



Shared Roots: Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Strategies in Support of Social Justice

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AK: Hi everyone! Thank you so much for joining us today! We will be getting started in just a few minutes.

AK: Slides from the session can be found at:
<http://www.preventconnect.org/2016/04/shared-roots-sexual-and-domestic-violence-prevention-strategies-in-support-of-social-justice/>

PI: a PDF of the slides is available here:
<http://www.preventconnect.org/2016/04/shared-roots-sexual-and-domestic-violence-prevention-strategies-in-support-of-social-justice/>

DL: Learn more about Move to End Violence
<http://www.movetoendviolence.org/>

AK: Learn more about ROC United <http://rocunited.org/>

PI: If you haven't seen this document already you can access it here:
http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/connecting_the_dots-a.pdf

PI: This is CALCASA's Reciprocal Advancement report that explores the linkages between DV and Sexual violence:
<http://www.calcasa.org/2015/03/23398/>

SK: Great definition!

LFP: Gini, Julia, what are the challenges you are experiencing?
VS: Great distinction between Social Justice Movements and Activism

CK: Will these slides be available to participants?

DL: Here is the River parable <http://wiki.preventconnect.org/River+Story>

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KV: SJ, just wanted clarification on the distinction between social justice movement vs.? Was that civil action?

LFP: KV, SJ talked about collective action

KV:that's it, thanks!

SJ: Social movements v. activism v. service - three distinct forms of doing work and interacting with people

BE: KV, diff between social justice movement and activism

PI: Where do you see overlap with the factors that social justice movements and SDV prevention are trying to change?

AT:access

NN: Available resources

BA: The role of entitlement

AJ: distribution of power

AE-B: Pay inequity

BM: common risk and protective factors

KV: resources

RW: -Agee Identification of "other"

KV: resources*

AJ: patriarchy

GO: entrenched inequity

BA: Who is seen as objective

JC: shame as a barrier

AJ: Biases and taboos

MR: common risk and protective factors

KD: Violence begins within oneself, then at home, etc. all violence is interrelated and caused by fear and inequity

SP: structural change

LS: access to resources

LE: capitalism and patriarchy hurt women's economic independence making them more vulnerable to abuse

Ashleigh Vereen Clearing up myths that put blame and focus on the victims, and turning the lenses to the oppressors

MR: power and control

NS: access to resources,

ME: privilege and oppression

BN: The bottom line is that everyone is honored and respected and allowed to thrive

CR: health equity work

AJ-H: holding offenders accountable

BE: victim blaming

AK: Where do you see overlap with the factors that social justice movements and SDV prevention are trying to change?

JK: devaluing/dehumanizing bodies

JH: Food security/sovereignty

JC: need to include men

LS: privilege and racism

KP: I agree with the Social Equity view; we DO want people to feel safe, and then be able to focus on self.

AS: health inequities, equal pay

KV: more importantly, having consistency in the types of resources offered as well as the "protocol" providers follow

NN: oppression

AJ-H: focusing on prevention of violence on men, not on women having to safety plan (though that is still important)

CA: I think the little circle should be completely inside the large circle
On the invite was only the call in number but it is asking for a passcode for telephone call in.

NN: @jenny great point!

CB: Both attempt to address structural violence

VS: privilege

DM: resources, pay equality, access to health care, race equality, patriarchal led society, gender equality, sexual equality

NN: Isn't sexual and domestic violence prevention it's OWN social justice movement?

AJ-H: Education. Too much tunnel vision. Not enough people having a good overall awareness of how everything is connected.

MT: No work perks like retirement benefits for SA/DV advocates.

EMc: awareness, holding those in power accountable

MT: gender equity

VS: opportunity to access resources

JB: I agree prevention of sexual assault, violence is its own movement.

BE: uhhh, you can't take it out of its context

MT: community based interventions that address community violence

BE: SA/DV don't happen within a vacuum

BE: they intersect with other forms of oppression

KV: @Nicquie The answer varies depending on the person you are asking :/ I think that's what we're getting at

KP: Brittany, I totally agree.

BA: Agreed, Brittany

KV: definitely

RP: I agree that its all connected.. Today the Deaf people are having a rally at Capitols in 45 states all at the same time!! That is a social justice movement for our equal rights

KV: Right on!

RP: While it could be not relating to violence, but the community recognized the oppression and took the matters in their hands and made action.

BA: Does that make sense, Nicquie? It goes back to the socioeconomic model, because we see different vulnerabilities at intersections of marginalized identities.

VL: weak community sanctions

DF: Sources of power and control.

NN: Absolutely! I just wanted to get everyone's thoughts.

