

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER PROGRAM
STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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About Us

Connecticut's Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards Advisory Council was established by state statute through Section 19 of Public Act 15-211 and charged with promulgating, reviewing and updating/amending (as necessary) Connecticut's Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards. These standards were established in 2014 to offer consistency around domestic violence offender accountability with an aim to teach skills that support a non-violent lifestyle and promote healthy relationships. Every provider offering domestic violence offender services (i.e. batterer intervention) shall, by law, comply with all Connecticut statutes regarding non-discrimination.

To learn more about Connecticut's Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards and understand the application process to become an approved provider, please click the link below:

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Advisory Council Updates Standards

With an ongoing view to improve Connecticut's policy and practice around domestic violence offender accountability and consistency in regard to the state's approach to these types of offenders, the CT DV Offender Program Standards Advisory Council fulfilled its statutory obligation to review and update the standards, this past July. The amended standards, to also include a deviation consideration, can be viewed on the project's website.

In regard to the deviation consideration, the Advisory Council understands that some effective programs will have components that do not comport with the CT Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards.

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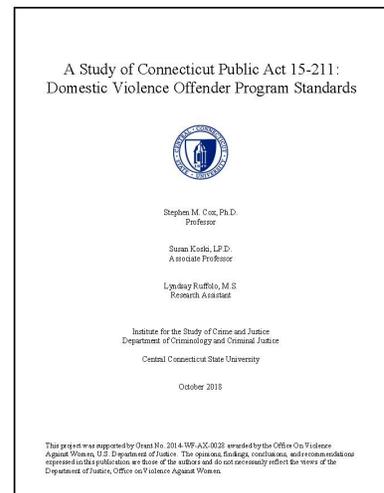
There is now a current process which allows agencies or individuals to request consideration, either before formal submission or at the time of application, of their program despite this barrier. The Advisory Council will review on a case by case basis each request for deviation. If the deviation is granted then the agency or individual will be permitted to become an approved provider. **A deviation will not be granted if the proposal is in conflict with the Guiding Principles of the CT Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards.**

[Click here to view the Updated Standards](#)

[Click here for the Deviation Request for Approval Form](#)

A Study of Public Act 15-211: Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards (2018)

In 2018, following a recommendation by the Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards Advisory Council, the Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice at Central Connecticut State University was contracted with to analyze court data pertaining to domestic violence cases and facilitate focus groups of key stakeholders. The goal was to identify more specifically issues related to the implementation of Public Act 15-211. The overall analysis of 2016 court data and the focus groups and interviews revealed that Public Act 15-211 has had minimal to no effect on changing court process of domestic violence offenders. The report offers both programmatic and research recommendations to strengthen implementation of Public Act 15-211.



[Click here to view the full report.](#)

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