



Within the San Francisco Department of Public Health, *the Community Health Network LEAP Committee*, (*Look to End Abuse Permanently*), provides resources and trainings for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence. The committee is comprised of social workers, nurse practitioners, therapists, and physicians who work in Community Health Network (CHN) clinics and San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH). LEAP is a collaboration of Primary Care, the Emergency Department, Psychosocial Medicine, and the Rape Treatment/Trauma Recovery Program. LEAP has been a leader in the movement to improve the response of the health care system in San Francisco to domestic violence.

Recently, the LEAP committee has:

Provided Trainings:

- Created the curriculum and sponsored 2 full-day trainings for 100 health care social workers. The social workers learned and shared expertise about screening for and treating domestic violence and the effects of domestic violence on children.
- Gave Primary Care Grand Rounds in conjunction with the UCSF Division of Psychiatry at SFGH, “Cultural Considerations in Screening for Intimate Partner Violence”
- Collaborated with the Family Service Network to provide domestic violence training to community-based substance use and mental health programs that serve families affected by HIV/AIDS
- Provided multiple trainings to primary care clinics in the CHN, faculty and staff at UCSF/Mt. Zion, and faculty and staff at Kaiser San Francisco
- Trained the Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection Program staff on domestic violence screening and treatment
- Trained medical students and primary care residents at UCSF

Provided Resources:

- Hosted a two-day “Health Cares about Domestic Violence Day” Resource Fair at San Francisco General Hospital where we provided materials, education, and counseling/support for over 400 health care staff and visitors.
- Supplies primary care clinics in the CHN community clinics and at SFGH with safety cards for patients (or staff)
- Purchases and displays multicultural, multilingual domestic violence posters throughout CHN clinics and SFGH
- Provides copies of award-winning video on domestic violence in the health care setting developed by the Family Violence Prevention Fund and UCSF/LINC and The California Medical Training Center to clinics in the CHN. (LEAP member participated in the video).
- Designed and continue to update an intranet web page that provides domestic violence program information for staff and providers to assist patients
- Developed a low-literacy gender-neutral patient education brochure to encourage patients to seek assistance with domestic violence.

Provided services:

- Provides ongoing support, counseling, advocacy and child care for women in a Spanish-speaking battered women’s support group in the health care setting.