



Organizing for Economic Opportunity: Strategies to Improve Economic Opportunities for Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention July 19, 2017

AKJ: 10:47 AM: Hi everyone! Thanks so much for joining us today.

MB: 10:47 AM: Welcome everyone to today's web conference! We will start at the top of the hour.

MB: 11:03 AM: Slides and the handout for this session are available on <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/06/organizing-for-economic-opportunity-strategies-to-improve-economic-opportunities-for-sexual-and-domestic-violence-prevention/>

MB: 11:04 AM: For audio over the phone-- please call 1-888-447-7153 with Password: 879 736#

MB: 11:13 AM: Check out the web conference on Stop SV technical package that PreventConnect hosted: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2016/05/stop-sv-a-technical-package-to-prevent-sexual-violence/>

MB: 11:13 AM: PreventConnect also produced a web conference in June highlighting the IPV technical package by CDC: The materials will be available here: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/05/preventing-intimate-partner-violence-across-the-lifespan-a-technical-package-of-programs-policies-and-practices/>

PI: 11:13 AM: How does economic security/insecurity come up in your community?

JD: 11:14 AM: Hello I am from Essergy, a management consulting firm in LA region of CA., I have clients that serve sexual assault survivors, Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment PAVE.

BE: 11:14 AM: Can't afford housing

PI: 11:14 AM: Low Wage, High Risk Pilot Project <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/workplace-safety-equity/low-wage-worker-project/>

KC: 11:14 AM: Poverty is a huge issue in the community I am in.

KB: 11:14 AM: Lack of employment, housing, resources

BE: 11:14 AM: Can't afford mental health care, or physical health care

MR: 11:14 AM: To quote a former presidential candidate: "The rent's too damn high"

CW: 11:14 AM: We are one of the most impoverished cities in America. DV is a constant. Many women stay with their batterers because they have nowhere else to live (past the time they may stay in our shelter)

SN: 11:15 AM: Lexington KY has ceased all applications for Section 8 housing because the wait is so long. Lack of low-income housing options

BC: 11:15 AM: The poverty rate is fairly high, especially within our native communities

SM: 11:15 AM: Our community was hit hard over the past few years with a lot of unemployment. Our affordable housing market is limited.

UI: 11:15 AM: low income is a major issue in our community.

KS: 11:15 AM: One of the risk factors of child sexual abuse is lack of parent supervision and it's difficult for parents with low income to be able to be there and attentive to their kids

RJ: 11:15 AM: that's great how can we find out more about the framework of this pilot?

CHM: 11:15 AM: I work in a community college; I am a counselor. Students struggle with hunger, homelessness and lack of transportation and housing.

CR: 11:15 AM: The population I work with in my area consists of a large number of undocumented individual which often struggle financially due to limitation of resources.

PI: 11:15 AM: Coalition for Immokalee Workers <http://www.ciw-online.org/>

CD: 11:15 AM: Lack of affordable housing for low wage income.

CC: 11:15 AM: The geological distance between low-income housing developments and jobs coupled with limited transportation.

BE: 11:15 AM: Without trauma-informed mental health care, folks often develop substance dependencies and then can't afford treatment

JA: 11:15 AM: low income, lack of affordable housing, homelessness

AL: 11:15 AM: poverty is seen all around in communities, it's very serious

VA: 11:16 AM: Housing is very difficult to find here in the Silicon Valley because of all the big tech companies here

LX: 11:16 AM: Our community has a number of homeless individuals. There are rising rent costs and fewer job options.

EP: 11:16 AM: Low wages, job shortages, and lack of housing (no section 8 apps all year) is the best way to describe my area. Shelter services are very limited and a recent tornado in Jan has caused even more devastation for the area.

AL: 11:17 AM: yes the rising cost of rental property and the low amount of job available

JD: 11:18 AM: I have spent 25 years working only in low income and underserved communities. All communities face the issues mentioned here.

BE: 11:26 AM: Is that worse for black and native women in Wyoming?

KM: 11:27 AM: Delaware's wage gap is 83% one of the better ones in the nation.

PI: 11:27 AM: <http://wywf.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Wyoming-Wage-Gap-Report-2015.pdf>

JS: 11:28 AM: The link that PI just provided will allow you to look deeper at our demographics.

MB: 11:28 AM: This Huffington Post article is available here: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/wyoming-legislator-says-the-pay-gap-is-simply-a-fact-of-life_us_57daa14be4b08cb14093f7b1

PI: 11:29 AM: How do you make the case that economic security is an issue related to sexual and domestic violence? How are you starting to promote opportunity in your work?

CR: 11:29 AM: Men have choices and woman have obligations.

BE: 11:30 AM: We have hosted a nationwide program called Getting Ahead which is a group learning model where

participants are paid for their involvement and expertise about poverty.

SM: 11:30 AM: For DV if a survivor can't afford to leave she feels more stuck. Like she can't leave. Financial independence is imperative to leaving the relationship

CHM: 11:30 AM: I do believe a lot of it is outreach education; the tide is turning toward more understanding of systemic issues but a lot of work remains. We promote educational opportunities via college programming and many professors do in class. From a counseling/working with survivor standpoint, we rely on advocacy and collaborative interventions

EJ: 11:30 AM: Women making less money plays into the larger systemic issue of women being placed in a lower position in society. Violence against women - sexually or in domestic violence - uses that narrative to both justify and perpetuate itself, and can lead in turn to further economic disempowerment (financial abuse, lack of economic independence, etc.)

CR: 11:30 AM: Often times women stay in the abusive relationship because they do not have economic independence.

SA: 11:30 AM: It's an issue related to SV and DV because in a way, it suggests that men are superior and make more money. I think that this confirms rigid gender stereotypes and we know that unhealthy gender norms are related to SV and DV.

