

Intensive Domestic Assault Pre-Trial Program (IDAPP)

The Intensive Domestic Assault Pre-Trial Program, also known as IDAPP, is a free and voluntary program that focuses on reducing risk to victims and the community by supervising high-risk defendants who have been charged with an intimate partner domestic assault offense. The program is offered by the court at the first appearance to defendants who qualify, and it begins immediately – while the case is pending in court.

The IDAPP program is unique to Anoka County and is different from traditional supervision, in that it starts before a trial or conviction. Typical probation sentences don't start until there's a conviction.

This gives the victim some sense of security, knowing that someone is watching the defendant while the case is pending in court. Victims can call and check in.

The IDAPP program is great for two reasons. Right after there's a domestic situation, you have the peace of mind that the defendant can get out of jail and work and support their family, but there's somebody monitoring them and what they're doing. If the person who is being monitored is compliant and sober, they can also get involved in domestic abuse programming. This information is always presented to the attorney and the judge and taken into consideration in negotiations.

In order to get out of jail and into the IDAPP program, the defendant must meet these requirements:

- The defendant must live within 25 miles of the Anoka County Government Center;
- Defendant must agree to and sign the IDAPP contract;
- Immediately upon release from jail, defendant must report to the IDAPP office at the Rum River Human Services Center.

To stay in the program, the following rules must be followed:

- The defendant must follow no-contact orders and other court conditions related to contact with the victim;
- Defendant must not use alcohol and non-prescription drugs – subject to random tests;
- Defendant may not use or possess any type of weapon or firearm;
- Defendant may not leave the state without permission;
- Defendant must sign a release to allow Anoka County Corrections to communicate with various service providers for the purposes of establishing and monitoring programming and to assure victim safety;
- Defendant must report to the IDAPP office every week;
- Defendant will be referred to counseling for domestic abuse and/or chemical dependency
- Defendant must provide 24-hour notice for appointments and schedule changes.

Other conditions may be applied to a program participant as deemed necessary by Corrections officials. Defendants can go to work; however, everything they are doing and where they are going is verified.

Participating in IDAPP is not about admitting guilt, but agreeing to comply with pretrial supervision.

More than anything, this program is made to hold the defendant accountable while they're waiting for trial, and it gives them an opportunity to get out of custody.

They have three options: Stay in jail. Post bail. Or agree to these conditions. They know it's intensive, they know what the rules are, and they know what they're agreeing to.

IDAPP is zero tolerance. If they fail, it's instant and we send them back to jail.