

Copying the Blueprint

Two questions commonly asked regarding the use of this document are:

(1) Can the Blueprint be copied?

(2) Can the Blueprint be altered?

The answer to question (1) is yes, absolutely. The answer to (2), however, is both yes and no. Any jurisdiction wishing to implement these policies and protocols are encouraged to use and adapt any or all of the language in Chapters 2-8, which contain actual sample policies and protocols. However, some parts of the Blueprint are not intended to be altered. This includes the six principles articulated in the foundational narrative (see Chapter One), since they are essential to the Blueprint's meaning, as well as a few of the training memos which need to be precise, and are clearly marked as such. Communities outside of Minnesota will have to make changes based on state law and terminology, such as, Order for Protection (OFP), which will need to be altered. When making the cover to your local Blueprint, it would be greatly appreciated if the phrase, "Adapted from the Saint Paul Blueprint for Safety" is included.

Feel free to contact the authors by emailing Blueprint@praxisinternational.org to answer any questions regarding the use of these materials.

A victim's decision

to use the criminal justice system in the future was connected to financial dependence on the perpetrator, safety from abuse during prior interventions, and previous support from practitioners.

– R.E. Fleury-Steiner, et al. (2006)