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The following is the definition of a DV Assessment according to chapter 388-60B of the Washington Administrative Code:

"Assessment" means the process of obtaining pertinent bio-psychosocial information, as identified by the **participant**, family, and collateral sources to determine a **level of care** and to plan individualized domestic violence intervention services and possible referrals for ancillary treatment, assessments, and services.

The above definition is for someone who has either been convicted of assaulting a family member (DV) or has been otherwise mandated to "treatment."

Without one of the above conditions, my evaluations will determine if there is a presence or absence of domestic violence behaviors. If my evaluation uncovers a propensity for violence toward an intimate partner, the report will so state and will be up to the court to mandate treatment.

In the case of a conviction of assaulting a family member or the court mandate of treatment, then a level of care assessment will be done prior to entering a treatment program for domestic violence. This method of conducting pre-adjudication domestic violence evaluations will ensure that "due process" is protected for all clients.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions about other forensic assessments I may help with.

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