CR: environmental justice

BA: vulnerabilities to sexual violence*

Ashleigh Vereen Refocusing the lenses on the oppressors instead of exclusively on the oppressed

BE: for instance, gender violence is a tool of racism; racism is a tool of colonialism; colonialism is a result of capitalist enterprises

BA: Good work, team! I love these discussions

BE: not so simple but it's a starting point in thinking about the larger connections

JH: Intersectionality - All oppression is connected.

LS: focused on the perpetrators of violence not just victims

BA: Absolutely

NN: Thank you, Brittany!

LE: Would like to hear more about how SDV orgs can avoid being complicit in state violence when trying to keep victims safe.

KP: Prevention will only work if we focus on the perpetrators. It is not my responsibility to not be raped. Or is should not be.

LS: agreed

BA: And bystanders as well, because they play a vital role in cultural change

EP: mental issues

BE: www.survivedandpunished.org has some great resources speaking to community accountability re: SA/DV and more radical approaches vs. state/social service provision

AT: So true!

JB: Community accountability in Arizona seems to be non existant in most social media sites, groups.

BM: In is coached in social determinants of health.

DF: I see some tension between seeing DV/SA in a social justice framework where we think about patriarchy and gender inequality and the increasing push to be gender neutral and/or acknowledge and serve men as survivors

LE: I agree, Dana

BM: The Gardener's Tale, Dr. Camara Jones <http://www.citymatch.org/special-reports/gardeners-tale-dr-camara-jones> - starting point to address racism in public health

BE: which relates to folks within DV/SA still thinking/working/existing within the gender binary

BA: I still see toxic masculinity and patriarchal violence as the root - when I think of gender neutral language, it makes me think of LGBTQ inclusivity, and research generally identifies men as perpetrators against other men.

PI: Where are the places where there isn't overlap between SDV prevention and social justice movements?

VS: Brittany...exactly what I was thinking.

AK: Where are the places where there isn't overlap between sexual and domestic violence prevention and social justice movements

PA-J: It is helpful & validating to hear the need for Public Health to more deeply embrace a SJ approach. A gap is created when our funders don't allow or don't promote SJ language and approaches in our anti-violence work. Thanks

BE: Beth, Dr. David Williams also has some really great info on racism and health

MS: Many organizations are not survivor led

BE: Marcia, great answer!

KP: The fact that people still look at SA and DV as "someone else's problem." People still don't want to talk about it.

BE: The professionalization of the SA/DV movement

AH: Sometimes the direct crisis intervention, advocacy, support, and therapy aspects of the SV/DV work is invisible to other folks doing social justice work.

BE: you have to have a degree to be considered an "expert"

DM: Generational taught bigotry within a patriarchal society can overlap with SV and DV.

DE-C: The silence about how pervasive SA and DV are as issues affecting all aspects of our society

MT: I agree on the funder "control"

AB: Marcia, I absolutely agree. I find that survivor voices are often not listened to in organizations that tout survivor led programs.

KP: We are having a really hard time getting prevention funding, HUD is putting huge limitations on requirements.

MT: In terms of where there isn't overlap between SDV and SJ, I don't believe there is anyone organizing DV survivors in doing policy work. Does anyone know if any folks are doing this work?

LP: The crisis lines and majority of batterer intervention/intervention and advocacy are not seen by other people in social justice positions.

BE: don't think it falls under policy but the monument quilt is leading a huge national campaign to highlight the stories and voices of survivors

GO: organizations that do not center the most marginalized in our communities. Even when survivors are centered there is still a need to center those survivors voices who have multiple layers of oppression affecting them.

DM: Our organization includes survivor input by way of a community action team

BE: sorry, monument quilt is arts based*

VS: Instead of survivors leading the movement, I see survivors being tokenized.

PI: I like that a lot. "Explicit but not exclusive"!

JB: Art is a powerful way to include survivors experience in a policy movement.

MT: Thanks Deborah

BE: Thanks Jennifer. Definitely look into Monument Quilt then.

HC: Where they don't overlap - in SDV prevention, we have to encounter the attitude that the power dynamic between men and women is

"natural"/biological. The idea that sexual violence will always exist b/c that's just the way men are. There's a prevalent idea in the public that sexual violence is something that can't be changed in any meaningful way.

BA: I would say people sometimes excuse other forms of violence the same way. i.e. "bootstraps" philosophy with income inequality - but that is definitely a big struggle with DV/SV.

JB: It can be changed in a meaningful way. Barring the resources predators use in trafficking could hinder the motivations to commit sexual violence.

RJ: HC, bsome would say that capitalism and power differential are natural and can't/shouldn't change.

BE: One could say that there are many who believe that racial difference is biological (although it has been disproven time and again).

BA: Exactly, Rachel!

BE: Yes! I was thinking of the "bootstraps" argument as well

EA: what does the "North Star" mean?

