

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY CONSORTIUM (DVAC) OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

VISION

Our vision is a world where relationships are healthy and systems are safe, just and responsive.

The Consortium catalyzes leadership, resources and survivors' wisdom to promote safety, justice, and healthy relationships in Santa Clara County.

Started in 2004, the Consortium is a coordinated network of nonprofit domestic violence service providers that advance survivor defined policies and ensure effective leadership and collaboration with policymakers at the local and state level.

Our members have collectively provided services to victims and their children for over 100 years in Santa Clara County. Each partner works with diverse communities in reducing and ending domestic violence. Collectively we provide the most comprehensive domestic violence services, training, and education available in the county.

VALUES

- Survivors' voices, wisdom and self-determination
- Social justice
- Woman-defined advocacy
- Culturally sensitive
- Unified voice and action



Note: DVAC's vision and values were last updated in 2017.

HISTORY OF DVAC AGENCIES:

1971

Next Door Solutions (originally WOMA) opens its shelter and hotline, the second in California



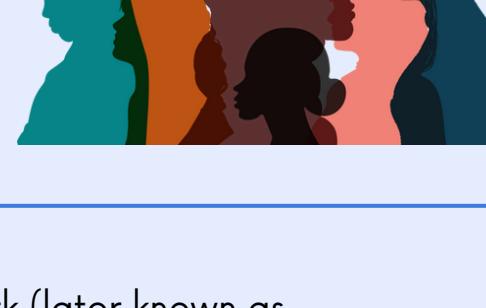
1973

YWCA Silicon Valley establishes its 24/7 rape crisis line; the first in Santa Clara County and only the second in California



1978

Community Solutions establishes La Isla Pacifica for South SCC survivors



1980

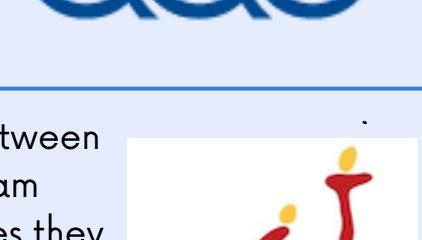
The Mid-Peninsula Support Network (later known as Support Network for Battered Women) opens for survivors of domestic violence (DV)

1981

South County SA services established

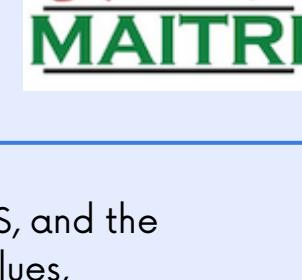
1986

AACI's Asian Women's Home established



1991

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2001

Greenbook Project brings AACI, CS, Maitri, NDS, and the Support Network together to discuss shared values, opportunities for systems advocacy, and a collective policy agenda

2003

Human trafficking (HT) services introduced

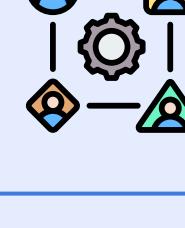
2004

SCC DVAC established

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2005

South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking (SBCEHT) formally established to ensure a multidisciplinary approach and effective coordinated partnership around HT issues



2006

Maitri establishes a legal advocacy program to help clients with simple legal needs such as, filing paperwork, court accompaniments and silent support during mediation



2009

Maitri purchases its own transition home for residents to start the process of rebuilding their lives



2010

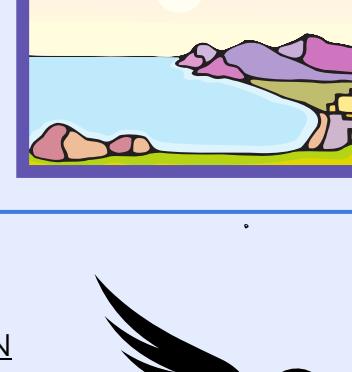
YWCA Silicon Valley acquires the Support Network, which integrates services for survivors of DV, HT, and SA under one roof

2011

SCC began addressing commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) through sexual assault (SA) services; Maitri gets Recognition and Accreditation from the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) to provide Immigration Assistance to its clients

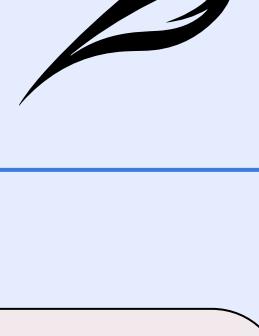
2019

YWCA Silicon Valley and YWCA San Francisco & Marin join forces and become YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley, maximizing resources across four Bay Area counties



2023

Maitri launches first Survivor's magazine UDAAN with DV Survivors and Advocates' Artistic expressions



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