

**WAC 388-60B-0315 Group treatment—What standards must programs follow regarding the provision of group treatment?** (1) Each treatment program certified for any level of treatment must adhere to the following standards regarding group treatment:

- (a) Participants must attend group sessions on a weekly basis;
- (b) The group sessions must be single gender;
- (c) Participants must be given the choice to attend the group they feel most comfortable in when gender identity is a factor;
- (d) The group size is limited to a maximum of twelve participants, and a minimum of two participants;
- (e) On a short-term basis the program may accept a participant into their domestic violence intervention treatment program even if the program lacks sufficient participants to constitute a group;
- (f) Group sessions with four to twelve participants in attendance must be at least ninety minutes in length;
- (g) Group sessions with three or fewer participants in attendance must be at least sixty minutes in length;
- (h) Group sessions must be closed to all persons other than participants, group facilitators, and others specifically invited by the group facilitators including, but are not limited to:
  - (i) Professionals in related fields;
  - (ii) A research scholar or state of Washington evaluator;
  - (iii) Advocates from victim service agencies;
  - (iv) Persons offering interpretation services for the deaf and/or hearing impaired or language translation or interpretation; and
  - (v) Interns, trainees, or others who bring specific information applicable to the group; and
- (i) Any person attending the group as specified under this section must sign a confidentiality agreement of which the program must keep a record.

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