BA: Frustrating mindset with all forms of violence, though!

VS: absolutely! This conversation reminds me of the outlier problem. Basically where we assume that because 'x' person did this with their life that the same outcome can happen if they just work hard enough.

HC: Yes, definitely. I just find that people today are more likely to be able to see the issues you mentioned as cultural/structural, although attitudes in the past were definitely more biological (esp re: race).

RR: My organization is currently taking part in the 18 month Advocacy Learning Center out of Praxis International... It is a great program to support us in doing advocacy from a social justice perspective.

BE: often forgotten is the colonial occupation of Hawai'i and the exponential loss of native Hawaiians...

JB: Our youth at risk of victimization needing protective factors, can we talk about protective factors?

LE: How did you build trust with marginalized community organizations after a history of being professionalized?

JB: Linda could you be more specific?

HC: You can even see direct sexual discrimination at work in the law based on "biology". For example, in most jurisdictions in this country, it is against the law for a woman to be bare-chested in public, whereas a man does not face the same legal restriction. At least we do not see anything this overt when it comes to race these days. Can you imagine?

SH: In New Zealand we have a few former dv perpetrators, mostly Maori and Pacifica men, who are organizing with/ mobilizing other men to change men's attitudes and behaviors

JB: I agree!

LE: Jennifer, Kelly was talking about centering the "last girl" in their work having changed the types of organizations they are partnering with. I was wondering if Kelly had any insights on building trust/accountability with these new organizations.

DL: You can see Our Gender Revolution materials from Idaho at <http://www.idvsa.org/national-teen-dating-violence-awareness-prevention-month/>

AJ-H: I agree @Dana Fleitman. I find that some people try to invalidate the role patriarchy and gender inequality in SA or DV because there happens to also be male victims as well.

PI: What are some examples of work to prevent SDV that aligns with social justice movements?

MT: working with Housing, Faith Based groups on human trafficking

JH: http://womensservicesinc.com/wpcontent/uploads/community_gardens.pdf

PP: Please mute your phones there is a lot of background noise

DM: We attend the local housing board meetings, county commissioner meetings, city commission meetings, and work with local organizations to help spread awareness

SS: Working closely with people in the Disability Rights movement to address access in DV/SA and other mainstream victim services.

AK: I would like to develop a cohort that can brainstorm on how to generate a greater interests in a youth writing campaign. I am new in my position, but in the

3rd large urbanized population in the US, our Houston writing campaign only received around 300 entries. Please email me afterwards if interested in developing this proposed cohort following this webinar. Akirckof@nomonline.org

AK: Thanks!

PI: Awesome examples!

LP: we have a curriculum for elementary, middle, and high school that centers around anti-violence, gender bias, and healthy relationships. we also do community educational presentations and activities for institutions (law enforcement, schools) as well as the general public. This allows us to speak about prevention efforts on a community level

AS: NNEDV's Positively Safe project works to bridge the gap between HIV/AIDS and domestic & sexual violence. We've worked with HIV programs across the country to work on addressing DSV. I have been able to build key relationships with individuals in HIV field doing research and working on policy.

AJ-H: I definitely agree that there needs to be more advocacy and social justice movements in policy. It's incredibly frustrating when we can't support a victim because something isn't covered in law or policy

KV: Our agency is constantly advocating for the undocumented population we serve. MA recently had an "Immigrants Day" at our state house where we had an agenda to present to our legislators addressing issues our clients are facing trying to access services. SV and DV services and shelters were on our forefront for that.

DL: The Glass Floor: Sexual Harassment in the Restaurant Industry
<http://rocunited.org/new-report-the-glass-floor-sexual-harassment-in-the-restaurant-industry/>

JB: Shifting the policy in the copyright infringement, policies to include victims of sexual abuse, to give them rights to not be seen. Giving the victims more rights to handle the problem within their community and social surroundings.

JB: A large majority of sexual battery are not reported.

AJ-H: Additionally, as someone who works within criminal justice, advocacy for judges and lawyers to be educated about SV/DV as they don't have the proper knowledge to make an educated, logical decision in convicting perpetrators

BA: I also grow concerned when there is a lot of emphasis on increasing reporting rates, because it shames victims who do not want to report for a number of reasons

AJ-H: Victims have a lot of very good reasons for not wanting to report and I think we need to actively address those reasons and reduce them

MT: Building up transformative justice practices:
<http://www.phillystandsup.com/tj.html>

VS: Yes, similar to shaming victims in court for not "going through the process" and getting a TRO. There are many reasons to not get a TRO and it is not for others to shame that decision.

JB: Shaming the victims, that statement is heartbreaking.

