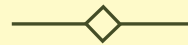


ADA COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT



A collaboration between the justice system and local community to effectively respond to domestic violence, hold offenders accountable, enhance victim and child safety, and strengthen families.



History

- In July 2002, Ada County launched a pilot program to concentrate on the challenges the court faces in managing cases that involve domestic violence. The pilot program, called the Ada County Family Violence Court (FVC) Grant Project, focused on strengthening families that are confronting The goals of the multiple issues. The program uses an approach of “one family, one judge” to support the coordination of civil domestic violence cases involving children with families’ divorce, custody, and child support cases, as well as any misdemeanor cases for domestic assault and battery, violation of no contact orders, or injury to child, to protect children and other victims from violence.
- In 2006, Ada County also reconstructed their domestic violence court model to include a fast-track criminal court process and judicial monitoring of domestic violence offenders.
- The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Violence Department and the Center for Court Innovation found that Idaho was the first state in the nation to adopt legislation authorizing the establishment of Domestic Violence Courts statewide. Not only is Idaho’s provision regarding statewide Domestic Violence Courts legislatively distinctive, the creation and legislative support of a Domestic Violence Court Coordinator is innovative and is currently the only such legislation in the country. Idaho Code § 32-1408





The term “intimate partner” includes “household members” and persons who have had or are having a “dating relationship,” as further defined by law. See I.C. §§ 18-918 and 39-6303.

A “household member” is defined by Idaho Code § 18-918(a) as a person who is a spouse, former spouse, or a person who has a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or a person with whom a person is cohabiting, whether or not they have married or have held themselves out to be husband or wife.

“Dating relationship” is defined in Idaho Code § 39-6303(2) as a social relationship of a romantic nature. Factors that the court may consider in making this determination include:

- (a) The nature of the relationship;
- (b) The length of time the relationship has existed;
- (c) The frequency of interaction between the parties; and
- (d) The time since termination of the relationship, if applicable.

DVC Written Criteria

- Domestic Assault – Idaho Code § 18-918(3)(a);
- Domestic Battery – Idaho Code § 18-918(3)(b);
- Assault – Idaho Code § 18-901;
- Battery – Idaho Code § 18-903;
- Sexual Battery – Idaho Code § 18-924;
- Stalking – Idaho Code § 18-7906;
- Telephone Harassment – Idaho Code §§ 18-6710 to 6711;
- False Imprisonment – Idaho Code § 18-2901;
- Malicious Injury to Property – Idaho Code § 18-7001;
- Disturbing the Peace – Idaho Code § 18-6409;
- Intentional Interference with Telecommunication Line – Idaho Code § 18-6810;
- Unlawful Entry – Idaho Code § 18-7034; and
- Violations of a No Contact Order or Civil Protection Order – Idaho Code §§ 18-920, 18-7907(8) and 39-6312.



Dedicated Judges & Dockets

- Today, the DVC has two judicial positions, which oversee active dockets that include Boise city and Ada County prosecuting jurisdictions.



Enhanced Judicial Monitoring

- Domestic violence courts provide greater judicial monitoring and holds offenders accountable by monitoring intervention/treatment, behavior, safety, and compliance through scheduling review hearings.



