

## Steps for Community Engagement

- Step 1 Identify resource people/stakeholders within the communities and meet with them/attend their meetings
- Step 2 Through this process of meeting and being in the community, identify key participants
- Step 3 Convene a meeting of key participants and organizational allies to talk about issues of violence within the community and to discuss possible elements of engagement work – assessment, bi-directional education and training, community planning
- Step 4 Bi-directional education with the participants on violence and related issues
- Step 5 Determine with the participants what you already know and what you need to know about the community
- Step 6 Determine best methods for gathering knowledge and information about the workings/values/beliefs of the community (community surveys, ethnographic observations, community mapping)
- Step 7 Develop process for assessment (e.g., developing questions and plan for conducting a neighbor-to-neighbor survey about family violence in the community) and train participants
- Step 8 Analyze and understand what you have learned from the assessment and how it informs community planning for prevention
- Step 9 Develop a community plan for prevention and response to family violence – strategies focusing on individual, social network, community and institutional levels within a community
- Step 10 Implement the community plan in partnership with the community