Pieces of a Bigger Picture
Faith Communities and Service Providers Working Together to Support Victims of Sexual and Domestic Violence
Training Model
We chose to use mosaics in the design of “Pieces of a Bigger Picture” because they are common to many faith and artistic traditions throughout history. The mosaics you see in these resources are from Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and secular communities. They remind us of the diversity of people and faith communities that partner with Safe Havens and with local domestic and sexual violence agencies to end abuse.

Beautiful mosaics are made of broken pieces. For this reason, mosaics also speak to the experiences of survivors, who describe feeling “broken,” or “shattered,” and speak of “putting the pieces back together” as they courageously rebuild their lives after abuse. Survivors are the inspiration for these resources. One woman commented, “I am not damaged goods. I am a mosaic of everything that couldn’t beat me.”

We also chose mosaics because faith communities, sexual and domestic violence service providers, law enforcement, schools, hospitals, Adult Protective Services, and other allied professionals each represent an important piece of the bigger picture of safety, justice, and healing that survivors of sexual and domestic violence so richly need and deserve. Every one of us is critically important to the bigger picture. As David Crystal says, “To lose even one piece of this mosaic is a loss for all of us.”

We hope these resources will encourage you to include faith communities in your work to end domestic and sexual violence.
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