



## A Safe Place to Call Home: Transforming the Physical/Built Environment for Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention August 16, 2017

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AS: Today's slides: <http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/FINAL-Built-Environment-8.16.17.pdf>

AS: Call in number for our session: USA Toll-free # 1-888-619-1583 Canada Toll-Free # 1-855-950-3716 Passcode-766 477#

JP: is there a hash tag for this prez?

AS: WICI's website: <http://femmesetvilles.org/>

TK: Hi I am with LACAB at Lake of the Ozarks. We are outpatient treatment in many areas including Domestic Violence groups and Individual counseling. Had some rain today.

PI: What types of issues have you noticed in navigating the physical/built environment in your community?

TN: Transportation!

MT: public transportation

KC: lack of businesses offering jobs to teens and young adults

TS: Feeling unsafe in parks

SS: Parking for students

BD: few parking areas

SH: Transportation

NB: transportation

KR: Transportation

RC: Transportation

MMS: I always think about street harassment when I'm alone, but when I'm with my male partner or friend, I feel safer, which is a very infantilizing feeling

JK: transportation (such as to a SV program)

BS: A separation of income levels and races that make it hard to involve the community as a whole.

JP: I live in downtown Philly and there is a layer of awareness I need in the evening when walking, using the subway, etc.

AS: What about transportation? Would love to hear more!

CM: Definitely lack of transportation.

KM: transportation, accessing public spaces where there are lots of bars or drinking spaces

RC: Also public parks that are segregated by class

KC: Also, the three gas station in my community are 30-40 cents more expensive than the rest of the city

BL: Transportation, especially in Rural areas.

AA: Housing, language barriers, income disparities

TN: Same here... segregated parks by class.

KR: Lack of public transportation for people to get from one place to another.

TPT: For the lower counties it is lack of transportation. In the upper county it is street harassment.

KM: accessing free outdoor spaces for physical exercise

DR: Transportation is not keeping up with growth of community, lack of affordable housing, and street harassment

SS: expensive to park on campus. There is a place students can park for free and take bus to campus. Some classes go until 9pm and the public parking lot is not safe a choice between safety and significant financial cost

TJ: walking trails

TN: We have public transportation, but it is limited in coverage and schedules.

TC: Limited public transportation (so more reliance on "getting a ride" walking/riding bike), public parks/trails that are isolated and may lead to lack of comfort accessing alone, etc.

EJ: Gentrification of high poverty areas into upscale condos, which push people into the outskirts of the community with little transportation or access to community services

AR: lack of free/clean/any public toilet. In case of need males can urinate on the side of the streets, females cant!

LM: housing, transportation and industrial pollutions

TN: Exactly the same situation. Encouraged to bike/run/walk, but not safe to do in areas of the city where transportation access is needed the most.

FL: I look for restrooms with no door on the opening by design with a curve to the stalls. One cannot see into the restroom; however, one can hear a scream. Since someone followed me into the restroom while in college, I feel safer in these environments with design.

KM: <https://unhabitat.org/books/womens-safety-audit-what-works-and-where/>

JP: @Karen thanks!!!

KM: Women's Safety Audit published by the UN

KM: There apparently are several out there.

AS: ♣ Together for Women's Safety  
<http://femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/together%20for%20womens%20safety%20en.pdf>

TK: Transportation and lighting

PI: How are you creating safer physical/built environments that can help prevent sexual and domestic violence? What have you seen that has worked well?

MMS: Helping businesses do environmental scans of their spaces to identify spaces that may be dangerous

KC: Reclaiming spaces, like turning an abandoned restaurant without a roof into an art gallery

SS: Encouraging all genders to participate, and using gender inclusive language

BS: Talking to organizations and businesses to put up "Safe Space" signs that we have changed to speak to our community.

SS: Language often sets the stage for whether people feel included.

SG: Sadly haven't seen anything that works. I've seen people create murals or have events, but the conditions go back to usual... the murals get painted over or get graffiti over time. The places don't have sustainability or maybe they're not encouraged for long-term use?

CO: This year for SAAM, we send out a tool kit, one piece of which was a letter educating local businesses about how trans bathroom bills are a function of rape culture, and provided signs they could hang in their public restrooms that invited people of all genders to use them, rather than trying to control what bathroom someone can or can't use

SM: We have a safety plan in place, we have locked doors, and the security guards at our office are aware that we see clients at our office, but we are an undisclosed office.

CM: Participate National Night Out with our Community Service Unit. Distribute flashlights, whistles, reflectors, and other safety items.

JP: There is an artist in Philly who spray painted stop signs so that it says "STOP RAPE" around neighborhoods. It is a fine line between awareness and triggering though, so I'm not sure it is effective but it definitely sparks convo.

AR: when I was in Bradford (UK) as exchange student the University campus had an excellent policy with yellow stickers of safe places where to go in case of emergency or when students felt threatened. private houses and shops cafes restaurants could request a yellow sticker after being vetted by Uni and there was the police involved as well. with regard to street harassment if a driver received two warnings at the third they would take his car for some time.

AR: it was 2011!

TC: Iowa has a mobile advocate model, where the advocates will meet with survivors outside of traditional "brick & mortar" spaces to reduce the risks/explicitness of meeting in obvious spaces. Although this isn't primary prevention, it's an example of making the environment safer for DV/SA survivors

PI: Wow Alma, what an interesting example... I imagine that using the stickers in the community also had an influence on the norms and culture there.

MM: I was living in Cleveland when Tamir Rice was shot, and community members built a butterfly garden around the gazebo where he was murdered.

AR: @prevention institute I can tell you that only seeing them across the streets was refreshing and making me feel safer!

