



MULTICULTURAL
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Providing Hope and Opportunity for the ESL Community

MCRC Domestic Violence Prevention and Advocacy Program
(DVPAP)

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Presentation Objectives:



- Participants will:
 - Become aware of MCRC
 - Learn about DVPAP and steps taken to make DVPAP successful .
 - Learn about domestic violence within the refugee population in terms of culture, needs, & barriers.
 - Learn about the different services offered to clients thus far.
 - Learn about different approaches to reach refugee population.
 - Issues regarding domestic violence within the Nepali Community.

MCRC mission:

- ▶ “To facilitate the educational, social, political, and economic progress of the communities we serve. We will work to break down cultural barriers due to language, appearance, or ethnic traditions. We will actively promote and advocate the development, empowerment, and advancement of all people while preserving their cultural identity. We will work to educate the community to value diversity” .
- ▶ We provide services to recently resettled and longtime residents, over multiple years that will help these individuals and families become productive and contributing members of our society.



Need for DVPAP:



- ▶ Particular need for domestic violence services .
 - ▶ Studies within ethnic communities in the U.S. show that 30% to 50% of refugee women experience domestic violence.
- ▶ Other local agencies not well equipped to deal specifically with the needs of ethnic minority populations.

Steps taken to make DVPAP successful:



- Create program brochure
- Speak with MCRC case managers about DVPAP
- Speak to local agencies about new program
- Presentation on “ Healthy relationships” to our truancy program students.

Countries of client population served:

- Nepal
- Iraq
- Ethiopia
- Russia



Barriers :

- ▶ Language barrier
- ▶ Lack of education
- ▶ Mistrust in local authorities / own communities
- ▶ Lack of knowledge about the justice system
- ▶ Transportation Issues
- ▶ Domestic violence is normalized in their country of origin
- ▶ Financial
- ▶ Preference on specific interpreters
- ▶ Cancel PFA orders
- ▶ Fear of their family being torn apart





➡ EDUCATION!!!

Issues regarding Domestic Violence within the Nepali Community.

