

## **HB208 - Domestic Violence Offenders Treatment Board**

HB208 bill targets the cycle of intimate partner abuse by providing treatment to those perpetrating the behavior, providing families a chance at a happy and safe outcome.

Cycle of Intimate Partner Abuse:

- Abuse
- Guilt
- Excuses
- "Normal" behavior
- Fantasy and planning
- Set-up

This bill establishes a board that will be tasked with:

- researching standardized procedures and methods for intimate partner and domestic violence evaluation, intervention, treatment
- monitoring that prioritizes the physical and physiological safety of the victim. They will also establish a training and certification program for public and private providers of intervention and treatment for intimate partner and domestic violence.

The board will be assembled with representatives from the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and Human Services, state programs for the prevention of domestic violence, the Department of Public Safety, the Utah Office for Victims of Crime, the Board of Pardons and Parole, Division of Juvenile Justice, the Administrative Office of the Courts, social workers, marriage and family therapists, defense attorneys, councilors, prosecuting attorneys, law enforcement and criminal justice advocates.

**Contributing Agencies and Stakeholders:**

- Utah Council on Victims of Crime
- Utah Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Statewide Association of Prosecutors
- Defense Attorneys (Steve Burton)
- Utah Domestic Violence Council
- Utah Association of Domestic Violence Treatment