

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** 

imams and faith leaders for support.

Contact Safe Havens for education

and technical assistance.

## **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 **Educate** abusive. Prioritize the safety of The Children 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

# **Use Your Religious Authority**

programming about healthy relationships

and family violence for children and youth.

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 publically 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

#### **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.

# Teach **Through Life Experiences**

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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