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For Emergencies: If You Are In Danger Or Need Immediate Help

- Call 911 or the Emergency Number of your Local Police Department

For Domestic Violence Information & Support

- Call National Domestic Violence Hotline

Tel: 800-799-SAFE, 800-799-7233 Web: <http://www.ndvh.org/>

TTY: for Deaf & Hard of Hearing: 800-787-3224

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Introduction

Domestic Violence Programs for Muslim Communities: Services, Advocacy & Training Directory is compiled by the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence | APIA Health Forum, a national resource center on violence against women from Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. We have undertaken this project since many Muslims in the U.S. come from various regions in Asia. We have attempted to be as systematic as possible, to include organizations serving Muslim women, immigrant and refugee women from the Middle East and Central, East, South, Southeast, and West Asia. We have not systematically been able to list resources for African American Muslims (i.e., indigenous Muslims) or refugees from Africa (e.g., Somalis) and Europe (e.g., Bosnians). In general, *all* women can access the resources listed below.

Who is this Directory for?

- Muslim victims/survivors of domestic violence.
- Service providers and advocates who assist abused Muslim women.
- Organizations serving Muslim women, immigrant and refugee women from the Middle East and Central, East, South, Southeast, and West Asia.
- Organizations serving abused women from Arab, South Asian, and other Asian communities.
- National organizations that address domestic violence and gender issues in Muslim communities.

Identities

Notions of identity carry complex political, social, and familial meanings. The following terms are used in this directory and defined for clarity only and not to force anyone into a particular regional and ethnic grouping. Self-identification is appropriately a matter of individual decision.

- **Arab, Middle Eastern, West Asian** refers to people from the Middle East, also called West Asia and includes peoples who trace their origins to the countries, diasporas and/or ethnicities of these regions.
- **Asian** includes peoples of Central Asian, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, and West Asian ancestry, i.e., those who trace their origins to the countries, diasporas and/or ethnicities of the above regions.
- **Muslim**, which includes the Sunni and Shia' sects, refers to people who self-identify, culturally or religiously (whether they are practicing or not), as Muslims.
- **Not all Arabs are Muslims.** They can be Christians, Druze, Baha'is, or Jews. Christian sects in the Middle East include Antiochian Orthodox, Assyrian, Chaldean, Coptic, Greek Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Maronite, Melkite, Roman Catholic, Syrian Catholic, and Syrian Orthodox.
- **Not all West Asians are Arabs**, e.g., Iranians/Persians, Turks.

Program Categories

- ☑ **Arab-specific programs:** Agencies that explicitly, but not exclusively, serve abused Arab women; have Arab advocates; and/or have staff trained to work with Arab domestic violence victims/survivors.
- ☑ **Domestic violence shelter and 24-hour hotline:** Immediate response time, including weekends. Shelter-based services include housing and extensive support services for domestic violence survivors and their children; time limited stay.
- ☑ **Domestic violence support services and help-line:** Response time is not immediate. Programs provide emotional support; referrals to social and legal services; case management; accompaniment; and other types of assistance.
- ☑ **I&R: Information & Referral** (on-line and telephonic): Information and resources about violence against Muslim women. Referrals to Muslim victims/survivors of domestic violence for culturally-appropriate social and legal services.
- ☑ **Muslim-specific programs:** Agencies that explicitly, but not exclusively, serve abused Muslim women and communities; have Muslim advocates; and/or have staff trained to work with Muslim domestic violence victims/survivors and communities. Includes organizations providing information on Muslim cultural issues and violence against Muslim women.
- ☑ **National organizations:** Provide information, technical assistance*, and training for domestic violence advocates, community organizers and others.
- ☑ **South Asian programs:** Serve Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Indian, Nepali, Pakistani, and Sri Lankan abused women that may or may not have capacity to serve Muslim women.

Questions, Corrections & Information

Contact the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence apidvinstitute@apiahf.org. 415-568-3315.

* Technical assistance is specialized help that includes answering questions about prevention, intervention, advocacy, services, critical issues and trends; collecting and providing information; offering consultation on special topics or case-related matters; being a resource center for advocates, service providers, victims/survivors, professionals, and communities.

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4753 North Broadway, Suite 518, Chicago, IL 60640

Tel: 773-334-0173, **Fax:** 773-334-0963

Email: info@apnaghar.org **Web:** www.apnaghar.org

Language Capacity: Arabic, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

Shelter; hotline; counseling; legal advocacy; transitional housing; supervised child visitation center; community education; professional training; interpretation/translation; housing assistance; employment; case management; advocacy.

- Shelter and 24-hour hotline
- Support services for residents and non-residents
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

2. Arab American Family Services (AAFS)

9044 S. Octavia St., Bridgeview, IL 60455

Tel: 708-599-2237 **Fax:** 708-599-8229

Email: info@arabamericanfamilyservices.com

Web: <http://www.arabamericanfamilyservices.org>

Language Capacity: Arabic

Case management; information and referral to Arab and Muslim women and children regarding domestic violence, hate crimes, self sufficiency, discrimination.

- Arab-specific program
- Muslim-specific program
- I&R: Information & Referral

3. Arab-American Family Support Center (AAFSC)

150 Court Street, 3rd Floor. Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tel: 718.643.8000 **Fax:** 718.797.0410

Web: <http://www.aafscny.org>

Language Capacity: Arabic

Comprehensive social services to families and children; individual and family counseling; crisis intervention; parenting groups; help to Arabic-speaking immigrants adjusting to new culture.

