



**Adult Survivors as Movement Leaders: Lessons Learned from the Just Beginnings Collaborative**

**Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, 11 AM-12:30 PM PT/2 PM-3:30 PM ET**

AKJ: Hello everyone! We will get started at the top of the hour.

SZ: Are the slides and any materials available to us?

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TV: For audio over the phone, please call 866-866-2244, passcode 9053509#

TV: Contact Adobe Connect support at <https://helpx.adobe.com/adobe-connect/connect-support.html>

VF: will the PowerPoint be available for download

TV: @Virginia, the slides are available to download at this link: [http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/JBC-Adult-Survivors-as-Movement-Leaders-1-23-2019\\_final.pdf](http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/JBC-Adult-Survivors-as-Movement-Leaders-1-23-2019_final.pdf)

KP: Will we be able to obtain a copy of the power point?

TV: Hi Kim! The slides are available for download here: [http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/JBC-Adult-Survivors-as-Movement-Leaders-1-23-2019\\_final.pdf](http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/JBC-Adult-Survivors-as-Movement-Leaders-1-23-2019_final.pdf)

TV: Welcome recording and background info from Eb. Brown: <http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/recording-20190123-101301.mp3>

TV: Just Beginnings Collaborative: <http://justbeginnings.org/>

KP: Thank you so much

WS: links aren't operable for me during the conf. will they be sent following?

ARM: have problems with de sound

TV: Hi Wendy! You will receive an email when the recording is available, and that will include a link to this information on our website.

EB: SA and DV

ARM: good

TV: Hi Ana! If you send me a private chat message, I can assist you

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WS: thanks Tori

TV: Aishah Shahidah Simmons' full bio: <http://www.lovewithaccountability.com/about-aishah/>

TV: Aishah's Twitter handles: <https://twitter.com/afrolez>, <https://twitter.com/loveaccountably>

TV: NO! The Rape Documentary website: <http://notherapedocumentary.org/>

TV: @Wendy, you're welcome :)

TV: LoveWITHAccountability: <http://www.lovewithaccountability.com/>

MA: marie Abijuru, DV Advocate from Portland, OR

TV: PreventConnect did a 2-part podcast with #SurvivedAndPunished. Find part 1 here: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/06/survivedandpunished-implications-for-prevention-of-sexual-and-domestic-violence/>. Find part 2 here: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/06/survivedandpunished-implications-for-prevention-of-sexual-and-domestic-violence-part-2/>

TV: Text chat question: What does love WITH accountability mean for you?

JA: To acknowledge that it happened

PG: believe

AT: Love with healthy boundaries, love means acknowledging and being accountable for when you messed up/crossed a boundary

MBD: To validate and support, and believe it happened

KP: Love with accountability means, you may love an individual, but still need to be held accountable for their actions. Weather they be positive or negative

JC: holding someone in good will while demanding honesty, transparency and responsibility – accountability

CM: I'm thinking of accountability as coming from love of self, of each other, and of community, and working -together- to create space for healing and growth

AA: To explore the rape and the consequences as much or as little as the survivor needs or wants

VF: unconditional love that gives you a safe place to acknowledged the situation that occurred

AW: being accountable in love while trusting and believing in that person and your relationship

SA: Just because it doesn't hurt doesn't make it okay.

MO: a conundrum. Abuse frequently comes from trauma, but when it traumatizes others then accountability must be made - but that tends to only be for those who have committed criminal actions. Often, those who harm don't want to own their actions-ideally love with accountability would do this

GLN: love that includes space and acknowledgement for pain and struggle. Relationships that are working continuously rather that static and controlled

WS: is your collaborative looking to connect further with survivors/survivors input

GLN: It's what Aishah said - addressing harm doing, but addressing it humanely

GH: Respectful confrontation about the harm and its effects and an invitation to make amends and get whatever personal help is needed for the survivor and harm doer to heal and for the harm doer to refrain from additional abusive acts

AKJ: @Wendy are you referring to Just Beginnings Collaborative or Aishah's work with #LoveWITHAccountability

LMB: not to hold the burden alone, but that others who love me will respect boundaries- especially for those of us who are incest survivors and maintaining our family ties.

