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A safe place to call home:
Transforming the physical/built environment for sexual and domestic violence prevention
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- Domestic violence/intimate partner violence
- Sexual violence
- Violence across the lifespan, including child sexual abuse
- Prevent before violence starts
- Connect to other forms of violence & oppression
- Connect to other prevention practitioners
Towards Community Health and Justice

January 25: Back to basics and moving beyond: A prevention approach to sexual and domestic violence

February 15: Intertwined and aligned: Supporting health equity and justice in sexual and domestic violence prevention

March 15: How do we Connect the Dots? Local approaches to preventing multiple forms of violence

May 31: Healthy masculinities: Mobilizing men and boys to foster healthy gender norms

June 28: Community accountability for safety: Building capacity to make sexual and domestic violence prevention a community responsibility

July 19: Organizing for economic opportunity: Strategies to improve economic opportunities for sexual and domestic violence prevention

August 16: A safe place to call home: Transforming the physical/built environment for sexual and domestic violence prevention

September 20: From research to practice: Addressing shared underlying factors to prevent sexual and domestic violence
A safe place to call home: Transforming the physical/built environment for sexual and domestic violence prevention

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Objectives

• Identify how place-based strategies can support protective factors for sexual and domestic violence prevention.

• Highlight ways to identify community design issues and advocate for change

• Provide examples of on the ground place-based strategies

• Engage in a candid discussion on transforming the physical/built environment for prevention
THRIVE: A Community Resilience Framework and Tool
Physical/Built Environment

PLACE

- What’s sold and how it’s promoted
- Look, feel & safety
- Getting around
- Housing
- Air, water & soil
- Art’s and cultural expression
Related CDC Strategies

Sexual Violence Technical Package

Addressing community-level risks through environmental approaches

Intimate Partner Violence Technical Package

Modify the physical and social environments of neighborhoods
Our Guest

Kathryn Travers
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Women in Cities International

- Outcome of the Montreal conference
- Knowledge and experience-sharing
- Gender equality, safety and participation of women and girls
- Tool development and technical assistance
- Innovative programming
Designing Safe and Inclusive Public Spaces with and for Women and Girls
Everyday Violence Against Women and Girls

SEXUAL HARASSMENT is pervasive and normalized

- 99.3% Egypt (UN Women, 2013)
- 65% USA (Stop street harassment)
- 68% Quito, Ecuador (UN Women)

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- 55% in marketplaces in Port Moresby, PNG
- 92% Delhi, India
Gender, Safety and Design of Public Space

The basics
Why take a gendered approach to safe cities?

- Urban experiences are gendered (need, purpose, place)
- Women report feeling less safe than men in the same spaces
- Real consequences (mobility, opportunities)
- Violation of human rights
- Barrier to sustainable development

Women in Dar es Salaam conducting a safety audit
What types of issues have you noticed in navigating the physical/built environment in your community?
Participating in Public Space Design
Women’s Safety Audits

From Toronto to Montreal to the world
Women’s safety audits and the 7 principles of design for women’s safety

1. Know where you are (signage, signals, orientation)
2. See and be seen (visibility, lighting, hiding places)
3. Hear and be heard (rush hour, peak circulation, social use of space)
4. Be able to get away (formal/informal surveillance, access to emergency services)
5. Live in a clean and welcoming environment (design, access, and maintenance)
6. Work together (community participation by the appropriation of public space)
Women-Work-City built a series of apartments with courtyards.

- Outdoor space for children and parents close to home
- On-site kindergarten, pharmacy and doctor’s office
- Close to public transit to make running errands and getting to school and work easier.
How to Create Safer Environments

- Balance short and long term efforts
- Reclaim spaces
- Advocacy, awareness-raising and community mobilization
- Women’s empowerment and partnership-building
- Capacity development with key stakeholders
Text Chat Question

How are you creating safer physical/built environments? What have you seen that has worked well?
Example: Montreal

- Women with disabilities
Example: Gatineau

- Elderly women park initiative

Before

After
Women Friendly City Project: Seoul, South Korea
Example: Newport Health Equity Zone
Class #4: Mapping “Hot” and “Cool” Spaces at School

Objectives
(A) To identify where (exact locations) in the school the students feel “hot” and where they feel “cool”; (B) to help students identify these places; (C) to provide information for the school to use in order to develop a “cooler” school environment; (D) to empower students to transform “hot” areas into “cool” areas by examining why they consider particular locations to be “hot” and what the school can do to make those areas “cooler.”

