

**Welcome to**  
**Shakti – The Power In Empowerment**  
**Presented By Arizona South Asians For Safe Families (ASAFSF)**  
Saturday, April 18, 2009, 9:00am to 4:30pm

**Conference Agenda**

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Morning Sessions I**

1. *Welcome*
2. *Opening Remarks* *Allie Bones*, Executive Director, AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence
3. *Keynote Address* *Urmi Basu*, Executive Director, New Light, Kolkata, India  
*Not Only As We Know It.... The Unseen Fabric of Domestic Violence*

**10:00 AM – 10:10 AM Break**

**10:10 AM – 11:50 PM Morning Sessions II**

4. *Skit and Discussion* *Members and volunteers*  
*Blanketed by Blame, Empowered by Support: A skit to help understand the dynamics of domestic violence*
5. *Presentation I followed by Q&A* *Margaret Abraham* Professor of Sociology, Hofstra University;  
Volunteer, Sakhi for South Asian Women  
*Speaking the Unspeakable: Shifting Domestic Violence from a "Private Matter" to a "Social Issue"*
6. *Group Activity: Audience discussion at tables & Shout out*

**11: 50 PM to 12:45 PM Lunch & Networking**

**12:45 PM to 2:30 PM Afternoon Sessions I**

7. *Opening Remarks* *Leah Meyers*, Program Administrator, Governor's Office for  
Children, Youth and Families, Division for Women
8. *Presentation II followed by Q&A* *Maneesha Kelkar*, Executive Director, Manavi Inc., New Jersey  
*South Asian Cultures of Disempowerment and Empowerment*
9. *Presentation III followed by Q&A* *Maha B. Alkhateeb*, Co-Director, Peaceful Families Project,  
Washington, D.C.  
*Religious Resources and Roadblocks for Muslim Women Survivors*

**2:30 PM – 2:40 PM Break**

**2:40 PM to 4:30 PM Afternoon Sessions II**

10. *Audience Discussion and Q&A to Speakers' Panel* *Moderator: Margaret Abraham*  
*The Power in Empowerment*
11. *Step Up, Step Back: an exercise* *Facilitator: Doreen Nicholas*
12. *Evaluations: Please fill out the event evaluations! Your comments and suggestions are valuable to us*
13. *Closing Remarks*