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Prevention Services

Community education
Teen dating violence prevention

Workplace violence education

Intervention Services

24-hour crisis hotline
Police department advocates (COPS Program)
Emergency shelter
Longer-term housing
Temporary restraining order clinics

Support Services

Children's program
Support groups
Individual counseling
Court accompaniment

SAVE's Executive Director Named Woman of The Year

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At the Fremont office of Senator Bob Wieckowski, Yasi Safinya-Davies, Psy.D., Executive Director of Fremont-based SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) was honored by Senator Bob Wieckowski (10th Senatorial District) as one of two 2016 Women of the Year. Selected by the Senator because of her many achievements, Dr. Safinya-Davies accepted an official California State Resolution surrounded by colleagues, family, friends, and mentors in a ceremony led by the Senator on April 28, 2016.

Noting that Dr. Safinya-Davies was chosen for this special recognition because she personifies excellence, potential, and community engagement, the Senator addressed her dedication to assisting victims of domestic violence, leading SAVE with distinction, and for her exemplary record of professional and civic leadership. Giving special attention to her direction of **SAVE's** Youth and Clinical Programs, Senator Wieckowski acknowledged the importance of supporting two of the most vulnerable groups in our communities: women and youth.

Senator Wieckowski also remarked on Dr. Yasi Safinya-Davies' **participation in numerous enterprises and the long-lasting contributions she is making to her community and state, including guiding SAVE's programs as well as public perception about domestic violence.**

In her acceptance speech, Dr. Safinya-Davies **stated that she's driven to fulfill her life's passion -- to advocate for women and for victims of domestic violence, stating, "As the mother of a daughter I'm inspired and driven to raise awareness about the issues that women and young people face every day."**

Promoted to the position of Executive Director at SAVE in October, 2015, Dr. Safinya-Davies has been serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault since 2009. She completed her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology.

Her professional focus is specific to issues concerning women, the impacts of trauma, and severe/chronic psychological conditions. She began her endeavors with SAVE as a mental health consultant and partnering facilitator of **SAVE's 40-hour Domestic Violence Advocate Certification Training.** Most recently, Dr. Safinya-Davies

directed SAVE's Clinical and Prevention Programs, and in October, 2016 was promoted to the role of Executive Director.

ABOUT SAVE:

2016 marks SAVE's 40th year of community service! A nonprofit community-based organization, SAVE provides victims of domestic violence and their families with free support services and programs, including emergency shelter, a 24-hour hotline, counseling, temporary restraining order assistance, youth programs, assistance with longer-term affordable housing and case management, and, via its Empowerment Center in Fremont, resources such as food, clothing, workshops and classes, counseling, and drop in crisis support.

SAVE staff and volunteers strive every day to provide compassionate, comprehensive care to clients and to strengthen our communities through healthy relationship education and awareness advocacy.

SAVE's mission is to strengthen every individual and family we serve with the knowledge and support needed to end the cycle of abuse and build healthier lives.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, you are not alone. Call **SAVE's 24-hour Hotline** at (510) 794-6055. For more information about SAVE services and programs, or for information on how to volunteer or donate, visit <http://save-dv.org/>.