



**Minimum Standards for Abuse Intervention Programs
Declaration of Principles of Practice – Form F**

Safety, accountability, and collaboration, in that order of importance, constitute the minimal foundation for responsible work with individuals who use *abusive behaviors*. Programs must sign and agree to incorporate these core principles of practice into the operations of the program.

1. The safety, rights, and confidentiality of victims must be an AIP's highest priority.
 - a. **If your agency provides programming for victims and those who use abusive behaviors, there must be separate and distinct staff for each program to avoid potential dual relationships and prioritize protection of victims.**
2. AIPs should never collude with a participant, tolerate, or accommodate abusive behaviors.
3. AIPs must work compassionately with participants to create a culture of accountability.
4. AIPs must work collaboratively with community partners to hold people who use abusive behaviors accountable.
5. AIPs will not make representations implying that program completion is an indicator of future nonviolence.

_____ has read and agrees to abide by this declaration.

Program Name

Director

Date