TAT: 11:31 AM: I share my observations of numerous actual cases where economics impacted the DV victims ability to leave violent situations and/or remove their children from violent situations. I provide this information to other therapists at our networking meeting and am working on a training for therapists in our area that also connects them with local resources and plans to help address the economic barriers.

SM: 11:32 AM: Wyoming Health Council has a grant to provide ACA insurance navigators in our Title X clinics. It is important to note that when leaving a DV situation, the survivor always has a special enrollment period and does not need to wait for open enrollment. This is key in helping the individual and family move toward economic security.

RJ: 11:32 AM: let's talk social determinants of health --availability of resources to meet daily needs, public safety, social support, exposure to crime violence and social disorder, and socioeconomic conditions impact health outcomes exponentially...add in ACE scores and wage gaps, and its a no brainer.

SM: 11:32 AM: Lack of affordable housing, jobs, and childcare are huge challenges

KC: 11:32 AM: It is hard for folks to afford childcare and to make ends meet in my community. It makes it hard for folks to talk to their kids about sex and healthy relationships when they don't have that time with the kids. There is not any sex Ed in school nor health class at our schools

NP: 11:33 AM: It's all about empowerment - everyone deserves choices, stability, safety, healthy relationships. In a capitalist society we tend to "forget" that the ability to survive and thrive (both bread and roses) is a fundamental human right.

JK: 11:33 AM: Scarcity leads to cognitive overload - it drains resources from a task like understanding your partner's perspective to a focus on paying the rent. It also contributes to attributing hostile intent to what may be a neutral response as well as interfering with impulse control.

SM: 11:33 AM: Title X Family Planning also does reproductive life planning in our clinics to integrate career, relationship, and educational goals into goals for timing and spacing of children. This contributes greatly to economic empowerment.

BC: 11:34 AM: Leaving a DV situation is incredibly difficult in Alaska if money is scarce. A lot of our women live in villages that require either a boat or bush plane to get to and from. For women who either can't find a job, or aren't making enough money it is incredibly difficult for them to leave their situations.

JK: 11:35 AM: economic insecurity can create "toxic stress" for children that affect the brain's architecture in ways

that increase the risk for engaging in violence as a teen or adult.

AKJ: 11:36 AM: @Joanne Yes! I think in this way providing economic opportunities really supports preventing violence across the lifespan

RK: 11:40 AM: what is that program called?

AS: 11:43 AM: Are you asking about the program they're using for the network analysis?

RK: 11:43 AM: yes!! I am

AS: 11:43 AM: I'll ask Jody and Susie to clarify!

RK: 11:44 AM: thank you!

EJ: 11:45 AM: A presenter at another conference I was at recently had a good kind of sum-up sentence for working with groups and communities when we are doing norm-challenging work: "It is easier to accept change if you feel like you've been a part of it."

AKJ: 11:47 AM: @Emily I like that a lot -- it's so true! Thanks for sharing

MB: 11:50 AM: PreventConnect also produced a web conference in June highlighting the IPV technical package by CDC: The materials will be available here: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/05/preventing-intimate-partner-violence-across-the-lifespan-a-technical-package-of-programs-policies-and-practices/>

PI: 11:58 AM: STANDING FIRM Cost Calculator <http://www.standingfirmswpa.com/resources-calc>

AL: 12:01 PM: PV has been seen at many locations I have worked in interesting and educational acts

AS: 12:07 PM: Annette - would love to hear more

PI: 12:09 PM: What challenges have you experienced in working with employers and specifically for-profit companies? What questions do you have for Dr. Cluss about engaging with employers?

TAT: 12:10 PM: How do you work with/attempt to engage with organizations where the structure or senior management team is in itself abusive or hostile?

TM: 12:10 PM: problem: human resource professionals ONLY want to refer to services without really dealing with the problem at the office

KS: 12:11 PM: When we offer to come do lunch and learns for employers about child sexual abuse, their biggest fear is how their employees will react to a topic that is very taboo (especially here in Utah)

KC: 12:12 PM: We do not engage businesses unless they request us.

PI: 12:25 PM: STANDING FIRM's webpage: <http://www.standingfirmswpa.org/>

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HA: 12:25 PM: will we get a certificate for participating in this webinar?

PI: 12:25 PM: Workplaces Respond to Domestic & Sexual Violence <http://www.workplacesrespond.org/>

PI: 12:26 PM: Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault <http://www.wyomingdvsa.org/>

PI: 12:26 PM: Wyoming Health Council <http://www.wyhc.org/> Slide 54 (More Resources): Change the Story VT <http://changethestoryvt.org/>

PI: 12:27 PM: Summary of 2016 PreventConnect Web Conference Series <http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/expanding-partnerships-1.pdf>

PI: 12:28 PM: Thanks to all of our guests and participants who joined today. Have a wonderful day and we will see you next time!

KS: 12:28 PM: at www.youuniquefoundation.org there are healing resources for women who were sexually abused as children (including a free 4 day retreat to jumpstart the healing journey.)

TAT: 12:28 PM: Thank you!

PI: 12:28 PM: Thank you Katie!

CHM: 12:28 PM: thanks, a lot of great info!

TC: 12:28 PM: Thank you!

LM: 12:28 PM: Thank you!

MB: 12:29 PM: Thank you everyone for joining us today! Have a wonderful day

KS: 12:29 PM: also, at defendinnocence.org you can arrange for speakers to come to parent, primary care giver, and community groups on how to prevent child sexual abuse. There are also a lot of parent resources and blogs on that site as well

KS: 12:30 PM: Thank you for hosting this conference!

Valerie Hoff 12:32 PM: great session! Thank you.