

WAC 388-60B-0370 Participant contracts—What elements must be included in a contract between a program and participant? (1) Each treatment program certified for any level of domestic violence intervention treatment must require participants to sign and date a formal contract for services before treatment begins.

(2) The program must document that a copy of the contract was offered to the participant.

(3) The contract between each participant and the treatment program must include the following elements:

(a) A statement regarding the treatment program's philosophy that the victim may not be blamed for the participant's abuse, the participant must stop all forms of abuse, the abuser is to be held accountable for their actions, and the program's primary concern is for the safety of victims;

(b) A requirement that the participant must:

(i) Cooperate with all program rules;

(ii) Stop violent and threatening behaviors;

(iii) Develop and adhere to an accountability plan;

(iv) Comply with and when requested, bring documentation of, compliance with all court orders including but not limited to spousal support, child support, parenting plans, and orders of protection or no contact;

(v) Cooperate with the rules for group participation; and

(vi) Sign all required releases of information;

(c) A policy on attendance and consequences for inadequate attendance;

(d) A requirement that the participant must actively participate in treatment, including sharing personal experiences, values, and attitudes, as well as completing all group activities and assignments;

(e) Treatment completion criteria and core competencies;

(f) The program's policy regarding concurrent treatment requirements;

(g) The program's policy regarding the possession of weapons as described under chapter 9.41 RCW;

(h) An agreement that group members must honor the confidentiality of all participants;

(i) A statement that the treatment program has the duty to warn and protect victims, law enforcement, and third parties of any reasonably foreseeable risk of serious harm the program determines the participant poses to them;

(j) A requirement that the participant must either:

(i) Provide the program with the participant's arrest records, criminal history, civil or family law actions, protection orders, no contact orders, incident or police reports, and any information regarding treatment services previously received; or

(ii) Identify the existence of and location of all service records, and authorize release of all such records to the domestic violence treatment program;

(k) The program's policy regarding the use of drugs and alcohol, including a provision that the participant must attend treatment sessions free of drugs and alcohol; and

(l) Fees and methods of payment for treatment.

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