

## **Domestic Violence Task Force Individual/Focus Group Questions**

The purpose of this study is to establish a written guide to facilitate the development of a Domestic Violence Task Force in Metro Bakersfield. The Kern County Sheriff's department and Bakersfield Police department report January 2009 to September 2009: 5,374 domestic violence related calls which resulted in 2,277 arrests. Also in the same time frame Child Protective Services (CPS) reported 1,141 domestic violence referrals involving 2,470 children. The "Bakersfield Californian" reported 16 domestic violence deaths in Bakersfield in 2009 and an editorial called for a task force to address this escalating public health problem. **The primary question this study seeks to answer is: What guidelines might facilitate the development of a Domestic Violence Task Force in Bakersfield.**

The focus group and educational presentation will require 60-90 minutes. The focus groups and (or) the individual interviews will be audio taped and fictitious names will be used to protect confidentiality. The transcripts will not mention original names.

- 1.) After the recent deaths of victims of domestic violence in our community, there has been a call for a task force to address this problem. Please share your thoughts about whether a domestic violence task force would be beneficial in our community.
  - a. First, how would things be different in our community?
  - b. In what ways might it be beneficial?
  - c. In what ways might it not be beneficial?"
  
- 2.) If a domestic violence task force is established in Bakersfield, what are the top 3 priorities you would recommend be addressed?
  
- 3.) What agencies/persons do you think should be included in the DVTF?

\*\*\*\*As participants your input will be used to facilitate the development of a written guide for a Domestic Violence Task Force in Metro Bakersfield. Data will be collected from focus groups/individual interviews and you will be asked to attend a presentation to review major findings from the individual interviews and focus groups.