

Wisconsin Batterer Treatment Provider Association (WBTPA) 2025 Conference and Annual Meeting

We are pleased to announce the 2025 WBTPA Conference and Annual Meeting scheduled for April 10th and 11th. It will be held at the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center.

This year's conference theme is entitled *Growing Your Brain – Theory and Overview of male Intimate Partner Violence*. Penelope Morrison, Ph.D., Penn State University, will show case her research regarding male IPV harm doers ranging from issues of accountability, harm doer insight into their change process, factors that contributed to their abusive behavior, and more.

Friday's events will include a morning panel discussion regarding making a transition from a carceral system response to IPV harm doers to a public health system response. The panel will be staffed by Kevin Hamberger, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, Medical College of Wisconsin, Darald Hanusa, Ph.D., Alternatives and Treatment for Abusive Men (ATAM Program) and Mary Lauby, Adult Injury Prevention Coordinator, University of Wisconsin. Attendees will be encouraged to participate in a dialogue about what various factors such as what change in focus would mean for the work that they do, how it might impact harm doers and their survivors, how should the criminal justice/carceral system be involved, what about funding for intervention services? The afternoon session will feature a video entitled *Behind the Rage*, followed by an open discussion from participants.

Conference Fee is \$250.00 for the two-day event for non-members, and \$210.00 for WBTPA members. WBTPA Associate Membership registration will be available at the conference (\$25.00) with an automatic reduction in conference registration to the membership level. Associate Membership is designed for those key stakeholders who respond in some capacity to IVP (Probation agents, DA's, Judges, domestic violence services personnel, health care and school personnel, family law and defense attorneys) but who do not provide direct intervention for male IPV harm doers.

For year's conference several exciting additions are planned to include Member program Exhibit space – show off your program (for a paltry \$50 exhibit space fee), Student Poster sessions, Book store exhibit/sale and member book exchange (bring your old DV related books and find new ones), and Chair message sessions.