Accelerated Criminal Docket

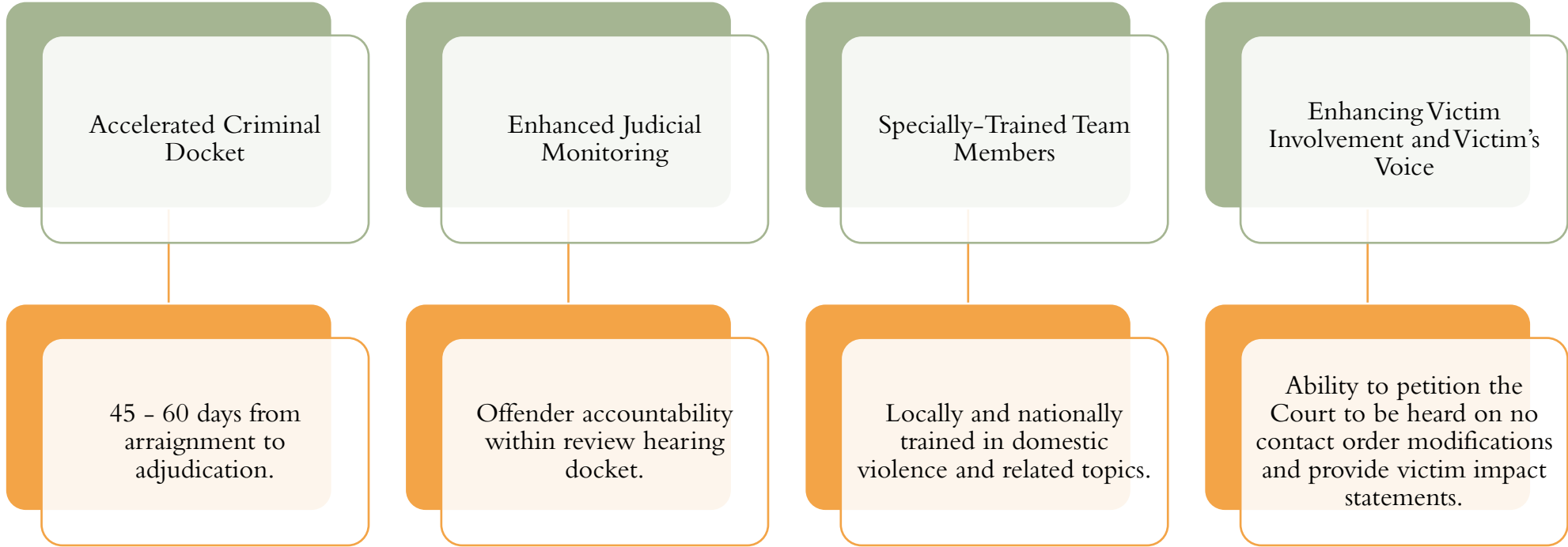
- Cases being set for pretrial conferences one week after the initial arraignment.
- Cases are typically dispositioned within sixty days from arrest cases
- Defendants are on supervised probation and in domestic violence intervention and/or substance abuse treatment about ninety (90) days after the initial arrest.