AS: Newport Health Equity Zone: <http://newporthealthequity.com/>

KM: can you speak up Colleen?

KM: Yes, please! Thanks!

AKJ: Essentials for Childhood: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childmaltreatment/essentials.html>

AS: PreventConnect Shifting Boundaries session: [http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/05/shifting\\_boundaries/](http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/05/shifting_boundaries/)

PI: Sidewalks to Sexual Violence Prevention: A Guide to Exploring Social Inclusion with People with Developmental Disabilities <http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Sidewalks-to-Sexual-Violence-Project-Guide-1.pdf>

AS: Session with more info on this project: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2016/06/what-about-power-and-patriarchy-examining-social-cohesion-strategies-to-prevent-sexual-and-domestic-violence/>

AKJ: If you are not familiar with DELTA FOCUS program, you can find out more here: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/deltafocus/>

PI: How have you created political and community buy-in for change?

BS: Involved the community and local leaders to our school trainings and events.

BS: invited\*

KC: Just being a part of community, volunteering, meeting community leaders so I can meet new folks to expand and nurture my prevention program

SM: We work with our Survivors, and develop Survivor Leadership Programs. They help point out places where we can grow, and are able to help voice that advocacy. We build coalitions with community groups, and provide outreach and advocacy to the community.

CM: creating support groups for Latina women who self-describe as survivors of IPV and collaborating with libraries, police departments

TPT: Speaking with auxiliaries that are based in the community

EB: Having 1:1s with community leaders and stakeholders

TN: Creating a partnership with our local school system to support families experiencing DV in an effort to deter attendance issues.

AKJ: Thanks for these examples everyone!

CM: Thank you! Awesome webinar. Unfortunately, I have to go. Enjoy!

BL: Providing outreach advocacy to the community, working with law enforcement and schools with a prevention program.

AS: Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence <http://www.icadvinc.org/>

PI: What challenges have you faced in efforts to transform the physical/built environment?

KC: Lack of funding

KM: budget, prioritization of project by admin/systems, communicating the impact to interested parties

SS: Getting people on board.

TPT: Lack of funding also community buy in

CO: Lack of resources. We've had successful partnerships with low income and subsidized housing communities, but at times we have been limited in what we can accomplish due to lack of funding

AR: I am taking screenshots of some of your awesome slides. Could I tweet or post them on FB? Translate them in Italian with due quotation?

AKJ: Hi Alma, we'd love you to share. Please tag us!

AR: thanks! I'm tweeting already with my org account @NOMolestieStrad

AR: let's join the conversation on USCR 2250 on youth peace and security and make sure gender is truly mainstreamed - "youth" as a general term is a generalizing threat that could hide gender-based youth needs

PI: Tools for Gathering Information about Women's Safety and Inclusion in Cities:  
[www.femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/tools%20for%20gathering%20information%20en.pdf](http://www.femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/tools%20for%20gathering%20information%20en.pdf)

PI: the Women in Cities webpage [www.femmesetvilles.org/](http://www.femmesetvilles.org/)

SS: Thank you so much for this. Can you send out the ppt?

PI: Tackling Gender Exclusion Experiences from the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme  
[www.femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/tackling\\_gender\\_exclusion\\_2013.pdf](http://www.femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/tackling_gender_exclusion_2013.pdf)

PI: Together for Women's Safety Creating Safer Communities for Marginalized Women and Everyone  
[www.femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/together%20for%20womens%20safety%20en.pdf](http://www.femmesetvilles.org/downloadable/together%20for%20womens%20safety%20en.pdf)

AKJ: @Sarah slides from this session are available here: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/07/a-safe-place-to-call-home-transforming-the-physicalbuilt-environment-for-sexual-and-domestic-violence-prevention/>

PI: Building Safe and Inclusive Cities for Women a Practical Guide [www.stopstreetharassment.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/5-13-add-building-safe-inclusive-cities-for-women.pdf](http://www.stopstreetharassment.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/5-13-add-building-safe-inclusive-cities-for-women.pdf)

PI: Virtual Knowledge Centre to End Violence Against Women and Girls <http://endvawnow.org/en/modules/view/12-safe-cities.html>

PI: Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence [www.icadvinc.org/](http://www.icadvinc.org/)

PI: Safe, Stable, Nurturing Environments <http://icadv5.wixsite.com/smallmoments>

IB: Thank you, from Iona in Leesburg Haven of Lake and Sumter Counties. Very good webinar, lots of information.

PI: Prevention Toy box <http://www.icadvinc.org/prevention/for-service-providers/prevention-toybox/>

PI: Healthy Development Without Displacement <https://www.preventioninstitute.org/publications/healthy-development-without-displacement-summit-recap-report>

PI: A Health Equity and Multi-sector Approach to Preventing Domestic Violence  
<https://www.preventioninstitute.org/publications/health-equity-and-multisector-approach-preventing-domestic-violence>

KC: I love the Toy Box!

PI: Community Safety: A Building Block for Healthy Communities  
<https://www.preventioninstitute.org/publications/community-safety-a-building-block-for-community-health>

PI: Community Safety by Design Preventing Violence through Land Use  
<https://www.preventioninstitute.org/publications/community-safety-design>

CY: We love to hear that, Kenneth!

AKJ: I used one of the games in the Toy Box recently too!

SB: This was a great webinar...

AR: thank you all! Grazie mille! Super inspirational!

JK: Thank you for the webinar!

AS: Happy to hear you enjoyed it!

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

AS: Join us again on September 20th!

AR: can you share the participant's list to build some partnerships and networks?