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Mobilizing and Organizing Communities to End Child Sexual Abuse

Lessons from the Just Beginnings Collaborative



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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





Mobilizing & Organizing Communities to End Child Sexual Abuse: Lessons Learned from the Just Beginnings Collaborative

January 30th, 2019

11am-12:30pm PT; 2pm-3:30 pm ET

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Meet the PreventConnect team



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Objectives

- Describe community mobilizing and organizing
- Apply key tenants of community mobilizing and organizing to social norms change
- Engage in discussion about how to incorporate community mobilizing and organizing into your own child sexual abuse prevention work

Community Organizing and Mobilizing



Our guests



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They/Them
The HEAL Project



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Strategic Goals

- Strengthen the capacity of leaders and organizations working to end child sexual abuse
- Create a community of funders committed to the long-term sustainability of this work
- Develop social change campaigns specific to this issue

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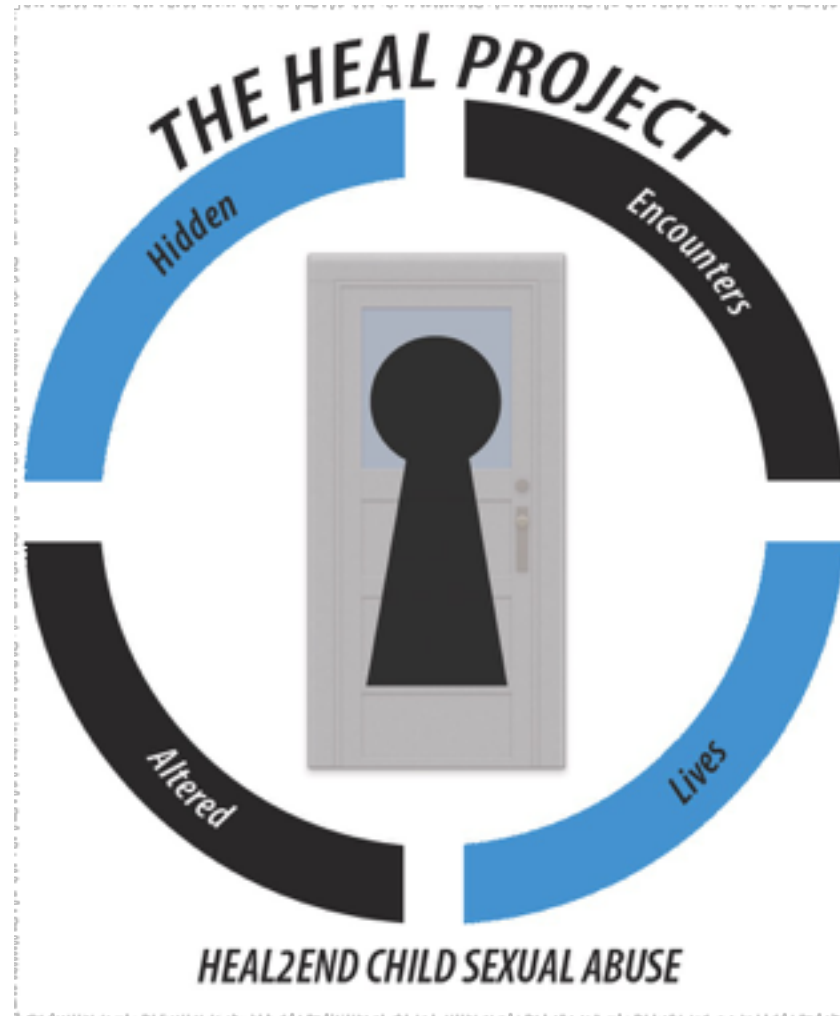


About our guest



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Heal2End CSA



<https://www.igrivera.com/>

Heal2EndCSA

- The HEAL Project: (Hidden Encounters Altered Lives) is a project that aims to prevent and end CSA by making visible the hidden tools used to guilt, shame, coerce and inflict violence onto children.

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The HEAL Toolkit



The HEAL Project

- The HEAL Project works towards culturally shifting how we communicate with children and young people about sex(uality) as a (child sexual abuse) prevention tool.
- The project's platform, is that Holistic Sexuality Information is a major tool in preventing, interrupting and healing from child sexual abuse.

Text Chat Question

What does holistic sexuality have to do with child sexual abuse prevention?

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Prevention

- Learn the facts
- Minimize opportunities
- Talk about it
- Recognize signs
- React responsibly

Other “prevention” efforts

- Identifying and tracking sex offenders
- Chemical castration
- Encouraged children to speak up about abuse
- Recognize and respond to inappropriate behaviors

What's missing??

Power



Power

- Power of the harm-doer
- Power of the Parent/adult/caregiver
- Power of child/young person

Sex

- Limited sex talk
- Many parents/adults have little skill, and/or experience fear

Why is talking about sex
important for prevention?

Why is talking about sex important for prevention?

Sex is often eliminated from the conversation of CSA

It's the thing we don't want to teach kids about

What we shame people about

What we struggle to understand as survivors

Sex is the common denominator



Holistic Sexuality

Holistic Sexuality is the belief that the physical act of sex is but one part of human sexuality. The ever-expanding whole of sexuality is interactive. Our ideas, experiences, identities, acts and feelings can stand, shift and flow. Sexual development, sexual health, reproductive health, interpersonal relationships, affection, understanding of power, intimacy, body image, abstinence, gender identity, understanding emotions, accountability, sexual orientation, communication, an understanding of sexuality historically and broader ideas of relationship configurations, are but some parts of holistic sexuality.