- Arab-specific program
- Muslim-specific program
- Support services and help-line

4. Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)

2651 Saulino Court, Dearborn, MI 48120

Tel: 313-842-7010, **Fax:** 313-842-5150

Web: <http://www.accesscommunity.org>

Language Capacity: Arabic

Social services; mental health and family counseling; health services; employment and training; domestic violence prevention and intervention; information; referral; advocacy; housing assistance; legal services.

- Arab-specific program
- Muslim-specific program
- I&R: Information & Referral
- Support services and help-line

- 5. Arab Cultural & Community Center of San Francisco**
 2 Plaza Street, San Francisco, CA 94116
Tel: 415-664-2200, **Fax:** 415-664-2280
Email: info@arabculturalcenter.org **Web:** <http://www.arabculturalcenter.org>
Language Capacity: Arabic
 Social services for domestic violence victims; health program; women's program; adult social services program; cultural competency training.
 Arab-specific program
 Muslim-specific program
 I&R: Information & Referral
- 6. Arizona South Asians for Safe Families (ASAFSF)**
 P.O. Box 2748, Scottsdale, AZ 85252 (Service area: Arizona)
Tel: Helpline: 1-877-SAFE-7111 or 1-877-723-3711
Email: info@asafsf.org **Web:** <http://www.asafsf.org>
Language Capacity: Bangla, Hindi, Urdu, several South Asian languages
 Help-line; support services; referrals; legal and medical accompaniment; financial assistance; parenting support; community outreach.
 Support services and help-line
 South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans
 Has several Bangladeshi advocates
- 7. ASHA for Women**
 P.O. Box 2084, Rockville, MD 20847 (Service area: Washington DC-Baltimore)
Tel: 202-683-2019, **Helpline:** 888-417-2742
Email: coordinator@ashaforwomen.org **Web:** <http://www.ashaforwomen.org/>
Language Capacity: Bengali, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu
 Support; information and guidance; referrals to short-term shelter; temporary housing; legal services; medical and educational assistance.
 Support services and help-line
 South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans
- 8. ASHA-Ray of Hope**
 1505 Bethel Road, Suite 103, Columbus, OH 43220
Tel: 614-326-2121, **Crisis Line:** 614-565-2918
Email: asharayofhope@sbcglobal.net **Web:** <http://www.asharayofhope.org/>
Language Capacity: Several, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Punjabi, Tamil, Urdu
 Support; crisis line; information; advocacy; connects victims to resources for self-reliance.
 Support services and help-line
 South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans
- 9. Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence | APIA Health Forum**
 450 Sutter Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94102
Tel: 415-568-3315, **Fax:** 415-954-9999
Email: apidvinstitute@apiahf.org, **Web:** www.apiahf.org/apidvinstitute
Publications: Facts & Stats, Directories, Bibliographies, Analysis, Guidelines on Interpretation; Reports on Innovative Strategies, Homicides, Changing Gender Roles, Community Organizing; and more.

National resource center analyzing wide range of critical issues; technical assistance, training and consultation; clearinghouse on domestic violence, sexual violence, trafficking; capacity-building for community-based-organizations; Interpretation Technical Assistance & Resource Center on legal interpretation and language access; policy advocacy; research.

I&R: Information & Referral

National organization providing information, technical assistance, training, publications

10. Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC)

1145 Wilshire Blvd, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Tel: 213-977-7500, **Fax:** 213-977-7595

Email: info@apalc.org **Web:** <http://www.apalc.org/>

Language Capacity: Cantonese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese

Direct legal services; Asian language helplines; job and housing assistance; securing citizenship and legal status; immigration matters; public benefits. Appointments required.

I&R: Information & Referral

Support services and help-line

11. Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC)

1600 K Street, NW, Mezzanine Level, Washington, D.C. 20006

Tel: Legal Helpline: 202-393-3572, **Fax:** 202-393-0995

Email: helpline@apalrc.org **Web:** <http://www.apalrc.org>

Language Capacity: Cantonese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese

Publication: *Developing and Maintaining a Successful Legal Referral Helpline for Immigrant Communities: A How To Handbook*

Direct legal services; multilingual legal referral helpline; legal interpreter project; advocacy.

I&R: Information & Referral

Support services and help-line

12. Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)

P.O. Box 14268, Washington, DC 20044

Tel: 202-464-4477, **Fax:** 202-986-9332

Email: info@dvrp.org **Web:** <http://www.dvrp.org/>

Language Capacity: Bengali, Cantonese, Farsi, Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Nepali, Punjabi, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese

Publication: *Project AWARE* needs assessment of A/PI women in Washington, DC.

Direct services; advocacy; referrals; technical assistance to providers serving Asians/Pacific Islanders; public awareness and education campaigns.

Support services and help-line

13. Asians Against Domestic Abuse

P.O. Box 420776, Houston, TX 77242

Tel: Help Line: 713-339-8300

Email: aadaorg@yahoo.com **Web:** <http://www.aadainc.org>

Language Capacity: Arabic, Bengali, Hindi, Malayalam, Mandarin, Punjabi, Taiwanese, Urdu, Vietnamese

Support services; legal advocacy; court accompaniment; social services assistance; referrals.

