

# Promising Practices

The following are outcomes of prevention action plans created by participants at similar workshops based on this *Faith in Violence-Free Families* curriculum.

## **General outreach in the effort to include new or broader communities:**

- Presenting these workshops throughout California, creating new collaboration efforts in each of these communities;
- Domestic violence prevention organizations' extended recruitment & training to include:
  - Men in general, as well as faith leaders and aspiring faith leaders as volunteers or interns, or even as new family violence prevention advocates and facilitators for faith communities or for batterer's programs;
  - Clergy actively becoming involved in networking and recruiting fellow clergy to utilize local domestic violence services.

## **The development and coordination of new community groups, or the inclusion of additional members to these groups, in order to expand and enhance representation:**

- A church leaders' round table, which is currently working on an event for establishing a Faith/Clergy Council;
- The "Safety and Justice Community Advisory Board," formed to enhance the local law enforcement response to domestic violence in a Native American community;
- A "Religion and Domestic Violence Task Force," created by an existing domestic violence council.

## **Specific resources developed:**

- A domestic violence lending library with videos and tools for faith leaders and their communities to access;
- Resources created or adjusted to faith-specific contexts such as Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Native American -as well as resources in specific languages, such as Thai, Korean, Mien and Spanish;
- Faith communities set up financial contributions in order to support their congregants' involvement with community projects;
- Workshops held for seminarians, for additional training to supplement the traditional training process of becoming faith leaders;
- A project put in place in order to find and maintain continued funding for this specific work of presenting similar workshops to the *Faith in Violence-Free Families* workshops.