible for my establishehd fee for that day. Probation will be notified of this violation.
- 8) I agree to regularly and honesty participate in program sessions by arriving on time, honestly discussing my past violence and abuse, and completing all assignments.
- 9) I understand that if Cornerstone personnel determine that my behavior in program is disruptive or inappropriate in any way, I will be asked to leave that session and could be terminated from the program.
- 10) I understand that Cornerstone Personnel will attempt to contact the **victim** and any legal or social services personnel involved in my case. I agree to provide Cornerstone Personnel with the victim’s phone number and will not to interfere with these contacts and her cooperation with the program. I understand that contacts will include (but are not limited to) this contract, discussions about my past violence, progress in using teachings, additional acts or threats of violence, and a risk assessment of potential violence. She will be encourage to report all abuse to the Police and Probation Officer.

Name of victim: _____ Last Phone: _____

Last Address: _____

11) Due to the nature of the program process and the fact that it often involves making a full disclosure with regard to many matters that may be of a confidential nature, it is agreed that should there be legal proceedings (such as, but not limited to, divorce and custody disputes, injuries, lawsuits, etc.), neither you (the patient) nor your attorney, nor anyone else acting on your behalf will call on any Cornerstone Personnel member to testify in court or at any other proceeding, nor will a disclosure of the psychotherapy records be requested. If, however, you become involved in legal proceedings that require my participation, you will be expected to pay for all of my professional time, including preparation and transportation costs, even if I am called to testify by another party. Because of the difficulty of legal involvement, I charge \$300 per hour for preparation, travel, and attendance at any legal proceeding.

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- 12) I know my progress in the program will be disclosed in **Progress Reports** and telephone conversations with law enforcement and Probation Officers. These will contain: My attendance record, financial record, acts of additional abuse, threats or violence on others, cooperation and participation in the program. Facilitators will make judgements of my comprehension of program teachings and my attitude toward others. Also noted are my acceptance of responsibility for past or current abusive behavior. Other points that facilitators deem appropriate will also be included.
- 13) I agree to binding arbitration if any legal issues arise with Cornerstone Counseling Center and/or any of the Cornerstone Personnel. I agree to pay all legal expenses and loss of income incurred Cornerstone Counseling Center and/or any of the Cornerstone Personnel due to this action.
- 14) If at any time I become unfit for the program either due to mental health issues, substance abuse, or my overall attitude toward change (i.e., unwilling to follow contract terms, participation requirements, display aggressive actions, etc.) I will be notified that I should take a time-out, leave the program and Cornerstone will write up facts of this event and send this to Probation. You will be instructed on how to proceed with your Batters Treatment Program.
- 15) This program is not Individual Mental Health counseling. If you need individual mental health counseling, psychiatric treatment, psychological assessment, and/or substance abuse treatment, Cornerstone staff will refer you to other professionals for those services.
- 16) This program will not include any advise or teaching on personal legal matters. We do not have attorneys on staff and do not offer legal advice. See an attorney for those services.
- 17) I know that my attendance and progress is not a guarantee of termination of violent behavior.

Limits to your CONFIDENTIALITY

- I understand that **Cornerstone Personnel** will attempt to contact the victim in the case while I am in the program. I agree to give **Cornerstone Personnel** the victim's phone number and will not to interfere with these contacts and her cooperation with the program. I understand that contacts will include (but are not limited to) discussions about my past violence, progress in using teachings, additional acts or threats of violence, and a risk assessment of potential violence and all comments can be used in progress reports.
- I understand and grant permission for **Cornerstone Personnel** to contact my Probation Officer, all other treatment and providers, and any other persons connected with my case. I understand that progress reports will be written by Cornerstone personnel and will be submitted to the appropriate agency for review and can be passed to other providers if I transfer.
- If I am determined unsuitable for treatment at any time by Cornerstone staff, I will be asked to leave the program. I know that I may return to the program if my status of suitability changes. Cornerstone will inform Probation of this termination and note all facts.
- I will keep all comments made by other program members confidential. I know I am prohibited from disclosing of any information obtained through participation in the group or during group sessions regarding other participants in the program, their victims and/or current partners, and anyone else whose name is mentioned in group. This does include conversations, events, and the identity of other participants in the program. Violation of the terms of the confidentiality agreement shall require the removal of the defendant from the program and immediate return to Court
- Cornerstone could call and speak to **anyone** who answers my phone numbers regarding my case.
- I know that I must notify Cornerstone personnel of any additional **acts of violence or threats of violence**. Cornerstone Personnel will first encourage me to self-report them to Probation and law enforcement. Cornerstone Personnel will report these to Probation immediately. I know that if Cornerstone facilitators determine that I am a danger to the person or personal property of another, they will report it to law enforcement and attempt to warn the potential victim and any foreseeable bystanders.
- I understand that if Cornerstone personnel assess that neglect, emotional or physical abuse of children, dependent adults or elders has occurred or is occurring, Cornerstone personnel will **immediately** make a phone report to Protective Services followed with a written report in 36 hours.
- If Cornerstone personnel determine I have obtained a weapon, Cornerstone personnel is required to report this to police and Probation.

