

Equipping the faith community for effective response to family violence.

SELAH at New England Pastoral Institute

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Sanctuary...Empowerment...Love And Hope

Someone in your congregation confides in you that she or he is a victim or survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or child maltreatment. Do you KNOW how to respond?

Proper response is critical to the safety, health and well-being of this individual and their family, as well as your congregation. Your response will determine whether or not your assistance will be sought in the future, or whether this individual (and her or his family) will continue to be a part of your fellowship. Even more critically, your response will have a lasting and profound impact on this person's continued faith in God.

Statistically, up to 85% of the people in your congregation are either victims or survivors of some form of family violence. Your response will either HELP or HURT. A "neutral" response is not possible.

You can begin, right now, to obtain the tools and resources you need to provide **Sanctuary, Empowerment, Love And Hope** to those who are living with the life-long impact of family violence. You can be the face of a loving God to families in crisis. SELAH is prepared to equip your faith community's clergy and lay leaders to deal with this crisis head-on through testimony, training, consultation and crisis response.



What We Do

Whether families are currently living in abuse or coping with the long-term impact of violence, they face a wide range of needs, from material to spiritual, that must be met. A competent and compassionate response from the entire community is crucial for safety and healing—for the individuals, the family and the community.

SELAH is focused primarily on equipping faith communities for effective response to family violence through:

- ◆ Survivor/Victim Services
- ◆ Education and Training
- ◆ Professional Mentoring and Consulting
- ◆ Promotion of Best Practices

SERVICES

FOR SURVIVORS/VICTIMS

ALL VICTIM-FOCUSED SERVICES ARE FREE.

GAP Advocacy: working with victims to prioritize and meet needs not traditionally addressed by community programs, including:

- ◆ Faith and prayer support
- ◆ Healthy relationship peer support
- ◆ Building healthy relationships groups
- ◆ Professional case consulting

Enhanced Advocacy: preparing victims for self-advocacy and *pro se* representation through:

- ◆ Forensic Advocacy and Cycle-Mapping
- ◆ Victimization Studies
- ◆ Expert Witness Testimony

SELAH shall provide services to victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and stalking, regardless of gender, age, health status (including HIV-positive), physical, mental or emotional ability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, socio-economic status, race, national origin, immigration status, or religious or political affiliation.

FOR PEOPLE WHO USE FORCE OR ABUSE

- ◆ Higher Ground Intervention for Men
- ◆ Responsible Parenting Programming
- ◆ Alternatives to Aggression for Women

FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES

Studies show that clergy are second only to friends or family that people victimized by violence will turn to for help. Do you know how to identify these families—before they come for help? Do you really know how to respond effectively? Are your current policies and practices putting these families at greater risk?

SELAH is here to provide education, training, professional mentoring and consultation to promote effective response and intervention for those who are hurting in your congregation. We meet you “where you’re at,” to provide the services that will optimally support you—the individual or community group. If you have no clear policies or practices in place, we will help you develop them.

This is too important to leave to chance or inexperience. Call us for:

- ◆ Emergency victim referrals
- ◆ Confidential support for clergy and lay leaders who identify struggles with personal experiences of family violence
- ◆ Retained services for faith communities that identify ongoing need for support
- ◆ “Hope for the Hurting Church” training for clergy and lay leaders
- ◆ “LOVE IS: More Treasured Than Gold” workshop for young women
- ◆ Workshops and retreat programs for men’s, women’s and youth ministries
- ◆ Best practice standards for meeting the needs of your individual congregation

FOR OTHER COMMUNITY PROFESSIONALS/GROUPS

Trainings also available for:

- ◆ Educators (preschool through college)
- ◆ Medical and Mental Health Professionals
- ◆ Law Enforcement and Legal Professionals
- ◆ Child Protection and Advocacy Groups
- ◆ Legislative and Governmental Bodies
- ◆ Domestic/Sexual Violence Advocacy Groups

Programs available:

- ◆ “Where Has Our Kathy Gone?” a survivor’s account of victim to victory
- ◆ “If It Walks Like a Duck: Identifying the Likely Perpetrator of Family Violence” for all professionals
- ◆ “Freedom from Abuse” for educators
- ◆ “Where Child Protection and Domestic Violence Merge: Best Practices” for child protection workers
- ◆ “Forensic Advocacy and Cycle Mapping” for DV/SA advocacy groups
- ◆ Programming tailored to your organization’s interests and needs

