ABOUT MAITRI

Maitri is a free, confidential, non-profit organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area that primarily helps families and individuals from South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives) facing domestic violence and abuse.



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OUR VISION

A society where all relationships are built on dignity, equity, and compassion.

OUR MISSION

Empower South Asian survivors of domestic violence to lead lives of dignity and self sufficiency through holistic programs, and enable healthy relationships and gender equity through community education, engagement, and advocacy.

We are non-discriminatory in our services with respect to gender, race, color, religion, ethnicity, caste, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation and all classifications protected by applicable state or federal discrimination laws.



ARE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW

BEING ABUSED?

Toll Free Helpline:

L 1-888-862-4874

1-888-8MAITRI

Live helpline: Mon to Fri (9 am to 3 pm, PST) with voicemails checked outside of those hours.







Our Programs

Helpline

This is the first point of contact for survivors. Provides culturally responsive crisis intervention, danger assessment, safety planning, immediate assistance with basic needs, peer counseling, and referrals. We can be reached via telephone or email.

Legal Advocacy

We counsel survivors on legal options and help them navigate the system. Our services include preparing legal documents, information for navigating the legal system, attorney referrals, & court accompaniments. Maitri is Department of Justice Accredited to provide immigration assistance and representation to survivors.

Housing

Our Housing program has two broad functions. We house survivors for an extended period of time in a safe environment at the Anjali Transitional House while they transition to an empowered, independent life. We also assist survivors find affordable housing and access rental assistance programs from counties and other sources.

Economic Empowerment

We train survivors to enhance their financial literacy and identify their career and financial goals. We provide one-on-one coaching and workshops to help survivors find a stable job and become financially independent.

Policy Advocacy

Maitri engages in bringing about structural and procedural changes within the systems through policy advocacy to serve the needs of survivors better and collaborates with national, state wide and local agencies in this effort.

Volunteer Engagement

Maitri believes that long term, social systemic change can happen only with community engagement though individual volunteering. You can make a difference by contributing your time, energy and talent to help Maitri.

Outreach & Prevention

We provide extensive outreach to the community so as to increase access to our services. We also raise awareness in the community about domestic violence and engage in important prevention work through community education and collaborative activities, engaging men and boys, youth and elders, and faith-based communities.

In addition to English, we speak Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali, Gujarati, Malayalam, Marathi, Marwari, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu among others.

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