



Hubbard House

EVERY RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE-FREE

First Step Batterer's Intervention Program

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(DO NOT CALL OUR HOTLINE NUMBER FOR INFORMATION)

How to Enroll

No appointment necessary, arrive on the designated day and time.

Enrollment & Orientation Sessions are held every week.

**Location - Spring Glen Office Park
3115 Spring Glen Road
Suite 505**

Jacksonville, FL 32207

(Located off Beach Blvd. - East of University Blvd. and West of Hart Expressway)

Men - Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

Women - Thursday - 9:30 a.m.

Late arrivals will not be allowed in

Anyone enrolling must bring the following items to complete enrollment:

1) Enrollment Fee

\$35 in cash or money order/ cashier's check made payable to "Hubbard House-First Step Program"

2) Proof of Income

In order to set your weekly fee, you **MUST** bring one of the following documents: current pay stub, social security benefit statement, disability benefit statement, last year's income tax return, or documentation of your weekly earnings on employer's letterhead.

3) Valid Photo I.D. – No exceptions

AGENDA: The purpose of the enrollment session is to complete the enrollment paperwork and the program orientation. The program's contract will be explained, your weekly fee will be set and you will be given information about your assessment.

PLEASE NOTE: Only the person enrolling will be allowed inside the office. Children are **not** allowed in weekly enrollments or in weekly classes.

HUBBARD HOUSE FIRST STEP (HHFS)

Hubbard House First Step, a program of Hubbard House, Inc., is a central element of the First Coast's community-wide response to intimate partner violence. HHFS supports and reinforces the intervention of the criminal justice system in cases of domestic violence against adult partners by monitoring the status of program participants and by offering an educational program to participants during the intervention process. HHFS welcomes voluntary participants and referrals from public and private service providers. Hubbard House First Step is a state approved batterers' intervention program (F.S. 741.32).

PRINCIPLES – HHFS is based on the following principles:

1. To batter is to abuse power in a relationship for the purpose of controlling another person.
2. All abuses of power are immoral and unethical, and many are crimes. Abuses of power may take the form of physical violence and abuse, assaults, isolation, emotional abuse, intimidation, economic abuse, use of male privilege/privilege, threats, use of children and sexual abuse.
3. *Most* battering is committed by men against women.
4. Those who batter must accept total responsibility for their abuse and violence. Alcohol and drugs are **excuses** for battering, not the reason.

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES – The goal of HHFS is to stop *intimate* partner violence. The objectives of HHFS are:

1. To help program participants identify and stop their violent, abusive and controlling behaviors and to help them understand the effects of their behaviors on others.
2. To suggest alternatives to violence, abuse and control.
3. To challenge abusers to become accountable – to answer for what they have done.

Participants with active alcohol or drug abuse, more than one assault/battery conviction, any felony conviction involving the endangerment of life or any violation of the HHFS Agreement for Participation will only be allowed to enroll with the program manager's approval and may require the completion of additional evaluations. Please consult with HHFS staff for details.

HHFS is a member of the Jacksonville Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) which promotes safety and advocacy for victims and intervention with abusers.

HUBBARD HOUSE FIRST STEP PROGRAM FEES

There is a non-refundable fee for an assessment and a fee for each class. The class fees are based on the participant's **gross** annual income and are calculated on a sliding scale, as follows:

<u>GROSS INCOME IS</u>	<u>CLASS FEE IS</u>	<u>GROSS INCOME IS</u>	<u>CLASS FEE IS</u>
Less than \$5,000	\$10.00 per class	\$30,000 - 35,000	\$40.00 per class
5,001 – 10,000	15.00 per class	35,001 – 40,000	45.00 per class
10,001 – 15,000	20.00 per class	40,001 – 45,000	50.00 per class
15,001 – 20,000	25.00 per class	45,001 – 50,000	55.00 per class
20,001 – 25,000	30.00 per class	50,000+	60.00 per class
25,001 – 30,000	35.00 per class		

CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION

The participant signs an agreement for participation. HHFS releases limited information to the participant's partner and to the person or agency that referred him/her to HHFS.

ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW

An individual assessment interview must be completed by a state approved Batterer Assessor. The participant will be given a list of providers to choose from. **This assessment must be completed before attending the first class.** The assessment fee ranges from **\$60 - \$75** and must be paid in cash to the approved agency or individual conducting your assessment. Participants must show proof of being assessed in order to begin attending their classes.

HHFS CLASSES

HHFS consists of an enrollment session, an orientation session, and twenty-four (**24**) weekly classes. The classes are conducted at various locations throughout the city. HHFS classes challenge the participant to identify and stop his/her violent, abusive and controlling behaviors; to understand their effects; to examine the beliefs that support these behaviors and to account for his/her actions. Alternatives to abuse and control are explored.

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