THE MODEL



Specially trained Staff and Agencies

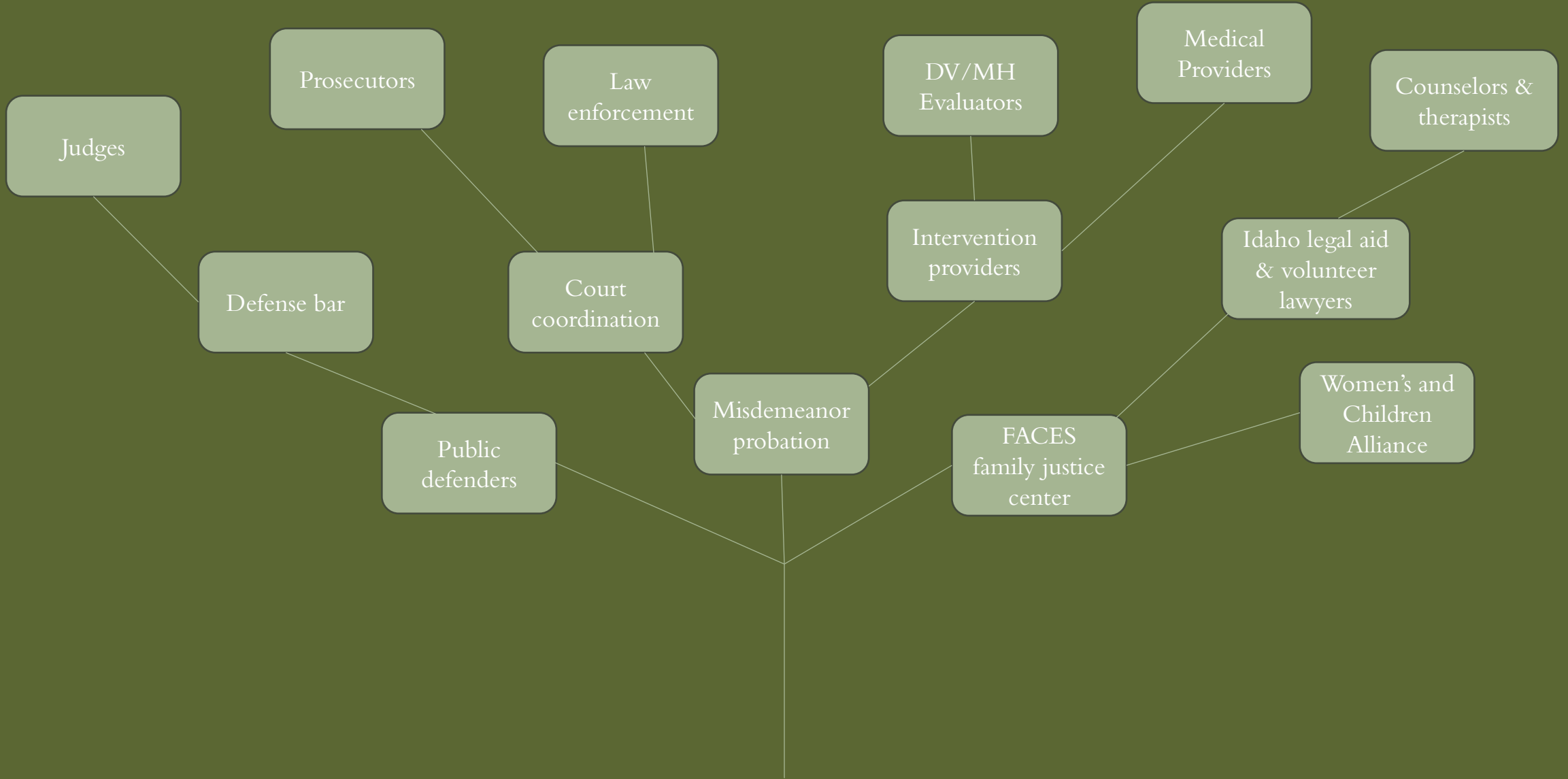
- DVC staff are locally and nationally trained in Domestic Violence and related topic.
- DVC works with agencies that specialize in working with cases of domestic violence.
- DVC offers DV training and continuing education to the community.