AJ-H: I know in my role with police for example we actively work to educate police officers about their response to DV/SA to help them have a better response to victims so at least that doesn't have to be as much of a barrier.

BA: I definitely think that's important! Education on neurobiology of trauma and empathetic responses is crucial.

KP: There is a great video on You Tube by Dr. David Lisak regarding the neurobiology of trauma and the importance of being aware of it during interviews by LE.

BM: I wonder as we begin to train the workplace e.g. See the Signs or bystander training at bars - if this will help workers recognize sexual harassment on the job?

BA: A colleague conducted educational sessions about recognizing red flags and being an active bystander in bars in her college town!

BM: @Becca did you find any survivors?

LC: and I think when people hear 'sexual harassment' they think of conduct by their supervisor...not others.

VS: Anecdotally I've found that people tend to not understand how similar harassment is to DV/SA. So, that makes things far more difficult if we are only addressing bystander intervention and bar tenders. Sexual harassment is absolutely normalized and we need to discuss that specifically.

JB: In what circumstances will survivors to feel confident in standing up and making suggestions about reform?

BA: I asked my colleague and she wasn't sure.

PI: How do we go about including SDV prevention in today's social justice movements? Where do you see opportunities for this work?

BM: @Veronica - I agree. It is like seeing bullying on the playground. It is normalized and isn't seen

CS: How do we discuss social justice in SH/SV trainings?

MT: safety and housing

SP: Offering skill shares/prevention workshops/free and accessible resources to members of other social justice movements you are a part of.

BE: immigration and detention centers!

AS: street harassment

BE: prison abolition work!

VS: Beth, I absolutely agree. For SH, I feel that we need to tackle it head on...not talk about other topics that loosely relate and expect change.

AH: At my University, staff and students from SDV prevention, public health, diversity and inclusion, and health and wellness all design the required first-year student programs collaboratively, so we are incorporating all of those lenses in the work.

VL: Partnering with BLM, fighting poverty programs, etc.

AC: a large part of our youth participants also identify as LGBTQ and that is the overlap happening in our program

KC-L: Any time there are women involved in a movement, there are people who are impacted and vulnerable to DV/SV. (And of course, folks not identifying as women - including cis men are also impacted and victimized) - the power that puts women at risk is the same power that all SJ movements are fighting - creating space in all movements to acknowledge SV/DV in the lives of individuals and sustained by systems of power.

MK: parenting classes

RJ: an organization in Indiana is focusing on reducing homelessness to reduce sexual violence

BE: environmental justice!

LFP: Beth Richie, Arrested Justice

LFP: The New Jim Crow

VS: Highly recommends The New Jim Crow

CA: Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

BE: INCITE! The Revolution Will Not Be Funded

BE: Global Lockdown by Julia Sudbury

SP: The creative interventions toolkit by Generation 5

JB: Putting power back into the victims resources for justice, civil tort actions, etc.

YT: It was an awesome conference!

J-L M: Best webinar that I've been on in a long time!

JB: I feel making a circle of women, not by race or by financial status, but by women wanting to prevent abuse and the women being abused.

LFP: Thanks Jordan-Lindsay!

CB: This has been a fabulous conversation, a relief to hear this dialogue, really.

BA: Agreed

AK: Check out Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs Anti-Racism Work in Progress statement: <http://www.wcsap.org/wcsap-anti-racism-work-progress>

BA: The training I referenced was aimed toward recognizing red flags with customers who may be trying to isolate other customers, not workers - my error

EP: Very interesting...Thank you all!

PI: Here is a link to the Gender Revolution Conversation Guide from the Idaho Coalition: <http://www.idvsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/ICA-14.051-Gender-Rev-Conv-Guide.pdf> as well as the link for the Gender Equity Challenge! <http://ourgenderrevolution.org/our-gender-revolution-challenge/> If you're interested in the Movement Strategy Center you can visit their site here: <http://www.movementstrategy.org/> This is a link to Incite! and Critical Resistance statement released in 2003 that speaks to the intersectionality of this work in a very powerful and still highly relevant way Women of color have been drawing these connections for decades! : <http://www.incite-national.org/page/incite-critical-resistance-statement> Additionally, you can look up SURJ (showing up for racial justice) if you're looking for local chapters or actions near you! <http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/splash?splash=1>

AK: Vermont Network's Spring Newsletter also contains articles connecting sexual/domestic violence prevention to a larger social justice movement: <http://www.vtnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/Network-News-Spring-20161.pdf>

CB: Audio of this to share, too?

AH: Will this webinar be available again in the future or can we share this webinar with our colleagues somehow?

AK: @Christine recording will be available in a few days

SK: Love Vermont - progressive!!!

AV: Dynamic presentation! Thank you to the host, facilitators and presenters!

JB: Look into the website Women of the World

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