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The Peacemaker Anger Management Program, now in its fourth year, continues to offer a comprehensive system of support and care to help individuals learn the skills they can use to stop the cycle of negative and destructive consequences that uncontrolled anger and rage set into motion.

The primary goal of our anger management program has not changed; we continue to counsel people whose uncontrolled anger is the cause of problems at work, in personal relationships, and in the overall quality of life, teaching them how to accurately examine their triggers, adjust their perception of situations, and develop healthy, constructive ways in which to express their anger and frustrations. We often find however, that while we do our best to make inroads with the client and facilitate positive change, the dysfunction experienced by the entire family remains an area of deep concern.

Family ties are one of the strongest contributors to individual character development. Many people spend years trying to understand, erase, or copy the influence of the family unit. When anger is part of a family's tradition, it spreads itself much like a virus to future generations. The wider the spread, the more difficult the anger is to contain. A committed, well-designed treatment plan such as that provided by our program can repair the damage of having been raised in an angry family system.

Since our initial grant proposal, we have noticed a marked increase in people who cannot participate in the program because they cannot afford even the discounted rate, and although referrals to our play therapists for the children of our clients have increased by over 50%, most cannot follow through, citing financial difficulties as the primary reason.

An increase in supplemental funds would enable us to expand the program to reach more families and meet the growing needs of our scholarship program.

As always, thank you for your generous support of the Peacemaker Center, and also for your consideration of this current request.