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through culturally sensitive outreach through community and religious leaders, mothers, and language appropriate health care workers. Additionally, Families in Good Health is able to help its clients connect with existing statewide and local healthcare initiatives such as Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, the Maternal Child Health Program, and Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program.

Ms. Lew received her B.S. degree in Food and Dietetics from CSULB, a Master of Education degree from the University of Hawaii, and is credentialed as a Registered Dietician. Her real strength, however, has been her compassion for and outreach to those unaware of how to access essential health care resources. A tireless advocate for the poor and underprivileged, Lillian has made it her commitment that the most needy in our community will not lack for basic health services.



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Counselor

ALYCE LAVIOLETTE

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Alyce LaViolette has been advocating, advising, counseling, and lecturing on the issue of domestic violence for 30 years since her volunteer days at WomenShelter as part of her graduate studies at CSULB. Her ongoing concern for the victims of abuse has led her to devise a number of therapy and training programs that have earned national recognition.

Early in her career, while working as a community educator at WomenShelter, she helped organize Southern California's first domestic violence walk and later co-chaired the Southern California Walk-a-thon to end domestic violence. She founded Alternatives to Violence, one of the country's first group therapy programs to provide counseling for spousal abusers. Alyce and two colleagues developed the first Los Angeles County day-long training program for probation officers, which was later adapted for state-wide use. Her outreach efforts have included training sessions for hundreds of groups as well as local and national TV appearances educating listeners to the plight of battered women and children and the importance of holding perpetrators accountable.

Educating professionals who deal with abuse victims – and that includes those who work in the judicial system, the clergy, social workers, mental health services, and the private sector – has been for Alyce LaViolette a lifetime commitment. A book she co-authored, "It Could Happen to Anyone: Why Battered Women Stay" is in its second edition.

Although Alyce maintains an active private practice as a Marriage, Family, and Child counselor, much of her work has been on a volunteer or pro bono basis. In recognition of her work to reduce the incidence of domestic violence, she was recently honored by the City of Long Beach.