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Hello friends:

As you all are aware that IANH has recently started an initiative IANH - Saheli to provide the support, services and resources to the members in the area of domestic abuse and violence especially among immigrant communities in the state of NH. We have also secured an online presence through a blog <http://ianh.org/IANH-Saheli/> so that you could participate in it without any hassles of travel and telephone calls. Please join us! I look forward to a very active participation by you all.

We regularly conduct workshops to build skills in English, computers, Financial literacy and get-together of women to come together to chat, discuss and share our experiences. One of the initiatives is to increase the awareness about the issues of domestic abuse and violence. According to a study conducted by Prof. Raj in Massachusetts, 47% of the women of South Asian origin were subjected to domestic abuse. Sometimes, we must have seen it happening to our family and friends or few times experienced it ourselves. When we read it the first question that comes to mind is - "what is domestic abuse? And how to address it within the realms of our culture" We may not have the answers to the questions lingering our minds on how to resolve these issues. So now is your opportunity to ask questions to get answers from an expert!

Ms. Grace Mattern, Executive Director for 26 years of NH Coalition for Domestic and Sexual Violence has gracefully agreed to answer any of the questions you may have related to Domestic or Sexual Violence. Feel free to ask and all your questions will be treated confidential and no names will be posted on the blog. Either you can post your questions on the blog or email them to ianh_saheli@ianh.org

Send us your questions by April 15th.

IANH - Saheli team



Grace is actively involved with public policy and systems advocacy to promote effective community interventions in response to domestic and sexual violence and coordinates a statewide network of programs that assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. She serves on the Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Access to Justice Commission, the Board of Directors of the NH Coalition to End Homelessness, the Grafton County Greenbook Project Executive Committee, the Elder Abuse Council and the AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program Partnership. She has served as a Co-Chair of the National

Greenbook Policy Advisory Council and is Chair Elect of the Board of Directors of the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

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We are working to bring about equality and equity for the women in general and from immigrant and refugee communities in specific. It is an activity of the Public Service Committee of IANH and is coordinated by a team of core group members representing the organizations's membership.

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