

What is PRIME for Life?

PRIME For Life is an alcohol and drug program for people of all ages. It is designed to gently but powerfully challenge common beliefs and attitudes that directly contribute to high-risk alcohol and drug use. The program goals are to reduce the risk for health problems and impairment problems.

The primary goal of PRIME For Life is prevention of any type of alcohol or drug problem. This includes prevention of health problems such as alcoholism, or impairment problems such as car crashes or fights. Emphasis is on knowing and understanding risks one cannot change and reducing risks one can change.

Using a persuasion-based approach, instructors use a variety of delivery methods, including interactive presentation and small group discussion. Participants use work books throughout the course to complete a number of individual and group activities. Material is presented using a DVD platform with animation, full-motion video clips, and audio clips to enhance the learning experience.

Several themes run throughout PRIME For Life. The first is an emphasis on the reality that while all of us can influence another person's drinking choices to some degree, none of us can directly control those choices. Therefore, the program is designed to maximize the influence of helping professionals, instructors and/or family members.

Second, PRIME For Life is based on objective, documented research findings, not opinion, exaggerations or scare tactics. Credibility (of program and instructor/counselor) is a key factor in initiating and maintaining behavior change. Instructors are trained to master the program to maximize program impact.

Third, PRIME For Life focuses on information that is needed to bring about behavior change. In fact, a casual observer might conclude that the program places too little emphasis on process and that there is too much information for the typical participant to remember. Participants are not expected to remember the details of the research cited. The content is only one of the tools used in the persuasion process. What participants will remember are the critical conclusions that come from hearing the information: Who can experience alcohol or drug problems? How do I estimate biological risk? How do I know what low risk is and how far have my alcohol and drug choices progressed? They remember the information they can use, even if some do not use it right away. The carefully selected, research-based information also provides the credibility needed to promote change.



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Boyd Andrew Community Services

Assessment Course & Treatment For DUI Offenders (ACT)

Chemical Dependency Services for Lewis & Clark and Jefferson Counties



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ACT - Assessment, Course, Treatment



THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS for the ACT class can be completed in just a few steps. Individuals who are convicted of Driving under the Influence (DUI), Misdemeanor Dangerous Drugs (MDD), or Underage Drinking and Driving (UDD or .02) are required by Montana Law to complete the ACT Program.

Boyd Andrew Community Services is a MT State approved ACT program. The class is divided into three sections: Assessment, Course and Treatment. The cost of the program is \$375.00 with a minimum of \$200.00 down which is due at the time of enrollment. The remaining \$175.00 is

due within 45 days or before you complete whichever is first. Those who pay the class fee in full will receive a \$50.00 discount, making their total fee \$325.00. In order to enroll for the course you will need the following:

- * A minimum of \$200.00 to enroll.
- * Court referral or citation with a release of information for lawyer, public defender, or referral source.
- * An 1-1 1/2 hours out of your day between 8:30-4:00 to complete paperwork

About the ACT Program

After enrolling into the ACT program the first step is to go through the Prime for Life course. The ACT class consists of four (4) three (3) hour classes with the new PFL curriculum to cover the Course. These classes are held on four consecutive Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. The PFL curriculum is designed to help reduce the risk of any type of alcohol and/or drug problems. It is also designed to help people understand and accept the need to make changes to protect the things they value most in their lives.

Participants must attend all four classes, have the program fee paid in full and turn in all required paperwork prior to scheduling an exit assessment appointment. That appointment is approximately an hour and a half long with a Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC). During the exit assessment appointment you will be able to discuss in further detail any alcohol or drug use history along with any other information that was completed at the time of enrollment. Based on the information discussed & gathered, the LAC will review any treatment recommendations with you and forward these recommendations to your referring judge. If the counselor does not recommend further treatment you will be discharged complete from the program. If treatment is recommended, you may accept or disagree with the recommendation, and your referring judge will be informed of your decision.

PLEASE NOTE: Treatment is mandatory for any 2nd or subsequent offenders upon completion of the PFL program as mandated by Montana Law.

Also you have the right to:

- 1) Attend a state approved ACT program
- 2) Attain, at your own expense, a second chemical dependency assessment if you disagreed with current recommendations
- 3) To a hearing if you disagree with the recommendations
- 4) To attend a treatment facility of your choice

INFORMATION REGARDING A PROBATIONARY LICENSE

To get a probationary license, a first offender must have the approval of the court, be enrolled in ACT, have a valid Montana driver's license and pay a reinstatement fee to the **Records and Driver Control Bureau**, Dept. of Justice Motor Vehicle Division, P.O. Box 201430, Helena, Montana, 59620-1430. Phone number **(406) 444-3292**.

As of October 1, 1999, Montana law now imposes an interlock requirement on any second or subsequent DUI or BAC offender who seeks probationary driving privileges.

A new law was passed in 2009 (HB 536) - interpretation pending from Department of Justice and Montana Supreme Court. Applies only to 2nd/3rd DUI offenses committed on/after October 1, 2009.

Note: If the driver refused to blow into a breath testing device and/or provide a blood sample, no restricted probationary license is allowed.

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