NP: being able to meet harm in the same way we meet love

WS: @Ashleigh yes :)

WS: so many good responses. how about loving people where they are and holding them accountable

SA: One cannot love another until they love themselves, their whole self.

NP: @maryohashi yes!!

TI: accountability so others are not abused-coming from a space of caring rather than punitive

WS: #SAME

SC: acknowledging that it is okay to love someone that hurt you while still holding them accountable for their actions

SH: I think it helps us deconstruct the idealization of love (especially family love) as something that is unconditional. As when abuse is present, love often becomes conditional and the harm doers and folks being harmed are suddenly dichotomized and often it's the survivors who are provided conditional love from family members / community.

WS: yes!!!

APNM: working multilingual and engaging in language justice is the way to achieve these multi-racial, multi-cultural multi-lingual dialogue!

TV: Yes, Aishah! It's so important to hold bystanders and systems accountable for preventing and healing from violence, too!

VF: well said thank you

TV: LoveWITHAccountability forum: <http://www.lovewithaccountability.com/forum/>

LMB: family as bystanders is key to ending CSA

JT: I so appreciate the systemic view you are bringing to your project. I also want to add that it is important to hold bystanders accountable and also hear the pain that they feel as they see their family harmed by the abuse.

TV: Sonya Shah's full bio: <https://www.ahimsacollective.net/bios>

VF: will you be sending an email with this presentation and links

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TV: The Ahimsa Collective: <https://www.ahimsacollective.net/>

EB: will we be getting the slides also?

TV: Hi Ester. The slides are available for download here: [http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/JBC-Adult-Survivors-as-Movement-Leaders-1-23-2019\\_final.pdf](http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/JBC-Adult-Survivors-as-Movement-Leaders-1-23-2019_final.pdf). They are available on our website now, and you will also receive a reminder of the link when the recording is available.

WS: thank you for saying that ! so true

TI: Did you talk to people who were abusers but had not been abused themselves?

LMB: This is so true for men- not allowed to ask for help. We need to unpack this in our work

MM: How much overlap did you find between all of these factors?

AKJ: @Maria I will ask

AC: interested in Tasneem question

MM: @Ashleigh - thank you!

LL: I'm not sure I agree with the idea that it was the responsibility of a rape crisis center to assist a perpetrator of sexual assault to not commit more assaults. I don't know that I can accept the idea that THEY were the ones who failed in that circumstance or that a different caregiver on the line would have changed that person's trajectory.

JC: Stop It Now! here in the US is a confidential place where adults can ask for help before they sexually harm a child or to get help to stop the abuse from continuing

AKJ: Thanks @Jenny -- do you have a link where folks can find more info>

LMB: Gail Burns Smith used to say that to end sexual violence we need to work with harm doers/sex offender treatment

JC: <https://stopitnow.org/help-guidance/get-help-now>

FP: Thanks @Jenny

TV: Myths and Facts About Male Sexual Abuse and Assault from 1in6: <https://1in6.org/get-information/myths/#myth-1--boys-cant-be-sexually-abused>

TV: Thank you, Jenny!

JC: thanks for asking Ashleigh!

GLN: I'd be curious to hear more about the harm doer perspective on #5 - what insight did harm doers have on the toxic masculinity parts?

SA: females can be the abusers too. As females can abuse males just the same

AKJ: We also did a web conference on technology strategies to end child sexual exploitation -- encourage you to check it out!

AKJ: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2016/04/technology-strategies-for-ending-child-sexual-exploitation/>

SH: @lynnea, I understand where you're coming from. I think its less about them being fully responsible and more about us learning how to treat people who have done harm with humanity so they can seek a better resource without feeling shame

SH: if that makes sense

JC: Thank you Sonya - Love the statement, "healing and accountability go together"

JC: Tarred and Feathered

JC: by Luke Melone

WS: especially promoting healing without lot of shame

TV: Here is a link to the podcast "Tarred and Feathered" <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/522/tarred-and-feathered>

JC: Monsters don't reach out for help - adults who need help, reach out for help

LMB: Thank you Sonya for reaching deep to share your courageous work

SS: To Sam Anderson: absolutely, there are female abusers too, we just haven't worked with any of them. Thanks for that comment

TV: Text Chat Question: How can learning from survivors and learning from those who have caused harm advance your prevention work?

