

# Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) Funding

TEXAS COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

*We appreciate funds in SB 1/HB 1, Article V, Rider 43 of \$5 million dollars over the FY 26-27 biennium for BIPPs but additional funds are critically needed. We urge esteemed members of Senate Finance and House Appropriations to include a \$925,000 biennial increase to support capacity for BIPPs.*

## BIPPs Urgently Need Additional Funds

# 25

is the number of BIPPs in TX in FY24 & FY25 that are accredited & funded-grew by one program

- The number of BIPPs grew in FY24 & 25 thanks to funds from the 88th Legislature. An average BIPP award is just under \$80,000 leaving a large gap between funding and rigorous compensation standards.
- Funds are needed to raise the average award to just under \$100,000 so BIPPs can make meaningful efforts to compensate trained staff and expand their reach to serve more participants.
- 100 programs are accredited but not funded and monitored. Increases to allow an additional program to receive funding are needed.

## BIPPs are Cost Effective

# \$24.35

is the average cost per person for a BIPP session.

- This is versus the average cost per person of those housed in prison at \$77.49. \$3.48 is the cost per day of BIPP over 18 weeks of sessions.
- Along with overall efficacy for both individual victim safety and for the community, BIPPs represent a cost-effective solution to offender accountability for Texans.
- Offenders sentenced to jail/prison are 243% more likely to re-offend than offenders assigned to BIPP.

## BIPPs Work

# 9,473

individuals served in a Texas BIPP in FY22 and FY23.

- Nationally, offenders completing at least three months of a program were 32% less likely to re-assault their partners.
- In Texas the model is even more effective - In one county in Texas, program completers had an overall criminal recidivism rate of just 13%; and only 14% were re-arrested for family violence. In another Texas county, BIPP was more effective than jail or regular dismissal in reducing the likelihood of future arrests.

## BIPPs Center Offender Accountability and Victim Safety

# 72%

is the successful completion rate of participants in a Texas BIPP.

- BIPP facilitators educate on abuse being a choice, promote positive behavioral change, and when offenders deny/minimize their actions or blame their behavior on the victim, facilitators hold offenders accountable.
- BIPPs are mandated to keep monthly communication with referral sources about the participants' compliance and notify them about any additional threats or violence committed by the offender.
- BIPPs notify the victim of the offender's entrance and exit from the program and offer resources and referrals to family violence services.