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Domestic Violence Advocates and Faith and Spiritual Community Leaders:

Collaboratives for Community Change

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Team	Proposal	Outcomes
<p>Project PeaceMakers</p> <p>Holy Tabernacle of God Baptist Church</p> <p><i>Faith:</i> Christian <i>County:</i> Los Angeles</p>	<p>Establish a collaborative project between 77th Los Angeles Police Department Division, Los Angeles County Council on Domestic Violence, and faith communities in order to support the implementation of domestic violence (DV) prevention policies and practices in local faith institutions. Provide training and technical assistance to support faith institutions' inclusion of DV prevention in quarterly pulpit messages, monthly auxiliary meetings, premarital counseling, youth programs, as well as women and men's ministries.</p>	<p>Collaborated with Clergy Council of Los Angeles Police Department 77th Division, Los Angeles Police Department Chaplain Corps, Holy Tabernacle of God Baptist Church, LA County Council on Domestic Violence, and local associations/faith communities. Conducted 3 eight-hour training workshops, 1 forty-hour workshop, and 1 couples' retreat. Requested that workshop participants sign commitment to implement prevention strategies within their respective faith communities. Established framework for workshop participants to attend regular follow-up meetings and discussions. Launched planning for the next eight-hour and forty-hour workshops and also initiated recruitment for steering committee. Main challenges included program requirements, limited time and funding, as well as inability to respond to every training request.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">SafeQuest Solano</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christian Body Life Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Faith:</i> Christian <i>County:</i> Solano</p>	<p>Adapt and integrate My Strength curriculum into faith-based youth group to prevent teen dating violence. Conduct 2 sessions over the course of the project year; each session consisting of 1.5-hour weekly meetings for a period of 16 weeks. Youth participants in the first session will be recruited to mentor participants in the second session of the project. At the conclusion of the two sessions, youth participants will organize a community-wide event. At the conclusion of the project, churches and high schools will be invited to implement similar programs with their youth groups to prevent violence against women and girls and promote positive masculinity.</p>	<p>Adapted My Strength curriculum for faith-based youth groups comprised of 12-15 young men. Completed first 16-week session and launched second session. Will complete second session in May and take both groups to watch and discuss a play on DV. Met with young men once a week after school to discuss issues related to everyday life: school, family, relationships, faith, career, communication, and leadership. Created alliance with clergy from Ministerial Alliance in Vacaville, Chief of Vacaville Police Department, and local ministers to raise awareness about DV and discuss the importance of working with youth. Supported program graduates to become mentors for young men in following sessions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Community Congregational Church of Tiburon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Faith:</i> Marin faith communities <i>County:</i> Marin</p>	<p>Train and organize a countywide, interfaith network to develop and implement protocols, practices, policies, and procedures that prevent DV. Recruit and convene faith leaders throughout Marin County to participate in a DV prevention training workshop. Provide support and technical assistance to faith leaders on their DV prevention action plans. Convene interfaith advisory committee and establish partnership between countywide faith communities and Marin Abused Women’s Services.</p>	<p>Recruited faith leaders to form local advisory committee to sustain DV prevention efforts and activities. Held 3 focus group discussions to inform workshop design. Conducted countywide training workshop for 52 participants representing 14 faith communities. Established partnership between Marin Interfaith Council, Marin Abused Women’s Services and local Marin faith communities. Created formal library with DV prevention resources at Marin Interfaith Council. Initiated plan for distributing hotline stickers at upcoming faith luncheons and events. Implemented Safe Church Policy at Community Congregational Church of Tiburon.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Do-Woo Ree Korean American Support Network for Domestic Violence in the South Bay</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Faith:</i> Christian <i>County:</i> Santa Clara</p>	<p>Organize an advisory committee made up of DV advocates and Korean-American faith leaders. Publish several articles in local Christian newsletter to raise awareness about DV. Develop and adapt culturally appropriate, faith-based DV prevention curriculum. Conduct DV prevention workshops for local faith leaders and faith communities. At the conclusion of the training workshops, faith leaders will commit to implement DV preventions policies or practices in their respective faith communities, such as including DV prevention in sermons, youth programs and other church activities.</p>	<p>Formed advisory committee with 3 faith leaders, 4 DV advocates, and 3 service providers. Developed and translated culturally-appropriate curriculum and training materials for Korean-American community. Conducted first-of-its-kind, interfaith workshop for Korean-American faith leaders in the South Bay Area that included 12 Christian ministers, 3 lay leaders, 1 Buddhist monk, and 1 Catholic faith leader. Requested that faith leaders address DV through sermons, Bible studies, and couples' seminars. Survey results reveal that 78% of participants were satisfied with the workshop and almost all expressed interest in follow-up activities. Published several articles in Korean-American community newspaper to raise awareness about DV and to highlight the activities of Do-Woo Ree.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ministers of Light WOMAN, Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Faith:</i> Catholic <i>County:</i> San Francisco</p>	<p>Create a formal DV prevention framework within the Archdiocese of San Francisco by training and installing committed DV lay ministers in parishes. Train Ministers of Light in partnership with established DV organizations. Each Minister of Light will commit to a 2-year position and will have the following responsibilities: serve as in-house DV resource; coordinate with local DV agencies in hosting annual awareness events; collaborate with faith leaders to implement DV prevention practices or procedures; and attend monthly check-in meetings with other Ministers.</p>	<p>Conducted outreach in 12 parishes to cultivate relationships with pastors and build support for Ministers of Light. Organized Archdiocese-wide DV awareness mass in October 2009 with 150 attendees. Formed partnership with WOMAN, Inc. and developed new training curriculum for Ministers of Light. Conducted first forty-hour training workshop and planned for second workshop in May 2010. Surveys show that participants increased knowledge of topics. Collaborated with Sisters of Mercy to host special Taize service focused on DV in May 2010 with estimated 100 attendees.</p>