Support services and help-line

14. Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, Inc.

P.O. Box 120108, Boston, MA 02112 (Boston and Lowell locations)

Tel: 617-338-2350, **Fax:** 617-338-2354, **Hotline:** 617-338-2355

Email: asiandv@atask.org **Web:** <http://www.atask.org>

Language Capacity: Cantonese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Mandarin, Nepali, Punjabi, Tagalog, Tibetan, Toisanese, Urdu, Vietnamese

Shelter; multilingual helpline; community-based support services; legal advocacy; life skills classes including ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages); children and family program for shelter residents; education; outreach.

- Shelter and 24-hour hotline
- Support services for residents and non-residents

15. Asian Women’s Shelter (AWS)

3543 18th Street, Suite 19, San Francisco, CA 94110

Tel: 415-751-7110, **Fax:** 415-751-0806, **Crisis Line:** 877-751-0880

Web: <http://www.sfaws.org>

Language Capacity: Arabic, Cantonese, Farsi, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Javanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Mandarin, Mien, Punjabi, Taiwanese, Tagalog, Tamil, Telegu, Thai, Toisanese, Vietnamese

Shelter; multilingual advocacy; intensive case management; programs designed for queer Asian women and trafficked women; community education; technical assistance to build capacity of community-based-organizations.

- Shelter and 24-hour hotline
- Support services for residents and non-residents
- National technical assistance provider.

16. Asian Women United of Minnesota (AWUM)

PO Box 6223, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Tel: 612-724-0756, **Crisis Line:** 612-724-8823

Email: awum@awum.org **Web:** <http://awum.org>

Language Capacity: Hindi, Hmong, Lao, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese

Shelter; 24-hour multilingual crisis line; support and advocacy services; community education.

- Shelter and 24-hour hotline
- Support services for residents and non-residents

17. Baitul Salaam Network

PO Box 115470, Atlanta, GA 30310

Outreach Office (Open Monday and Tuesday 10AM – 6PM):

675 Village Square Dr., LL1, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Tel: 770-255-8500

Web: <http://www.baitulsalaam.net/>

Emergency services; food; clothing; referrals to other services.

- Muslim-specific program
- I&R: Information & Referral

18. Central Texas Muslima

3571 Far West Boulevard #109, Austin, Texas 78731

Tel: 888-437-7402, **Hotline:** 512-577-SAFE

Email: info@ctmaustin.org **Web:** <http://www.ctmaustin.org/>

Language Capacity: Adaraina, Amharic, Arabic, Bengali, Churkasian, Farsi, French, Gujarati, Hindi, Hinko, Irish, Kannada, Kaswahili, Katchi, Malay, Oromania, Punjabi, Spanish, Tamil, Urdu

Publications: *Suggestions for Working with Muslim Clients* and *Tips for Outreach to Muslim Communities*

Support services; referrals to shelter, medical care, social and legal services.

- Muslim-specific program
- Support services and help-line
- I&R: Information & Referral

19. Chaya

P.O. Box 22291, Seattle, WA 98122

Tel: 206-568-7576, **Fax:** 206-568-2479, **Help Line:** 877-922-4292 or 206-325-0325

Email: chaya@chayaseattle.org **Web:** <http://chayaseattle.org>

Language Capacity: Several South Asian languages, Farsi, Hindi, Marathi, Punjabi, Telugu, Urdu

Advocacy-based counseling; interpretation; translation; peer support group for clients; information and resources; referrals to shelters, medical clinics, legal and immigration services, and South Asian service providers. The Peaceful Families Taskforce, a Chaya volunteer committee based on the national Peaceful Families Project, works with Muslim communities to raise awareness about domestic violence.

- Support services and help-line
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans
- Muslim-specific component

20. Chetna

P.O. Box 832802, Richardson, TX 75083 (Dallas/Fort Worth area)

Tel: 469-532-2407, **Help Line:** 866-410-5565

Email: chetna_dfw@yahoo.com **Web:** <http://www.chetna-dfw.org>

Language Capacity: Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Malayalam, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu

Support; interpretation; long-term case management; legal advocacy; support groups.

- Support services and help-line
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

21. Consulates

Consulates can be a resource for domestic violence victims who are foreign nationals, especially for matters related to passports that are lost, stolen or withheld by abusive family members. Advocates should establish professional relationships with consulates to facilitate the consulate staff's ability to help victims.

Foreign Consular Offices in the U.S. www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/springsummer

22. CrescentLife.com

St. Louis, Missouri

Web: <http://www.crescentlife.com/>

Extensive on-line resources and articles on social and psychological issues in Islam.

Domestic violence among Muslims www.crescentlife.com/psychissues/domestic_violence.htm

Gender, family, feminism, spirituality, health in Islam www.crescentlife.com/contents.htm

- I&R: Information & Referral
- Muslim-specific resources

23. Daya

P.O. Box 571774, Houston, TX 77257

Tel: 713-914-1333, **Fax:** 281-416-7980, Help Line: 713-981-7645

Email: info@dayahouston.org **Web:** <http://www.dayahouston.org/>

Language Capacity: Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu

Helpline; individual crisis counseling; support groups; referrals; transportation; legal advocacy; long-term case management; transitional housing; interpretation; English classes; accessing public benefits; limited financial assistance; outreach/education.

