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IMMIGRANT FAITH LEADERS' SUMMIT VIDEOS

Introduction

In May 2023, a working group of [Shared Safety](#), led by [AFAHO](#) and [SEAMAAC](#) hosted the Immigrant Faith Leaders' Summit. This summit aimed to increase knowledge about domestic violence for faith leaders from various immigrant communities in Philadelphia. The presentations at the summit were filmed and edited to be available to communities that wish to learn more about domestic violence, how they can help, and resources.

This screening guide is a companion to these videos from the Summit. It is intended for any community group, but especially faith communities.

Use this screening guide to plan conversations about domestic violence with your community.

Note on planning events:

Domestic Violence is a common experience. If you host a screening/discussion, remember that attendees may have a personal connection to this topic. They may have their own experiences or know family or friends who have experienced domestic violence. Start your event with an acknowledgement that it can be a difficult topic for people and provide a safe space for them to step away if needed. Remind them that **domestic violence is never their fault, and it is okay to ask for help**. Discussing domestic violence can be upsetting, but it can also help communities learn how to support one another better.

Make information about resources for help available, like these below:

Help is available! Call the citywide, 24-hour Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline (**1-866-723-3014**) anytime for crisis intervention, safety planning, resources, and referrals. All calls are free, confidential, and anonymous. Hotline counselors can help connect you with free services in the Philadelphia area, including emergency housing, legal services, behavioral health services and other resources. Language interpretation services are available.

For resources and help outside of Philadelphia, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at **800-799-7233**.

All videos have captions available in English, Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, and Indonesian.

You can also adjust caption settings by clicking the gear icon (⚙️) and then selecting your preferred language from the list.

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- AFAHO (African Family Health Organization)
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- SEAMAAC (Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Association Coalition)
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- Shared Safety
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Video #1: Impact of Domestic Violence on Survivors & Families (14:20)

Featuring Emeka Nwadiora, Associate Professor, Temple University

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFB4oO1tnpo>

In this video, Dr. Nwadiora defines domestic violence and discusses types of abusive behaviors (physical, sexual, emotional, economic, social, immigration abuse). He also discusses its impact on individuals and their children, and how to help someone experiencing domestic violence.

Discussion questions:

1. Was anything in this video surprising to you?
2. Is there anything you would like to learn more about after watching the video?
3. How might the different types of abusive behaviors mentioned in the video impact someone?
4. If you notice signs that someone may be a victim of domestic violence, how could show your support to them?

For future learning, see:

- [**Faith Communities Call to Action Toolkit**](#) from the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
- [**Faith, Spirituality, Religion & Domestic Violence Collection**](#) from VAWnet.
- [**Power, Control, and Response Wheels**](#) from the Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse.
- [**Videos on Healthy Relationships, Abuse, & Spirituality**](#) from the Peaceful Families Project.

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Video #2: Immigration Legal Resources for Survivors of Domestic Violence (18:58)

Featuring Lina Duiker, Staff Attorney, Domestic Violence Initiative, HIAS Pennsylvania

In this video, Lina talks about legal services offered by HIAS Pennsylvania's Domestic Violence Initiative. She also gives some basic information about immigration categories, how immigrants who have experienced domestic violence can get help, and how faith leaders can support them.

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2b8eRO0c8Jg>

Discussion questions:

1. Was anything in this video surprising to you?
2. Is there anything you would like to learn more about after watching the video?
3. Can you cite some of the services that the HIAS Domestic Violence Initiative offers?
4. Would you have any hesitation in writing someone a letter of support? Why?
5. Are there any ways you could support a member of your community with their immigration case?

For future learning, see:

- [Safe Families Animation](#) by Dragon Fly Media and SEAMAAC. This three-minute video gives an overview of what an immigrant's experience of domestic violence and seeking help can look like. This video is also available in [Vietnamese](#), [Khmer](#), [Nepali](#), [Mandarin](#), [Lao](#), [Hakha Chin](#), [Cantonese](#), [Burmese](#), and [Bahasa](#).
- [Immigrant and Refugee Power and Control Wheel](#) from Futures without Violence.

