FAITHFUL ALLIES
WORKING WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERS

BE PATIENT
- REMEMBER that faith leaders often hold different values and meet them where THEY are.
- DO NOT FORCE your beliefs on them. They are NOT ready YET!
- Also, building trust TAKES TIME. You have to be familiar to them, maybe attending events just to make connection.

BE CREATIVE
- They have to understand why learning about DV is important to them and their work.
- Maybe start with "Healthy Family" rather than "Violence" and share resources that can benefit them.
- Start SMALL and develop faith leaders' understanding of DV.
- Identify and work with allies, who express interest/understanding of DV.

BE READY TO BE CHALLENGED
- It can be challenging to work with a group that might not agree with you.
- REMEMBER that this is the process and MEET them where they are.
- DO NOT CHALLENGE THEM JUST YET

REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ULTIMATELY ALL TRYING TO CREATE HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIP

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