ARM: healing can be permanent and turn on like life style

TV: Amita Swadhin's full bio: <https://mirrormemoirs.com/about-the-founder/>

SS: To Geoff: many men just said things like women want it even if they say no. Getting pats on the back by uncles and fathers for having sex (even if women don't want to), and as I mentioned entitlement that comes from toxic masculinity. Also I skipped over a slide about the fear of rejection-- being a "man" where rejection is intolerable

TV: Here is a link to a past PreventConnect web conference with

M: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/08/powerinprevention-ending-child-sexual-abuse-survivor-leadership-its-relevance-to-child-sexual-abuse-prevention/>

WS: THANK YOU!!!

TV: Mirror Memoirs: <https://mirrormemoirs.com/>

GLN: @Sonya thank you!

SS: Thank you Lynnea-- totally agree with you. We can't put the entire burden on rape crisis centers. It was just one failure. Thanks for pointing that out

SS: @Geoff, no problem, there's so much more but no time, just email me if you want to talk more, and that goes for anyone else: [sonya@ahimsacollective.net](mailto:sonya@ahimsacollective.net)

SS: Thanks Jenny Coleman also for the resource.

UC: I just want to add to the "toxic masculinity" topic, "toxic" puts men on the defensive when addressing violence against women, abuse, etc. I feel like by going to a term "unhealthy" would be more beneficial in trying to create a real culture shift where we want to create a society free of violence and one if inclusivity.

SS: @Ulises, I totally agree, unhealthy, so much better.

TV: Learn more about Chimamanda Ngozi

A: [https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/11291.Chimamanda\\_Ngozi\\_Adichie](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/11291.Chimamanda_Ngozi_Adichie)

WS: further widening the gap of trust between survivors and service providers

AKJ: @Ulises this makes me think about the work from NSVRC and Berkeley Media Studies around messaging prevention: [https://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications/2018-10/Movingtowardprevention\\_FINAL508.pdf](https://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications/2018-10/Movingtowardprevention_FINAL508.pdf)

UC: @Ashleigh Thank you! I appreciate it!

GLN: thanks for the insight

UC: my pleasure

NB: The culture of professionalization discouraging survivor-centered leadership has been on my mind lately. This is so important, thank you for the work you do!

MO: I would like to echo how important survivor led leadership needs to be. Being trauma informed for clients but abusive to staff is a very common phenomenon in our field unfortunately

NP: what a beautiful photo! <3

ARM: Thank you for this value exposition

WS: yes

WS: I'm on the other side trying to figure it out... both world

TV: For more information on Mirror Memoirs, check out their website at <https://mirrormemoirs.com/>

VF: wow all! The presenters were awesome and full of information.

LMB: Amita thanks for centering survivor leadership beyond policy days

AKJ: @virginia Agreed!

AKJ: Wendy feel free to put your question here and we will get it answered either here or offline

WS: what advice or encouragement can you offer survivors when encountering adversity

WS: particularly with aforementioned org issues

SS: @ wendy, something that really helps me is to not do it alone. Or always have my people who have my back that I can call available

WS: thank you, Sonya :)

RPP: engaging in creative activities

SS: to not think that we have to go it alone, that there are people out there that has your back and believe you and support you in your leadership

TV: Register here for our next PreventConnect web conference with Just Beginnings

Collaborative: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2019/01/mobilizing-and-organizing-communities-to-end-child-sexual-abuse-lessons-learned-from-the-just-beginnings-collaborative/>

WS: the treatment as a client when external is difficult

JC: Thank you so much!

SS: thank you Wendy

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RPP: And to find ways to laugh.

NP: I would love to have more information about how to center LGBTQI and POC survivors in a rural area with VERY VERY limited diversity (both in thought and in demographics)

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ARM: thanks

LMB: coalitions/orgs might want to consider offering wellness benefits to help cover survivor activists' support