Support services and help-line

South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

24. Domestic Harmony Foundation (DHF)

P.O. Box 35, Syosset, NY 11791

Tel: (516) 942-2081, **Fax:** 516-333-7321

Email: info@dhnfy.org **Web:** <http://www.dhnfy.org>

Language Capacity: Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, Urdu

Support; information; referrals; general assistance.

Muslim-specific program

Support services and help-line

I&R: Information & Referral

25. Domestic Violence Forum (ISNA)

P.O. Box 38, Plainfield, IN 46168

Tel: 317-839-8157 (office), **Fax:** 317-839-1840

Email: stopdv@isna.net

Web: <http://www.isna.net/Services/pages/Domestic-Violence-Forum.aspx>

Established to bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence in Muslim communities and to provide opportunities for collaboration, exchanges of information and the promotion of continued research in the field of domestic violence's impact on Muslim families.

Muslim-specific program

I&R: Information & Referral

National organization providing information, technical assistance, and training

26. FAITH: Foundation for Appropriate and Immediate Temporary Help

795 Center St., Unit #2, Herndon, VA 20170 (Northern Virginia area)

Tel: 571-323-2198 or 571-323-2199

Email: info@faithus.org **Web:** <http://www.faithus.org/>

Publication: *What Islam Says about Domestic Violence*

<http://www.faithus.org/peacefulfamproj.htm>

Crisis counseling; court advocacy; translation; transportation to shelters; financial assistance to domestic violence survivors; Muslim Men Against Domestic Violence Project; thrift store providing free items to FAITH clients; food pantry; senior citizens program; financial support to widowed, divorced and deserted women and their children, to single fathers and their children, and to orphans. Islamic social services; Islamic burial services; disbursement of *zakat*.

Muslim-specific program

Support services and help-line

I&R: Information & Referral

27. FaithTrust Institute

2400 N. 45th Street #101, Seattle, WA 98103

206-634-1903 (office), 877-860-2255 (toll free orders), 206-634-0115 (fax)

Email: info@faithtrustinstitute.org, **Web:** www.faithtrustinstitute.org

Publications: Book *Change From Within: Diverse Perspectives on Domestic Violence in Muslim Communities*; Training DVD: *Garments for One Another: Ending Domestic Violence in Muslim Families*

www.faithtrustinstitute.org/index.php?p=Muslim_Resources&s=260

FaithTrust Institute is a multi-faith, training and education organization offering communities and advocates the tools and knowledge they need to address the religious and cultural issues related to abuse in Asian, Buddhist, Jewish, Latino, Muslim, Black, Anglo, Indigenous, Protestant and Roman Catholic communities.

Muslim-specific component

National organization providing information, technical assistance, and training

28. Hamdard Center

228 East Lake St. Suite 302, Edison, IL 60101

Tel: 630-860-2290, **Fax:** 630-860-1918, **Hot-line:** 866-305-3933

Web: <http://www.hamdardcenter.org/>

Language Capacity: Arabic, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

Residential shelter; protection; representation; advocacy for abuse victims (women, children, and elders); educational, employment, housing, medical, dental, and legal assistance; referrals. Serves South Asians, Middle Easterners and Bosnians.

Muslim-specific program

Shelter and 24-hour hotline

Support services for residents and non-residents

29. Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)

Refugee and Immigrant Family Strengthening Project (RIFS)

10301 NE Gleason St., Portland, OR 97220

Tel: 503-234-1541, **Fax:** 503-234-1259

Web: <http://www.irco.org/>

Language Capacity: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Lao, Marathi, Nepali, Punjabi, Tagalog, Telugu, Urdu, Vietnamese

Support services; advocacy; accompaniment; legal advocacy.

Support services and help-line

30. Interval House

6615 E. Pacific Coast Highway #170, Long Beach, CA 90803

Tel: 562-594-9492, **Fax:** 562-596-3370, **Hotlines:** 714-891-8121 or 562-594-4555

Email: admin@intervalhouse.org Website: <http://www.intervalhouse.org/>

Language Capacity: Arabic, 22 Southeast Asian and South Asian languages

Emergency Response Team; emergency and transitional housing; legal assistance; outreach; counseling; education and prevention; teen groups; domestic violence education classes; support groups in different languages. Salaam, a program for Middle Eastern women.

Arab-specific program

Muslim-specific program

Shelter and 24-hour hotline

Support services for residents and non-residents

31. Islamic Social Services Association (ISSA-USA)

2345 S. Alma School Rd., Suite 206, Mesa, AZ 85210

Tel: 1-888-415-9920 (toll free), **Fax:** 602-532 7057

Email: info@issausa.org **Web:** www.issausa.org **Web:** www.issaservices.com

Publications: (1) *Helping Victims of Domestic Abuse: A Guide for Imams and Community Leaders* (2) *Muslims in America, Their Culture & Faith: A Guide for Social Service Providers* (3) *Women Friendly Mosques and Community Centers: Working together to Reclaim our Heritage* (<http://www.womeninislam.org/Mosque.pdf>)

Promotes awareness of the mental health, social welfare and general family issues impacting Muslims and the larger society; education, training, and consultation services for local Muslim communities and mainstream organizations; workshops to those requesting information to make their *masjid* or Islamic center more women-friendly.