Preparation
Each participating SAPIs instructor will draw a crude blueprint of the school building to keep as a “master” copy (see Appendix for Illustration 1). This copy will then be photocopied and passed out for students to label where they feel “hot” or “cool.” The marked up crude blueprints will be collected at the end of class, and then compiled and coded, using a copy of the blueprint. In drawing the crude blueprint, think about the whole school. Include on the map all of the places in the school, including stairwells, restrooms, classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, cafeteria, outside spaces, etc. Write the names of each of these main places in the school and be sure to have the students color code these places. You can draw a very simple version of a map of the school; it can look like a rectangle, so long as the students can find the main parts of the school on the map.

Students will use the provided RED, YELLOW, and GREEN colored pencils for the maps they will draw on to identify “cool” and “hot” locations.
Our Guests from Indiana

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Prevention Strategy: Safe, Stable and Nurturing Relationships and Environments

Essentials for Childhood

Steps to Create Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships and Environments
Relationship Level: Skin to Skin Initiative

What dad wouldn’t be willing to take the shirt off his back for his baby?

Skin to skin contact. It’s good for babies. It’s good for parents.
Environmental Level: Bloomington Inclusion Project

Waiting for the bus  Getting in the door at College Mall

I can’t get in to the mall 😞

Illustrated by “J”
What Surrounds Us, Shapes Us
Choosing Strategy

- Is it EFFECTIVE?
- Is it EFFICIENT?
- Is it ETHICAL?
- Is it EQUITABLE?
Barnes Park Before: People driving through the open part of the park
How have you created political and community buy-in for change?
Building Political Will

- Citizens have the power!
- Engaging partners and building relationships
- Students presented at the Parks and Rec Board
- Involving community in building the park up
Barnes Park Improvements

- Updates to equipment
- Engaging community
- Trash and leaf ordinance
Mini Library for the Park
Theory of Change
Respectful relationship behavior is the easy/desirable choice

Abuse is not an option that someone feels the need to choose

Abuse is not an easily-available option for someone to choose

Safe community spaces are places where respectful relationship behaviors (all types of relationships) can be publicly modeled and normalized.

- Community and people are valued
- Reduces feelings of alienation and disempowerment
- Reduces stress
- Increases social engagement and participation

Where communities are connected and engaged, social accountability is increased
What challenges have you faced in efforts to transform the physical/built environment?
Challenges

- Length of time
- Logistical matters
Next steps for park initiative

• Making sure enhancements are not difficult to maintain (ongoing)
• Additions to the park: Moving in the equipment, wet pad, etc.
Sustainability for Women in Cities International

- Adapting to new global context
- Pushing intersectionality and connecting women’s safety to other issues
Tips from Women in Cities International

• Take inspiration from others but leverage local context
• **Partnerships** are key
• Let people **speak** for themselves
• Challenge the **culture**
• Focus on **quick wins** and the **long-term**
• Never stop **striving for more**
Tips from Indiana

• Place-based strategies are **efficient** and have built-in **sustainability**
• A terrific strategy can provide solutions for **multiple stakeholders and issues**
• Building **relationships** in key
Tools and Resources

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Tools for Gathering Information about Women’s Safety and Inclusion in Cities

Experiences from the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme

Women in Cities International
2011

femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/tools%20for%20gathering%20information%20en.pdf
TACKLING GENDER EXCLUSION
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femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/together%20for%20womens%20safety%20en.pdf

femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/tackling_gender_exclusion_201
More Resources


devvawnow.org/en/modules/view/12-safe-cities.html
Indiana Resources

icadvinc.org/

http://www.icadvinc.org/prevention/service-providers/prevention-toybox/

http://icadv5.wixsite.com/smallmoments
Prevention Institute Resources

Healthy Development
Without Displacement
Realizing the Vision of Healthy Communities for All

A Health Equity and Multisector Approach to
Preventing Domestic Violence
Toward Community Environments that Support Safe Relationships in California
Community Safety: A Building Block for Healthy Communities

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