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Video #3: Supporting Survivors: Skills of Empowerment (16:06)

Featuring Richie Schulz, Community Education Supervisor, Lutheran Settlement House

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQsoYWyyaV0>

In this video, Richie discusses how to support survivors of domestic violence with skills that will empower them. During the presentation, Richie plays a video clip from the Disney movie Moana, to illustrate the concepts of **agency and empowerment**. You can pause the above video and watch "[I am Moana \(Song of the Ancestors\)](#)" on YouTube to add to your learning experience.

Discussion questions:

1. Was anything in this video surprising to you?
2. Is there anything you would like to learn more about after watching the video?
3. How did the Moana clip provide insight on how to empower someone?

For future learning, see:

- From the Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse (<https://www.interfaithpartners.org/our-resources>):
 - [Supporting Jewish Victims and Survivors](#)
 - [Supporting Muslim Victims and Survivors](#)
 - [Supporting Christian Victims and Survivors](#)
 - [Supporting Victims and Survivors of Dating Violence in Our Faith Communities](#)
 - [Supporting Latin@ Victims and Survivors / Apoyando a las Sobrevivientes Latin@s](#)
 - [Supporting African American Victims and Survivors through an Interfaith Lens](#)
 - [Supporting LGBTQ Victims and Survivors](#)
 - [Supporting Buddhist Victims and Survivors](#)

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Video #4: Intervening with the Person Who Caused Harm (13:23)

Featuring Tony Lapp, Executive Director, Courdea

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdEZJrxMKPc&t=>

In this video, Tony discusses intervening with individuals who cause harm. The presentation provides insight from the perpetrators' viewpoint instead of victims of domestic violence. He discusses how communities can come together to support and change abusive behavior.

Discussion questions:

1. Was anything in this video surprising to you?
2. Is there anything you would like to learn more about after watching the video?
3. What can you do to encourage change for someone who has harmed their intimate partner?
4. How could your community offer space that is accountable and caring for individuals who have caused harm? How could that support victim safety?

For future learning:

- [Working with People Who Abuse Their Intimate Partners](#) from the Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse. This webpage links several resources for faith leaders and communities to support accountability in people who have harmed their partners.
- [When Home Hurts: A Guide for Responding Wisely to Domestic Abuse in Your Church](#). A comprehensive book with practical information for church leaders and members about responding to domestic abuse.
- [What Islam Says About Domestic Violence: A Guide for Helping Muslim Families](#). A freely downloadable book with a section on accountability.
- [Safer Shabbat](#) from JFCS Chicago has many recommendations for creating your own Safer Shabbat, including some recommendations for engaging with people who have caused harm in their relationships.
- [Will2Change](#) is an organization that focuses on domestic violence in the Black community and has done a lot of work with Christian and Islamic communities. Their website has videos of discussions with faith communities.

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Video #5: Protection From Abuse (15:03)

Featuring Maryellen Fields, Staff Attorney, Women Against Abuse Legal Center

Video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqJMDfec_n4

In this video, Maryellen talks about the different ways victims and survivors of domestic violence can use legal services for help. Maryellen introduces Protection From Abuse orders (also known as PFA) and other protective measures.

Discussion questions:

- 1) Was anything in this video surprising to you?
- 2) Is there anything you would like to learn more about after watching the video?
- 3) What is a Protection from Abuse order and how could it help someone stay safer? How does the Women Against Abuse Legal Center empower its clients?

For future learning:

- [Supporting Faith-Based Victims and Survivors of Stalking](#) from the Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse. This guide for faith communities discusses stalking in intimate relationships and how faith communities can support survivors.
- Recorded Webinar: [A Battered Woman with a Restraining Order in Your Congregation: What to Do](#) from Faith Trust Institute.

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