LEAP (Look to End Abuse Permanently), is an organization of health care providers and volunteers dedicated to ending intimate partner violence by establishing screening, treatment, and prevention programs in the health care setting. LEAP is comprised of social workers, nurse practitioners, therapists, physicians, and community volunteers. LEAP is a collaboration of the San Francisco Department of Public Health Primary Care division, the San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) Emergency Department, the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF)/SFGH Psychosocial Medicine division, and the San Francisco Rape Treatment/Trauma Recovery Center. LEAP has been a leader in the movement to improve the response of the health care system to domestic violence in San Francisco.

In 2007-2008, LEAP has:

Provided services:

- LEAP, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and the UCSF Trauma Recovery Center provide ongoing support, counseling, advocacy and child care for women in a Spanish-speaking battered women’s support group in the health care setting.
- LEAP’s website, www.leapsf.org, continues to be a leading resource for healthcare providers working to prevent IPV and is instrumental in helping clinics nationwide establish IPV protocols.

Provided training and consultation:

- LEAP provided annual training on sexually transmitted diseases and domestic violence for the California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center.
- LEAP collaborated with the Kaiser Family Violence Prevention Project and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence to present a half-day course entitled, “Taming Pandora’s Box: Lessons Learned From Sustaining a Health Care Response to Domestic Violence” at a national domestic violence conference sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention Fund.
- LEAP’s chairperson, Dr. Leigh Kimberg, gave the keynote address at the multidisciplinary student led UCSF Violence Prevention Conference.
- LEAP continues training of medical students and primary care residents at UCSF and to sponsor the UCSF Violence Prevention Conference.
- LEAP provided consultation to various national groups including the American Academy of Physician’s Assistants’ Committee on Diversity.

Was awarded a grant to improve family violence education:

- LEAP, the UCSF Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, and UCSF Pediatrics were awarded a Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators Innovations grant to improve the UCSF Medical School curriculum on family violence.
Released a new provider tool:

- LEAP was commissioned by the Family Violence Prevention Fund to produce a palm pilot tool to help pediatric healthcare providers address domestic violence. The tool can be downloaded at: http://endabuse.org/health/palmtool/

Provided Public Education Materials:

- LEAP took to the streets and distributed life-saving resources and domestic violence prevention materials to almost 2,000 San Francisco residents attending the annual Carnival celebration.

Participated in:

- LEAP is participating in a working group to prevent “Shaken Baby Syndrome” in San Francisco County.
- LEAP was invited to participate in a Violence Prevention Initiative spearheaded by the San Francisco Mayor’s office of Criminal Justice
- LEAP chairperson was asked to serve as the official San Francisco Department of Public Health representative to the newly created San Francisco Family Violence Council.
- LEAP members were invited to participate in a Safe from the Start training on childhood exposure to trauma

Your generous support allows LEAP to do this life-saving work! Thank you for making such a difference in the lives of so many families and individuals affected by domestic violence.