

Muslim Community Response

And among His signs is this: that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may dwell in tranquility with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts). Verily in that are signs for those who reflect. - Sirat Ar-Rūm 30:21

Muslim

Community

Response

Get

Training

Develop Protocols to Help Domestic Violence Victims

Have an action plan in place to follow if a victim of abuse asks for help or if a mosque member is abusive. Prioritize the safety of victims. Support victims. Make sure all teachers Be ready to refer and youth group leaders receive to area service training about how to recognize providers.

abuse and whom to approach with concerns. Include age-appropriate prevention programming about healthy relationships and family violence for children and youth.

Educate

The Children

Use Your Religious Authority

Give khutbah on domestic violence to build awareness, teach that family violence is not acceptable in your community, and emphasize that help is available. Speak publicly against

Participate in domestic workshops designed abuse. for religious leaders to learn safe and effective ways to address domestic violence in your mosque. Network with other imams and faith leaders for support. Contact Safe Havens for education

and technical assistance.

Create a Safe Haven

Make your mosque a safe place where victims of abuse can ask for help. Let your community know that you are prepared to provide support. Keep an updated list of referral resources in your community.

Through Life Experiences

Teach

You may have more contact with families around life experiences such as ageegahs, weddings, and funerals. Observe the dynamics within families and share resources as needed. Pregnancy and the arrival of a child may escalate abusive behavior. Include abuse prevention in pre-marital counseling.

Educate Your Community

Sponsor education programs on domestic violence. Invite staff from local shelters and other providers to speak at workshops on the family.

Work Print articles that include lists of as a Team community resources in programs Domestic violence or newsletters. Post bathroom is a complex problem flvers with resource that requires a team approach. numbers. Clearly define your role as an

imam or community leader, and be ready to refer by building relationships with domestic violence advocates, police, and staff at state-certified batterer intervention programs.

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