- Muslim-specific program
- I&R: Information & Referral
- National organization providing information, technical assistance, and training

32. KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights

Tel: 202-234-7302 or 202-234-7303, **Fax:** (202) 234-7304

Email: karamah@karamah.org **Web:** <http://www.karamah.org/>

Language Capacity: Arabic

Publications: Muslim women's rights; Islamic perspectives on domestic violence; information and articles on domestic violence, rape, marriage and divorce, gender issues, family planning, dress and identity, <http://www.karamah.org/articles.htm>

Training to community and faith-based organizations, lawyers and mental health professionals on addressing domestic violence in immigrant and Muslim communities; education; leadership development; Islamic jurisprudential research; advocacy; network-building; legal referrals; advice on interpretation of Islamic laws pertaining to Muslim women.

- Arab-specific program
- Muslim-specific program
- I&R: Information, & Referral
- National organization providing technical assistance, training, research, human rights

33. Kismet

P.O. Box 524, GPO, Islamabad, Pakistan

Tel: 92 (51) 2652505, **Fax:** 92 (51) 2652519

Email: kismet@iacgrp.com **Web:** <http://www.kismetwtg.com/>

Manual in English and Urdu provides guidance and information to parents deciding about marriage proposals from North America; finding support for those dealing with abusive marriages in USA and Canada; and facilitating help when it is needed by Pakistani parents and/or their daughters in North America regarding abusive matrimonial matters.

- Muslim-specific on-line resource
- I&R: Information & Referral

34. License to Freedom

277 East Lexington Ave, Suite C, El Cajon, CA 92020 (San Diego area)

Tel: 619-401-2800, **Fax:** 619-401-2700, **Help-Line:** 619-813-7415

Email: info@licensetofreedom.org **Web:** <http://www.licensetofreedom.org/>

Language Capacity: Arabic

Learner's permit preparation classes; parenting classes; referrals; transportation; workshops for communities, organizations and mosques on immigrant women and domestic violence.

- Arab-specific program
- Muslim-specific program
- Support services and help-line
- I&R: Information & Referral

35. Maitri

234 East Gish Rd., Suite 200, San Jose, CA 95112

Tel: 408-436-8393, **Fax:** 408-436-8381, **Help Line:** 888-8-MAITRI or 888-862-4874

Email: maitri@maitri.org **Web:** <http://www.maitri.org/>

Language Capacity: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Marathi, Marwari, Oriya, Punjabi, Sindhi, Sinhalese, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu

Transitional housing; peer support; interpretation; emergency loans; referrals to legal help, emergency shelters, counselors.

- Support services and helpline
- Transitional housing
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

36. Manavi, Inc. – Ashiana (Shelter)

P.O. Box 3103, New Brunswick, NJ 08903

Tel: 732-435-1414, **Fax:** 732-435-1411

Email: manavi@att.net **Web:** <http://www.manavi.org/>

Language Capacity: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi Punjabi, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu

Publications: Translated brochures and information cards, manuals, articles

Transitional housing; referrals; advocacy; legal advocacy; interpretation.

- Support services and help-line
- Transitional housing
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

37. Mosaic Family Services, Inc.

4144 North Central Expressway, Suite 530, Dallas, Texas 75204

Tel: 214-821-5393, **Fax:** 214-821-0810, **Hotline:** 214-823-5393

Email: home@mosaicervices.org **Web:** <http://www.mosaicervices.org/>

Language Capacity: Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Bosnian, Burmese, French, Fulani, Hindi, Italian, Karen, Kikuyu, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Korean, Kurdish, Laotian, Malayalam, Mandarin, Nepali, Russian, Serbian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese, Wolof

Transitional housing; comprehensive case management for victims of family violence and human trafficking; assistance accessing housing, legal, medical, mental health, social services.

- Arab-specific program
- Muslim-specific program
- Shelter and 24-hour hotline
- Support services for residents and non-residents

38. Muslim Community Center for Human Services (MCCHS)

7600 Glenview Dr., Richland Hills, TX 76180

Tel: 817-589-9165, **Help-Line:** 817-589-0200

Email: mcchs2005@hotmail.com **Web:** <http://www.mcc-hs.org/>

Case management; client advocacy; information on seeking victim compensation; referrals to shelter, legal services, professional counseling; safety planning; community education; culture-sensitive peer counseling.

- Arab-specific program
- Muslim-specific program
- Support services and help-line

39. Muslim Women's League

3010 Wilshire Blvd. Suite #519, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Tel: 626-358-0335, **Fax:** 213-383-9674

Email: mwl@mwlusa.org **Web:** <http://www.mwlusa.org>

Publications: <http://www.mwlusa.org/topics/list.htm>

Information on domestic violence, honor killings, female genital mutilation, marriage and divorce, gender issues, sexuality, racism, eating disorders, mental health, equality, dress, spirituality and Muslim women's rights

- Muslim-specific on-line resources
- I&R: Information & Referral

40. Muslimat Al-Nisaa

5115 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, MD 21207

Tel: 410-466-8686

Email: info@mnisaa.org **Web:** www.mnisaa.org

Shelter; social services; responding to medical, occupational, educational and housing needs of women in the Muslim community who are homeless and/or victims of domestic violence.

