

## **Appendix B.**

### **Focus Group and Interview Questions**

#### **Awareness: Within a Cultural Context**

1. I'd like to talk about DV among Xs (e.g. African-Americans, American Indians, Latinos, Lesbian/bisexual/transgendered community, Vietnamese, Cambodians, Russian speakers, Amharic speakers, Filipinos):
  - How aware do you think your community is about DV?
  
  - How do you think X view DV?
  
2. How do people in the X community talk about DV? What do they say? Who is most likely to talk about it?
  
  
3. You probably know some women who have been mistreated by their husbands or partners or maybe by his family members. What are some examples of abuse you see in your community?

#### **NEEDS:**

Let's talk a little about your own experiences:

4. What kinds of help have you needed when you were experiencing DV?
  - Was this help available?
  
  - Were you able to access it?

**SERVICES:**

Let's talk more about services:

5. What services do you know about that help women who are experiencing DV?
  
6. What kinds of services have you used?
  - What was it like for you to access these services?
  
7. As you recall your experience in using DV services, can you tell me a story about a time when getting those services worked really well for you?
  - Where was it really helpful and you felt comfortable?
  
  - What was it about that experience that made it work for you?
  
8. I'd like you to think about some services that you received but then decided to no longer use. What were some of the reasons that you decided to stop using these services?
  
9. Again, in thinking about some services that you have used, have these services been offered by women who are of your cultural and language background?
  - Is that important to you?
  
  - Why?

10. If you participate in support groups, how important is it for you to be with women who share your cultural and/or language background?

**DV AND CHILDREN/TEENS:**

Now I'd like to ask some questions about what the experience is like in using services when a woman has children:

11. When you used services, were the needs of your children taken care of, too?

- What about for those of you with teenagers, were their needs addressed, too?
- What do you think needs to be done to provide better services for children and teens?

**VISION FOR THE FUTURE:**

Now I'd like you to imagine the opportunity to create real social change in helping women who have survived DV and putting an end to DV.

12. Let's pretend you've been given \$500,000 to help women experiencing DV. How would you spend it?

13. What is the best way to reach out to women in your community who are being mistreated by their partners or husbands?

14. What could be done to prevent DV in your community?