Develop Protocols to Help Domestic Violence Victims
Have an action plan in place to follow if a victim of abuse asks for help or if a mosque member is abusive. Prioritize the safety of victims. Support victims. Be ready to refer to area service providers.

Create a Safe Haven
Make your mosque a safe place where victims of abuse can ask for help. Let your community know that you are prepared to provide support. Keep an updated list of referral resources in your community.

Educate The Children
Make sure all teachers and youth group leaders receive training about how to recognize abuse and whom to approach with concerns. Include age-appropriate prevention programming about healthy relationships and family violence for children and youth.

Teach Through Life Experiences
You may have more contact with families around life experiences such as aqeeqahs, weddings, and funerals. Observe the dynamics within families and share resources as needed. Pregnancy and the arrival of a child may escalate abusive behavior. Include abuse prevention in pre-marital counseling.

Use Your Religious Authority
Give khutbah on domestic violence to build awareness, teach that family violence is not acceptable in your community, and emphasize that help is available. Speak publically against domestic abuse.

Educate Your Community
Sponsor education programs on domestic violence. Invite staff from local shelters and other providers to speak at workshops on the family. Print articles that include lists of community resources in programs or newsletters. Post bathroom flyers with resource numbers.

Work as a Team
Domestic violence is a complex problem that requires a team approach. Clearly define your role as an Imam or community leader, and be ready to refer by building relationships with domestic violence advocates, police, and staff at state-certified batterer intervention programs.

And among His signs is this: that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may dwell in tranquility with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts). Verily in that are signs for those who reflect.” - Sirat Ar-Rūm 30:21