- Muslim-specific program
- Shelter and support services for residents

41. Narika

P.O. Box 14014, Berkeley, California 94712

Tel: 510-444-6068, **Fax:** 510-444-6025, **Help Line:** 800-215-7308

Email: narika@narika.org **Web:** <http://www.narika.org/>

Language Capacity: Gujarati, Hindi, Konkani, Malayalam, Punjabi, Urdu

Support services; case management; information; referrals to family and immigration lawyers, social services, shelters, healthcare providers, counseling; services for trafficked women. South Asian Economic Empowerment Development (SEED) program offers financial literacy and management, basic job skills, career development skills.

- Support services and help-line
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

42. National Domestic Violence Hotline

Tel: 800-799-SAFE, 800-799-7233;

TTY: for Deaf & Hard of Hearing: 800-787-3224 (TTY)

Web: <http://www.ndvh.org/>

Language Capacity: 170 languages through interpreter services, Spanish

Assistance provided 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. National Domestic Violence Hotline advocates provide crisis intervention, information, and referrals to services in the caller's area to anyone involved in a domestic violence situation: including adolescents; male survivors; those with disabilities; immigrant/refugee victims; and family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, trying to figure out how to help. The Hotline maintains an extensive directory of shelters and

social and legal services across the country, and can connect callers to services in their area. All calls to the Hotline are confidential and anonymous.

- Hotline: 24-hour services
- I&R: Information & Referral
- National organization

43. National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women (Network)

Web: <http://www.immigrantwomennetwork.org/>

National coalition of over 400 organizations that advocate and provide services for immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking. The national network offers expertise on all aspects of interventions for abused immigrants, especially access to public benefits, VAWA applications, services for battered immigrants in rural areas, access to shelter and housing, and multilingual outreach materials.

National Co-Chairs: (a) ASISTA (b) Family Violence Prevention Fund
(c) Immigrant Women's Program of Legal Momentum

(a) ASISTA

3101 Ingersoll Ave #210, Des Moines IA 50312

Tel: 515-244-2469, **Fax:** 515-868-0089

Email: questions@asistahelp.org **Web:** www.asistahelp.org

ASISTA's information clearinghouse centralizes assistance for advocates and attorneys facing complex legal problems in advocating for immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

- I&R: Information & Referral
- National organization providing information, technical assistance, and training

(b) Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF)

383 Rhode Island St. Suite #304 San Francisco, CA 94103-5133

Tel: 415-252-8900, **Fax:** 415-252-8991, **TTY:** 800-595-4889

Email: info@endabuse.org **Web:** www.endabuse.org

Publications: Manuals, posters, public service announcements, training curricula.

Family Violence Prevention Fund focuses on advocacy, prevention, training, and policy. Program areas: Children, Health, Immigrant Women, International, Judicial, Public Education, Public Policy, Teens, and Workplace.

- National organization providing information, technical assistance, and training

(c) Legal Momentum: Immigrant Women Program

1101 14th Street, NW, Ste. 300, Washington, DC 20005 (Policy Office)

Tel: 202.326.0040 **Email:** policy@legalmomentum.org

Web: www.legalmomentum.org/our-work/immigrant-women-program/

Publications: Articles, manuals, outreach packets, fact sheets, etc.

<http://www.legalmomentum.org/legal-knowledge/publications/>

Legal Momentum's programs: Employment & Housing Rights for Victims of Domestic Violence, Equality Works, Immigrant Women, National Judicial Education, Sexuality & Family Rights, Teen Dating Abuse, and Violence Against Women.

- I&R: Information & Referral
- National organization providing information, technical assistance, and training

44. New York Asian Women's Center (NYAWC)

39 Bowery PMB 375, New York, NY 10002

Tel: 212-732-5230, **Fax:** 212-587-5731, **Hotline:** 1-888-888-7702

Email: contact@nyawc.org **Web:** <http://www.nyawc.org/>

Language Capacity: Bengali, Cantonese, Fuzhounese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Mandarin, Marathi, Potohari, Punjabi, Saraiki, Shanghainese, Tagalog, Taiwanese, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese

Shelter and related services; support services for non-shelter residents include counseling, advocacy, support groups, job and benefits assistance, ESL classes.

- Shelter and 24-hour hotline
- Support services for residents and non-residents

45. North-American Islamic Shelter for the Abused (NISA)

P.O. Box 50515, Palo Alto, CA 94303

Tel: 650-856-0440, **Fax:** 650-856-0444, **Helpline:** 1-888-ASK-NISA

Email: info@ask-nisa.org **Web:** <http://www.ask-nisa.org/>

Language Capacity: Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, Punjabi, Pashtu, Urdu

Support services; transitional housing; referrals to social and legal services; counseling to victims; counseling to abusers; religious guidance/counseling through Islamic principles.

- Muslim-specific program
- Support services and helpline

46. Peaceful Families Project (PFP)

P.O. Box 771, Great Falls, VA 22066

Tel: 703-474-6870

Email: info@peacefulfamilies.org **Web:** www.peacefulfamilies.org

Publications: (1) *Change from Within: Diverse Perspectives on Domestic Violence in Muslim Communities* (2) *Peaceful Families: If You or Someone in your Community is Experiencing Abuse at Home, There is Help* (3) *Garments for One Another: Ending Domestic Violence in Muslim Families* [video](http://www.peacefulfamilies.org/dvwheel.html) (4) *Muslim Power and Control Wheel* www.peacefulfamilies.org/resources.php

The Peaceful Families Project facilitates nationwide workshops based on an Islamic perspective that promotes peaceful family dynamics and awareness of the nature and impact of conflict and abuse in Muslim families.

