

Minnesota Couples on the Brink Project

SCREENING INTERVIEW FORM

Screener Name: _____ Date of interview : _____

Name: _____ Circle One: Male / Female

Email: _____ Phone: _____

How did you find out about discernment counseling?

Spouse's name: _____ Number of years married: _____

Children's ages and gender:

Where they are with the divorce process (lawyer, filed, on hold, etc.):

Leaning-in: _____ Leaning-out: _____

Have you discussed the project with your spouse? If so, what is their interest?

If not, please share the website with them: <http://www.mncouplesonthebrink.org>

Inform them that spouse will need to initiate contact with discernment counselor for intake and discernment process to proceed.

Question: Could you say something about your interest in the project?

Pertinent information the person shared about their situation and goals:

Disposition: Person is appropriate for the project

I have concerns about whether the person is appropriate for the project

Pass on your recommendation and any concerns to the project coordinator.

Person's name: _____

Safety Questions

We want to make sure everyone who participates in the project does so voluntarily, and that no one is put at risk. So I have a few questions that we are asking everyone who contact us.

1. Are you feeling pressured by your spouse to participate in this project? Yes No

If yes, does the pressure seem coercive? (For example, is accompanied by threats of personal or legal ramifications?) Yes No

2. Have you or your spouse ever been convicted of a crime of domestic violence? Yes No

If yes, who?

3. Have you or your spouse ever had an Order of Protection from a court? Yes No

If yes, who?

4. My last questions are about what happens when you and your partner get into our arguments or fights. Again, our goal is to make sure everyone is safe.

a. Has your spouse ever done something to you out of anger that has caused you physical pain, bruises, or bodily injury? Yes No (If yes, get specifics.)

b. Do you ever feel afraid of your spouse? Yes No

If yes, are you in danger now? Yes No

c. (If yes to either a or b) I can help you talk to someone at an agency that can help you. Would you like me to give you that information?

In an Emergency, urge the person to call 911

If they need help quickly, they can call Tubman's 24-hour crisis line:

612-825-0000 (West Metro)

651-770-0777 (East Metro)

Is it okay if I call you back in a day or two to check in with you?

End of interview: I appreciate your interest in the project and your willingness to answer these questions.

a) It sounds like you are eligible for the project, and we'd like to help you.

b) Explore sense of spouse's interest (if he/she has not yet been screened).

c) If the person says the spouse is not likely to contact us, explore interest in reconciliation coaching.

d) If there are any red flags in the intake, say we will be back in touch in a few days about the person's eligibility for the project.