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- If you are determined by Cornerstone personnel to be a danger to **self**, Cornerstone personnel will disclose such information to those we deem necessary to attempt to prevent you from self-harm.
- Cornerstone staff can share confidential information with the Batterers Intervention Program Providers’ Committee. The committee is comprised of program providers and probation officers supervising domestic violence cases in Ventura County. The committee oversees domestic violence cases and program standards. I authorize the release and exchange of all information, including but not limited to diagnosis, treatment plan, prognosis, progress, clinical test results, dates of treatment, client records, and summary of treatment to the above recipient solely for the purpose of case management and continuity of care. I understand that I have a right to receive a copy of this authorization. I also understand that any cancellation or modification of this authorization must be in writing.
- I will not hold Cornerstone Personnel liable for violating confidentiality for any of the above reasons.
- Violation of the terms of the confidentiality agreement shall require the removal of the defendant from the program and immediate return to Court.

What is Domestic Violence (Types)?

- **Domestic violence** means willfully or recklessly causing or trying to cause bodily injury to a household member or placing a household member in fear or serious injury. There are many ways of exerting power and control over another person which are considered violent.
- **Physical Violence:** This includes striking, hitting, grabbing, slapping, shoving, pushing, kicking, choking, scratching, punching pulling, hitting with weapons or objects, stabbing or shooting.
- **Emotional Violence:** This includes a systematic attempt to control another person’s thinking and control of another person’s behavior by the threat or perceived threat of violence.
- **Sexual Violence:** This occurs when someone forces another person to have sexual contact by means of physical force or threats. Included are oral sex, sodomy, or forced sex with objects or with other people.
- **Economic Violence:** This involves control of another person’s behavior through the threat of economic repercussions.
- **Verbal Abuse:** This involves consistent degradation of another person verbally.
- **All** these types of violence are ways in which someone can dominate, control and intimidate another person.
- **All** these types of violence have serious psychological and physical consequences for the victim and for the unintended victim such as children or other household members.

I understand English and have read and agree the above terms and conditions. I understand that my failure to comply with any of the above conditions will likely result in my dismissal from the program and Probation notification. This is always left up to the discretion of Cornerstone Staff.

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Client History and Abuse Assessment:

Please answer the following questions as best as you can. If you have any questions, please discuss them with therapist during your intake session.

Childhood information:

Cities you grew up in: _____ Other Facts: _____

Did your parents divorce? Y N If yes – how old were you and who did you live with most of the time?: _____

Where you arrested as a juvenile: y n if yes for what: _____

Did you graduate from HighSchool? Y N Name of School _____

Did you attend college? Y N Did you graduate college?: Y N _____

Did you consider yourself physically or psychologically abused as a child? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Who was the primary disciplinarian in your family? Father Mother Other _____

Please give examples of the types: _____

Did you ever know of or observe a parent or other adult physically or psychologically abuse another person? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Did you ever physically attack one of your parents or an adult in the home as a juvenile? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Have you ever been a victim of sexual assault by a family member or anyone outside your family? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Did you have any problems with violent behavior as a child or teenager? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Did you ever abuse a pet? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Relationship History:

How did you meet the victim/partner: _____ When? _____

How long were you together: _____ Did you marry?: Y N Marriage date: _____

Any separation? Y N If yes, when, why and for how long?: _____

How many episodes of violence have there been in the past year of the relationship?

Physical Property Sexual Psychological _____

How frequent have these abuse incidents been in the past six months? Please explain. _____

Have you noticed that the violence is increasing in severity and frequency over time? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

If you have children, have they been involved in or observed any violent episodes between you and your partner? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

How do you discipline your children? Please explain. _____

What kinds of injuries have your partners in the past sustained as a result of your violence?