- Arab-specific program
- Muslim-specific program
- I&R: Information & Resources
- National organization providing information, technical assistance, and training

47. Raksha, Inc.

P.O. Box 12337, Atlanta, GA 30355

Tel: 404-876-0670, **Fax:** 404-876-4525, **Hotline:** 404-842-0725

Email: raksha@raksha.org **Web:** <http://www.raksha.org/>

Language Capacity: several South Asian languages

Support services; crisis intervention; referrals; interpretation; legal and general advocacy; individual and family counseling with children and adults; advocacy regarding family violence, sexual assault, divorce, issues affecting elderly, children, immigrants.

- Support services and help-line
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

48. Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)

4008 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S, Seattle, WA 98108

Tel: 206-721-0243, Fax: 206-721-0282

Web: <http://www.rewa.org/>

Language Capacity: Amharic, Cambodian, Farsi, Laotian, Mandarin, Romanian, Russian, Somali, Thai, Tigrigna, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Several.

Publications: Videos on sexual assault in Cambodian, Chinese, Ethiopian, Russian, Somali, Vietnamese communities

Advocacy; support services to immigrant and refugee victims of family violence and trafficking; support groups for refugee and immigrant battered women and those at risk of becoming victims of domestic violence; community education and outreach; training.

- Muslim-specific component
- Shelter and 24-hour hotline
- Support services for residents and non-residents

49. Saathi of Rochester

P.O. Box 92, East Rochester, NY 14445

Tel: 585-234-1050

Email: saathi_rochester@yahoo.com Web: <http://www.saathiofrochester.org/>

Language Capacity: Bengali, Gorkhi, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu

Support; advocacy; referrals; outreach; education.

- Support services and help-line
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

50. Saheli, Boston

P.O. Box 1345, Burlington, MA 01803

Tel: 866-4-SAHELI

Web: <http://www.saheliboston.org/>

Referrals; resources on career and health; domestic crisis.

- I&R: Information & Referral
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

51. SAHELI for Asian Families

P.O. Box 3665, Austin, TX 78764

Tel: 512-703-8745, Fax: 512-385-0662, Helpline: 512-257-SAFE

Email: saheli@saheli-austin.org Web: <http://www.saheli-austin.org>

Language Capacity: Arabic, Bangla, Bengali, Burmese, Cantonese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Katchi, Korean, Mandarin, Marathi, Nepali, Sindhi, Tagalog, Taiwanese, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese

Publication: *A Guide for the Immigrant Woman to Live in the USA*

Advocacy; immediate crisis intervention; legal advocacy; referral services; long term case management; economic empowerment program to build self-sufficiency; community education and community building; systems advocacy trainings for partner agencies, law enforcement and legal system.

- Support services and help-line
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

52. Sakhi for South Asian Women

New York, NY

Tel: 212-714-9153, **Helpline:** 212-868-6741

Email: contactus@sakhi.org **Web:** <http://www.sakhi.org>

Language Capacity: Bengali, Hindi, Urdu

Publications: *Videos Creating Community Change; A Life without Fear*

www.sakhi.org/app/videodisplay.asp; Other publications

Crisis intervention; ongoing emotional support; monthly support group; assistance in accessing free or low-cost legal representation for criminal, family, and immigration cases; assistance in accessing health services, public benefits, and housing; accompaniments and interpretation assistance for court, during healthcare visits, at public benefits and welfare agencies.

Support services and help-line

South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

53. Sanctuary for Families

P.O. Box 1406 Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10268

Tel: 212-349-6009, **Fax:** 212-349-6810

Web: <http://www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org/>

Language Capacity: Bengali, Chinese, French, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

Shelter; legal services; case management; counseling; advocacy; Center for Battered Women's Legal Services; Community Liaison Project protects and promotes rights of domestic violence victims in Asian immigrant communities through direct legal representation and advocacy in family court, immigration, matrimonial, public benefit matters; community education.

Shelter and 24-hour hotline

Support services for residents and non-residents

54. SEMAH: Safety, Education, Mutual Respect, Awareness and Hope

39675 Cedar Blvd. Suite 140, Newark, CA 94560

Tel: 866-997-3624

Email: info@semah.org **Web:** <http://www.semah.org/>

Language Capacity: Urdu, Farsi, Arabic, Kannada, Tamil

Workshops; referrals to marriage and pre-marital counseling; information.

Muslim-specific program

I&R: Information & Referral

55. Sisters of Sunnah Islamic Services (S.O.S. House)

P.O. BOX 111888, Tacoma, WA 98411

Tel: 253-389-0830

Email: admin@sosislamicervices.org **Web:** www.sosislamicervices.org

Support; 72-hours emergency services; temporary housing to women experiencing homelessness or domestic violence; case management; assistance navigating benefits, schools, childcare, medical services; referrals to community resources, job opportunities, housing.

Muslim-specific program

Temporary housing

Support services and helpline

56. Sneha, Inc. (A Network of Women of South Asian Origin)

P.O. Box 271650, West Hartford, CT 06127-1650 (Connecticut area)

Tel: 860-658-4615, **Fax:** 860-521-1562, **Helpline:** 800-58-SNEHA

Email: sneha@sneha.org **Web:** <http://www.sneha.org>

Language Capacity: Bengali, Hindi, Gujarati, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, other South Asian languages

Support; information about services.

