



# Hope Speaks.

Esperanza Shelter

*Community Outreach & Education*

Minority Communities & Domestic Abuse

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63% of Esperanza Shelter's clients are from minority communities, 92% of which live below the poverty level. The individuals and families that we serve all face tremendous challenges on their journey to establish a life that is free from domestic violence. Survivors of domestic abuse that come to us from minority communities such as people of color, immigrants, Trans-LBGQ2S+ individuals, people with special needs and many more require uniquely tailored safety plans, therapy and wrap around support services. The Esperanza team is dedicated to full inclusivity, bridging gaps that have been barriers for minority communities in gaining equal access to domestic violence services and creating a healing environment that minority communities feel safe, valued and heard.

There are many reasons why people who come from minority communities do not seek help when they are being abused by an intimate partner. It is of the utmost importance that we as a community learn about and gain an understanding of the deterrent factors that keep some minority communities from reaching out for help. Here are just some of the reasons why someone from a minority community might stay in an abusive situation or environment:

- Cultural, religious or spiritual views/beliefs/community have told them to remain in an abusive relationship
- Past negative experiences with law enforcement, the justice system, and/or social service agencies
- Not being able to find service providers who look like them, can speak their language, and share their experiences
- Experiencing ongoing racism, classism and other forms of discrimination
- Receiving pressure from their communities to keep family matters private
- If one is not an immigrant of legal status, fear of deportation if they formally seek help

If you are interested in learning more about minority communities and domestic violence or you are from a minority community and is in need of support, please reach out to us.

Support Center – 505.474.5536

**24/7 Crisis Hotline – 800.473.5220 or 505.473.5200**

***Esperanza Shelter's Mission is to shelter those threatened by domestic violence and to support healthy relationships.***

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