Knocked or choked unconscious Bleeding Swelling _____

Wounds from use of weapons Broken nose Broken bones Scratches _____

Bruises Black eye Muscle sprains Needed surgery Other _____

Have you ever sought professional help in the past to stop the violence? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Did you or your partner use alcohol or other drugs prior to or during this incident? Y N _____

If yes, please explain. _____

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Batterers Program Treatment Goals:

The goal of the batterers program is to end the abusive behavior. This shall be achieved by confronting and dispelling the individual batterer's justifications for the use of violence within the relationship. Particular attention shall be paid to the belief systems that promote the use of intimidation, violence and coercion against intimate partners and children.

Cornerstone's program curricula includes the following themes, as specified in Penal Code Section 1203.097 (c)(1)(F), with cultural, ethnic, sexual orientation and class sensitivity.

- gender roles
- socialization
- the nature of violence
- the dynamics of power and control
- the effects of abuse on children and others

These themes shall be presented through education and group interaction for a thorough exploration and understanding of the following:

1. The specific elements of a violent incident and the forms of abuse including physical, emotional and sexual abuse, economic manipulation or domination, property destruction, terrorist threats, and acts jeopardizing the well-being and safety of children and other family members or friends.
2. Abuse, battering, and domestic violence as defined in this document.
3. Techniques for achieving non-abusive, non-controlling attitudes and behavior.
4. The batterer's intent to obtain power over and control of an intimate partner and how the use of violence and coercion achieves that intention.
5. The willful decision, not "the loss of control", to act violently.
6. Victim blaming, denial, minimizing, and other techniques for justifying the use of violence.
7. Beliefs that facilitate legitimize and sustain abuse and inhibit desistance including misogyny and entitlement/ownership of intimate partners.
8. Societal approval and support for control through violence and the designation of intimate partners and children as safe targets for this violence.
9. The support and perpetuation of abuse based on traditional gender roles and privilege.
10. The unacceptable excuse of violence as a cultural norm.
11. The rationales of both majority and minority ethnic cultures, which provide support for denying and minimizing domestic violence, and which prevent widespread community condemnation of the violence.
12. The connections and similarities between domestic violence and racist oppression imposed by the dominant culture.
13. The batterer's identification of all abusive conduct, the pattern of that conduct, and the cultural supports that legitimize or excuse both individual acts and the larger pattern of battering.
14. How heterosexist and homophobic beliefs, attitudes, and behavior contribute to oppression, dominance and control.

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- 15. The destructive impact the use of violence creates upon self esteem, affection, and upon the perceptions of adult and child victims and witnesses of domestic violence.
- 16. The impact of battering on children and the incompatibility of violence and abuse with responsible parenting.
- 17. The adverse legal and social consequences imposed for abuse and battering including any violation of the terms of a criminal or civil restraining order.
- 18. How substance abuse does not cause violence but may substantially increase the risk of injury to victims. The risk of lethality is increased both during intoxication and withdrawal from substances.
- 19. How childhood events cannot be used to explain, excuse, or condone a batterer's present use of violence.
- 20. The erroneous concept of inter-generational inevitability of violence without denying the significance and pain of childhood experiences of violence.
- 1. Aggression as a legitimate tool of enforcement of authority and privilege.

Cornerstone Program promotes within the Batterer the following awareness, attitudes and behavior:

- 1. Accountability as demonstrated by divestiture of all power and control over the victim/partner.
- 2. Elimination and reshaping of all behaviors, language, values and beliefs used to maintain power over intimate partners and support abusive conduct.
- 3. Respect for the equal rights of partners in a relationship.
- 4. Empathy for victims' experiences.
- 5. The financial, personal and social costs of abusive behavior to victims and their families.
- 6. Accountability, as demonstrated by acting promptly and comprehensively in meeting legal and financial obligations and paying restitution for losses to the victim of the battering and abuse.
- 7. The importance of the batterer demonstrating what has been learned and what commitment to change has been made.
- 8. The importance of and responsibility to become involved in community efforts to decrease domestic violence by:
 - a. Confronting other abusers in everyday situations.
 - b. Bringing other abusers into the program.
 - c. Encouraging non-violent attitudes and behaviors in the community by participation in educational functions and activities which promote non-violence in relationships.

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