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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 101 TRAINING offered by MaiFS

The graphic is divided into several sections. At the top left is the Mai Family Services logo and name. To its right is the MCEDSV logo, which features a stylized bird or wing shape above the text "mcedsv". Below these logos is a paragraph of text: "Mai Family Services in collaboration with the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) will offer a FREE training about Domestic Violence, its cultural implications, the power and control paradigm, and the importance of survivor-centered, intersectional, and trauma-informed practice and service." Below this is a red section with white text: "Do not forget to save the date for this interactive virtual training offered by the experienced trainers from MCEDSV - Chéree Thomas and Phalguna Siddapureddy." This is followed by the date and time: "Saturday, April 6th 2024 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM". Below that is the text "Register here:" and a yellow button with the URL "https://bit.ly/maifsdv101". To the right of the button is a QR code. Below the QR code is the text "Registration is Mandatory". On the right side of the red section is a close-up photograph of a woman's face with visible bruising and a tear. At the bottom of the graphic is a light blue section with the text "Visit www.MAIFS.org to learn more about Mai Family Services."

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/maifsdv101>



MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST MARCH SNAPSHOT

Mai Family Services is currently serving the South Asian community with the right tools and resources for survivors. A quick look at our March Activities.

PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

Mai Family Services volunteers and staff were involved in raising awareness, building partnerships, and serving survivors.



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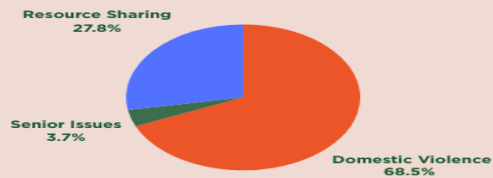
MaiFS board and staff met with the Canton Law Enforcement team to support their initiatives in providing culturally specific workshops for the police officers. MaiFS helpline will be included in all Canton PD materials.

AIWA



MaiFS thanks AIWA and all its partners for the appreciation award for our work and services to the South Asian communities through innovative collaboration. Thank you for the partnership.

STATISTICS



Currently supporting:
Domestic Violence: 36 survivors
Senior Issues: 2
Resource Sharing: 15 individuals

GOLDEN CLUB PROGRAM



SERVICES

Serving individuals 60+, we invite you to join our club and enjoy the free services and support offered by our strong volunteer team.

FREE MEMBERSHIP

FREE RESOURCES

ACCESS TO SUPPORT

FUN EVENTS

VOLUNTEER CALLS

TECH HELP

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HAPPY
SOCIAL
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MONTH
MARCH

WHAT IS LOVE? BABY DON'T HURT ME!

Written by Manju Patnaik



“Manipulative people are those who wish to be loved on their own terms.” - David S. Viscott

To date, the 1973 film, *Yaadon Ki Baraat* is a guilty pleasure. What is not to love about the movie? Three brothers separated as children, by the tragic murders of their parents, reunite two decades later. A feel-good story with beautiful music that remains relevant 51 years later. Although, in recent years, one scene in the movie leaves me uncomfortable. There are several scenes between the characters played by Vijay Arora and Zeenat Aman, where he relentlessly pursues her while she is vocal about her disinterest in him. Finally, during a song sequence between them, he fakes jumping off a cliff to scare her into declaring her love. This concept of using coercive tactics in the name of love is neither new nor unique to this movie alone. There are countless instances in popular cinema, where such behavior is not only normalized, but romanticized.

Growing up in India during the eighties and the nineties, Indian cinema played a significant role in shaping our view of love. On one hand, we were treated to beautifully spun stories portraying the innocence, beauty, and angst of love; while on the other hand, there are countless stories that glorify manipulative love. Ultimatums of “kill” or “be killed,” from our favorite heartthrob, set the tone for young love. Worse, yet were the emotionally burdensome relationships portrayed between a parent and child. Cinema continues to be an inexpensive form of entertainment for the Indian middle-class. A three-hour vacation from the daily grind. This toxic love trope in cinema could negatively impact our outlook on love.

Per an [article](#) published in WebMD, “Manipulation is the exercise of harmful influence over others. People who manipulate others attack their mental and emotional sides to get what they want. The person doing the manipulating, called the manipulator, seeks to create an imbalance of power. They take advantage of you to get power, control, benefits, and/or privileges.” Common manipulation techniques used by a manipulator include guilt, criticism, isolation, humiliation, blaming, accusing, adultery etc. Manipulation can end up with low self esteem, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and much more.

A manipulative relationship is not always between two people who are romantically involved, it can exist between any two people and commonly happens in closely formed relationships. Love based on coercion or emotional extortion is not love, so these relationships should end. In some instances, this might require assistance from local police or social workers.

While creators are changing their content, there are instances when such love is still central to the storyline. Although content consumers have started to recognize the wrongful normalization of manipulation, we still need to continue to educate ourselves and those around us to separate reality from a story.

DONATION APPEAL

MaiFS is serving 36 survivors who have been physically, mentally, emotionally, verbally, financially, and sexually abused. Additionally, 21 individuals have called the MaiFS helpline and office seeking resources to handle their crises since the start of the year 2024. We need your help to raise awareness and provide quality service to all those seeking support - some of whom have a voice and some suffering in silence.

Make a difference today!

Your donation to Mai Family Services can change lives. With your support, we can help survivors of abuse find the resources and care they need to heal and thrive. Join us in raising awareness and providing quality counseling services to those who need it most. Together, we can do this. Use any of the channels below to donate and be a beacon of hope for those in need.



Mai Family Services
Support when you need it most

Addressing the issue of South Asian trauma and domestic violence is crucial to bringing about meaningful change and supporting those who have experienced intergenerational abuse.

Domestic violence within South Asian communities often stems from deeply entrenched cultural norms, which can perpetuate cycles of abuse across generations. It is important to recognize that trauma resulting from such violence has a profound impact on individuals and their mental well-being.

Mai Family Services works towards breaking these cycles of abuse, promoting healing, and ultimately creating safer environments for individuals affected by trauma and domestic violence.

Could we count on your support? You can set up a monthly recurring payment or make a one-time donation to join the team making a difference. We thank you for your time and continuous goodwill.

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Medical - 15%
Legal - 40%
Daily Needs - 20%

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Come, join the team at Mai Family Services for a fulfilling experience. We are hiring!
Visit <https://maifs.org/job-opportunities/>

PARTNER EVENT



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
**Center for Health Disparities
Innovations and Studies**



INFORMATION SESSION ON BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER.

EVENT DATE:
**SATURDAY
MARCH 30, 2024**
TIME: 10AM-11:30AM
DETROIT FRIENDSHIP HOUSE
9540 CONANT,
HAMTRAMCK, MI 48212

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PROTECT YOURSELF
AND DECREASE YOUR
CANCER RISK. LEARN
HOW TO DETECT
BREAST AND CERVICAL
CANCER EARLY.



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