- Support services and help-line
- I&R: Information & Referral
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

57. SoundVision.com

9058 S. Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview, IL 60455

708-430-1255 (office), 708-430-1346 (fax)

Email: info@soundvision.com **Web:** www.soundvision.com

Publications: Glossary, common Islamic terms <http://soundvision.com/info/~glossary>

Information on domestic violence: <http://soundvision.com/Info/domesticviolence>

Information on social services: www.soundvision.com/info/socialservice/default.asp

Access to Islamic products and media; information on Islamic topics such as domestic violence, *halal* foods, parenting, social services.

- Muslim-specific program
- I&R: Information & Referral

58. South Asian Network (SAN)

18173 S. Pioneer Blvd Suite I 2nd Floor, Artesia, CA 90701 (Los Angeles area)

Tel: 562-403-0488, **Fax:** 562-403-0487

Email: saninfo@southasiannetwork.org **Web:** www.southasiannetwork.org

Language Capacity: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi, Singhalese, Tamil, Urdu

Support services; case management; advocacy; community organizing, education; referrals; policy advocacy in five focus areas: immigration, public health, violence prevention, hate crime/discrimination and civil liberties.

- Support services and help-line
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans
- Several Muslim advocates on staff

59. South Asian Women's Empowerment and Resource Alliance (SAWERA)

P.O. Box 91242, Portland, OR 97291

Tel: 503-641-2425, **Helpline:** 503-778-7386

Email: sawera@sawera.org **Web:** <http://www.sawera.org>

Language Capacity: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi.

Support; case-management; referrals to shelter, legal help, employment, childcare, counseling.

- Support services and help-line
- South Asian program: Bangladeshis, Bhutanese, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans

60. Tapestri, Inc.

PMB 362, 3939 Lavista Road, Suite E, Tucker, GA 30084 (Atlanta area)

Tel: 404-299-2185, **Fax:** 770-270-4184, **Helpline:** 866-56-ABUSE or 866-317-3733

Email: tapestri@tapestri.org **Web:** www.tapestri.org

Publications: Educational materials on immigrant women

Direct services; general and legal advocacy; program for immigrant and refugee men; training.

- Support services and help-line
- I&R: Information & Referral

61. Turning Point for Women and Families

P.O. Box 670086, Flushing, NY 11367
Tel: 718-883-9400, Fax: 718-883-9449

Email: info@turningpoint-ny.org Web: <http://www.turningpoint-ny.org>

Crisis intervention; individual and group counseling; advocacy; outreach; education; training. In partnership with public, private and religious institutions, Turning Point is mentoring new generation of social workers trained to address Muslim community's needs in New York City.

- Muslim-specific program
- Support services and help-line

62. Wafa House Inc.

PO Box 2102, Clifton, NJ 07015-2102
Tel: 800-930-9232 (800-930-WAFA)

Email: info@wafahouse.org Web: www.wafahouse.org

Crisis intervention and prevention, counseling, interpreting, referrals, and educational programs for all women, including those of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent.

- Muslim-specific program
- Support services

63. Women in Islam, Inc.

P.O. Box 814 Lincolnton Station New York, NY 10037-0814
Tel: (212) 576-8875, Fax: (212) 491-9185

Email: womeninislam@usa.net Web: www.womeninislam.org

Publication: *Women Friendly Mosques & Community Centers: Working Together to Reclaim our Heritage*, www.womeninislam.org/Mosque.pdf

Public forums and discussions about Muslim women, human rights, social justice; available to conduct workshops on making mosques and Islamic centers more women-friendly.

- Muslim-specific program
- Educational organization

64. Women Living Under Muslim Laws

Email: wluml@wluml.org Web: <http://www.wluml.org/english/index.shtml>

Information, support and a collective space for women whose lives are shaped, conditioned or governed by laws and customs said to derive from Islam.

- Muslim-specific program
- International solidarity network

65. Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE)

New York Office:

475 Riverside Dr. Suite 248
New York, NY, 10115
917-492-8690 (office)
917-492-8687 (fax)

New Jersey Office:

P.O. Box 7376
North Bergen, NJ 07047
201-868-4060 (office)
201-868-2769 (fax)

Web: <http://www.asmasociety.org/wise>

WISE, developed by the ASMA Society, addresses the current lack of women's participation in contemporary debates about the political, social, and religious concerns of Muslim women in the global community.

- Muslim-specific program
- Educational program

66. Youth Helpline for Muslims: Naseeha

33 City Center Dr., Suite 602, L5B 2N5, Mississauga, ON, Canada

Tel: 866-627-3342 (866-NASEEHA) International call, charges may apply

Web: www.naseeha.net

Anonymous, empathetic, non-judgmental phone-counseling environment; assisting Muslim youth of North America to deal with their unique life challenges; callers actively work with young volunteer Muslim advocates and counselors, who empower and equip them with strategies, skills and resources. Volunteer advocates and counselors receive educational development from health care workers, social service organizations, and other professionals on issues such as family violence, depression, and suicide.

- Support services and help-line
- Muslim-specific program

For Questions, Corrections & Information

Contact the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence apidvinstitute@apiahf.org.
415-568-3315.