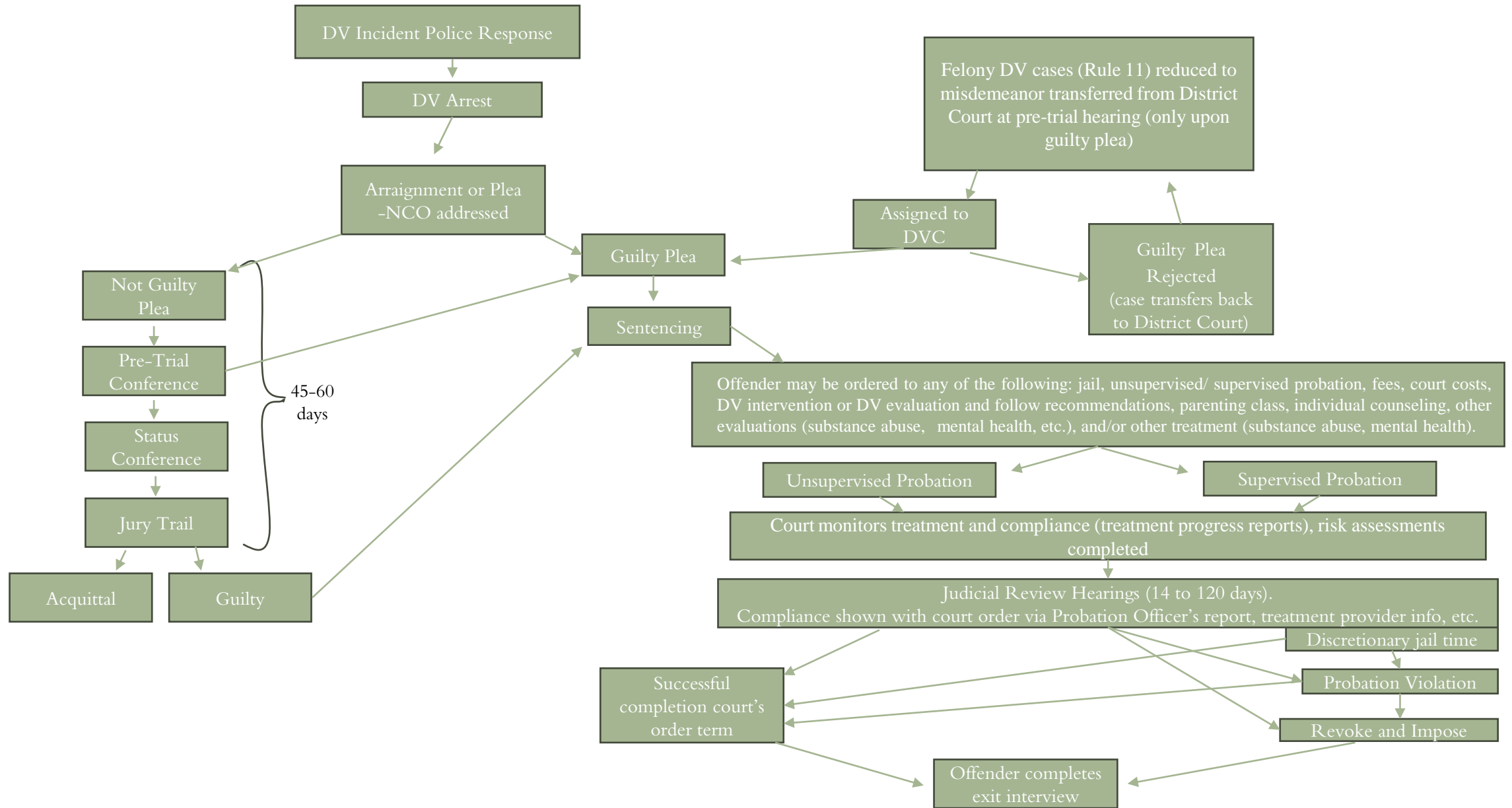
Core Pillars



Specialized Approach



Flow Chart



Domestic Violence CPO Healthy Families Program

The Ada County Domestic Violence Healthy Families Program is an approach to responding to family violence in civil protection orders with the goal of preventing family violence in the future.

Criteria: CPO cases with co-habiting intimate partners, dating relationships, and children involved.

Program model: "One judge, one family." a family court judge presides over domestic violence civil protection orders and presides over divorce or custody cases with the same family.

Domestic Violence: When the presiding judge finds that there is evident domestic violence in a CPO petition, the case is assigned for a 14-day hearing with the designated DV CPO judge.

Preventative Intervention: The judge may order the respondent to counseling, evaluations, parenting classes, anger management, or DV intervention.

Review hearings: Judicial monitoring intervention/treatment, behavior, safety, and compliance through scheduling review hearings.

Incentives: Allows for modifications to the CPO. Example: Allowing supervised visitation with children.

Respondents Accountability: Respondents report to the DVPC when they enroll in classes and DVPC files a compliance status reports. Respondents are responsible for providing the court with progress notes during the review hearings.

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