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<p>Hmong Sisterhood of Fresno</p> <p><i>Faith:</i> Hmong <i>County:</i> Fresno</p>	<p>Recruit and train a Hmong DV prevention committee that includes Hmong community members and clan leaders. Raise awareness about DV in the Hmong community through radio talk show, community presentations and translated DV materials. Collaborate with local community organizations and DV agencies to assemble and translate DV workshops and materials that are culturally appropriate and accessible to the Hmong community.</p>	<p>Raised awareness about DV in Hmong community through Hmong leader’s formal endorsement, 8 local workshops/meetings and radio show. Obtained top Hmong leader’s official support for Hmong Sisterhood of Fresno’s awareness-raising activities. For the first time in community’s history, 5 Hmong women were invited to serve as board members on Clan Council and create DV prevention committee. Collaborated with community leaders, clan leaders, city officials, and service providers.</p>
<p>Iglesia Casa de Oracion</p> <p><i>Faith:</i> Christian <i>County:</i> Solano</p>	<p>Establish Spanish model church program in Iglesia Casa de Oracion. Organize and train 100 Spanish-speaking faith leaders from Solano County and regional leadership on DV prevention. Develop Spanish DV resources and curriculum. Support the implementation of DV prevention policies and Spanish DV and faith events in participating faith communities. As part of the workshop graduation ceremony, faith leaders will commit to organizing a DV prevention event and/or implementing a DV prevention policy or protocol within their congregation.</p>	<p>Launched process for establishing model church at Iglesia Casa de Oracion by developing 10-step DV prevention and intervention procedure, drafting training curriculum, and training in-house leaders. Conducted outreach to regional congregation and launched preparations for all-day training workshop for Spanish Faith Alliance. Will finalize curriculum and host training workshop in May 2010. Series of unexpected challenges affected project activities, including resistance from some church members, team members’ serious health problems and relocation of model church. Project was further impacted by minimal staffing and delayed state funding.</p>

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<p>License to Freedom Al-Salaam Mosque <i>Faith:</i> Muslim <i>County:</i> San Diego</p>	<p>Establish a safe model mosque in San Diego. Implement DV prevention policies and practices in mosque’s youth programs, men’s classes, women’s association, and pre-marital counseling. Disseminate DV materials and information through community-wide awareness campaign: “Pursuing Justice and Happiness Through Faith”. Create Peaceful Families Committee made up of faith leaders and community representatives.</p>	<p>Fostered partnership with Imam at central mosque. Increased credibility in community through mosque-related volunteer activities, joint project and board meetings. Disseminated DV resources and information at mosque. Transformed faith leaders’ awareness about DV, which led to recruitment plan for installing DV advocate in mosque. For the first time in its history, the mosque invited a woman, Director of License to Freedom, to join Board of Directors. Established collaboration with the board to create model mosque in San Diego. Used FaithTrust Institute materials to address DV in Muslim community. In May 2010 will distribute 2,000 DV brochures in Arabic. Identified areas for improvement related to counseling procedures.</p>
<p>LIFT 3 Support Group St. Stephen CME Church <i>Faith:</i> Christian <i>County:</i> Solano</p>	<p>Equip faith communities to establish sustainable prevention strategies, policies and protocols to end DV in Fairfield. Provide DV prevention workshops to faith and lay leaders. Support faith leaders to adopt DV prevention practices and “Break the Cycle Prevention and Intervention Protocol”. Sustain ongoing dialogue with the 3 faith-based collaboratives in Fairfield: Faith Partners Against Crime, Interfaith Council of Solano County, and Pastors and Servants of Fairfield/Suisun.</p>	<p>Established regular dialogue with 3 faith-based collaboratives in Fairfield: Faith Partners Against Crime, Interfaith Council of Solano County, and Pastors and Servants of Fairfield/Suisun, representing 45 different congregations. Expanded collaboration with faith leaders in neighboring cities of Vallejo and Vacaville. Conducted 2 training workshops for 63 faith and lay leaders. Expected number of workshop participants was exceeded by 10%. 70% of participants committed to adding hotline number to weekly bulletin. Several churches pledged to include support to local DV shelter in their annual budgets. Received invitation to conduct presentation to 15 additional congregations.</p>

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