Holistic Sexuality

Holistic Sexuality information (HSI) is what we give to our children to prepare them for their journey's. It is a lifelong (ideological, internal, interpersonal and institutional) process of acquiring information and forming attitudes, beliefs, and values

What do you think?

- Caregivers:
 - What triggered the 1st talk? What topics did you avoid? If you haven't talked about it, why?
- Youth:
 - What do you want to talk about/learn?
- Children:
 - Can you name your body parts?

Ignacio's Intentional
Human Sexuality Model©
IRHSM©

Encouraged by:

- Historically how one learns about sex
- The backlash associated with sexual taboos
- The ideology that there are those entitled/not entitled to have sex/be sexual or have intimacy



I2HSM©

- Celebrates open communication
- Relationship building
- Teaching model for both adult and child
- Incorporates power and oppression
- Discourages secrecy

I2HSM©

- Incorporates Sexual orientation including asexuality
- Discusses Trans, cis, intersex identities
- Goes beyond monogamy
- Lifelong journey

Think of this process
as if you were a
Mama bird—

“Feeding”



The process is about:

- Holistic Sexuality Information as a lifeskill
- Children having more power through knowledge
- Navigating the power of parents/guardians
- Eliminating the power of secrecy used by harm-doers
- And so much more...

Given this information...

- What feels easier or more manageable?
- What do you want more of?

The HEAL Project

- IGRivera.com
 - Take the Caregiver Survey
 - Submit to the Toolkit
- Social Media
 - Instagram: BlkBrownRed
 - Facebook: Ignacio G. (Hutía Xeiti) Rivera

Text Chat Question

How can you engage adults in your communities to use their power and knowledge to prevent child sexual abuse?

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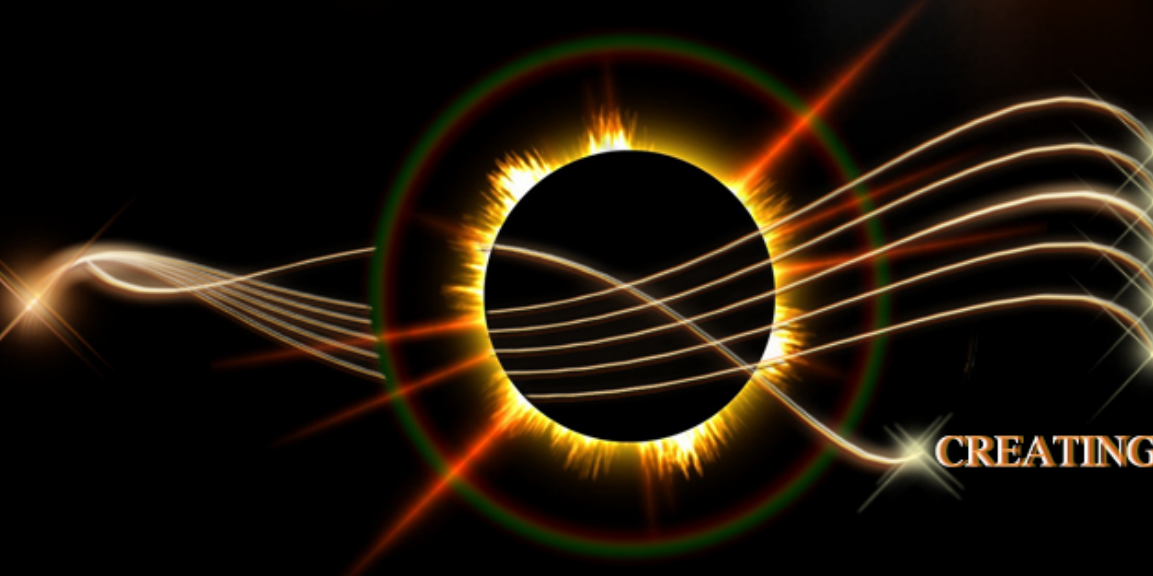
Building Leaders to Keep Children Safe in Communities of Color Using Indigenous Circle Process

- Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition
 - A Just Beginnings Collaborative Organization
 - <http://visioningbear.org/>

Circle Process

- Democratic
- Non-hierarchical
- Listening
- Healing
- Transformative
- Re-indigenizing
- Way of life

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FAIRNESS
EQUALITY
COOPERATION
CONTRIBUTION
COLLABORATION

CREATING LEADERS



It's All About Relationships



**Musica Franklin after school program Leyden
Woods, Greenfield, MA**

Walking in Balance

- Peace and Justice: true democracy, environmental justice, economic justice and gender equity
- Compassion
- Generosity
- Wisdom
- Courage
- Respect
- Sacredness/prayer/vision quest/reverence/faith
- Humility
- Empathy
- Balance
- Connection to the land
- Gratitude

Community Circles to Promote Children's Safety

- Training Youth Leaders in Circle Process
- Community Circles to address drug abuse, presence of gangs, school suspensions
- Circle to address conflicts between residents and to address incidents of harm
- Youth and caregiver community garden plots
- Community leaders involved in curriculum development of prevention curriculum



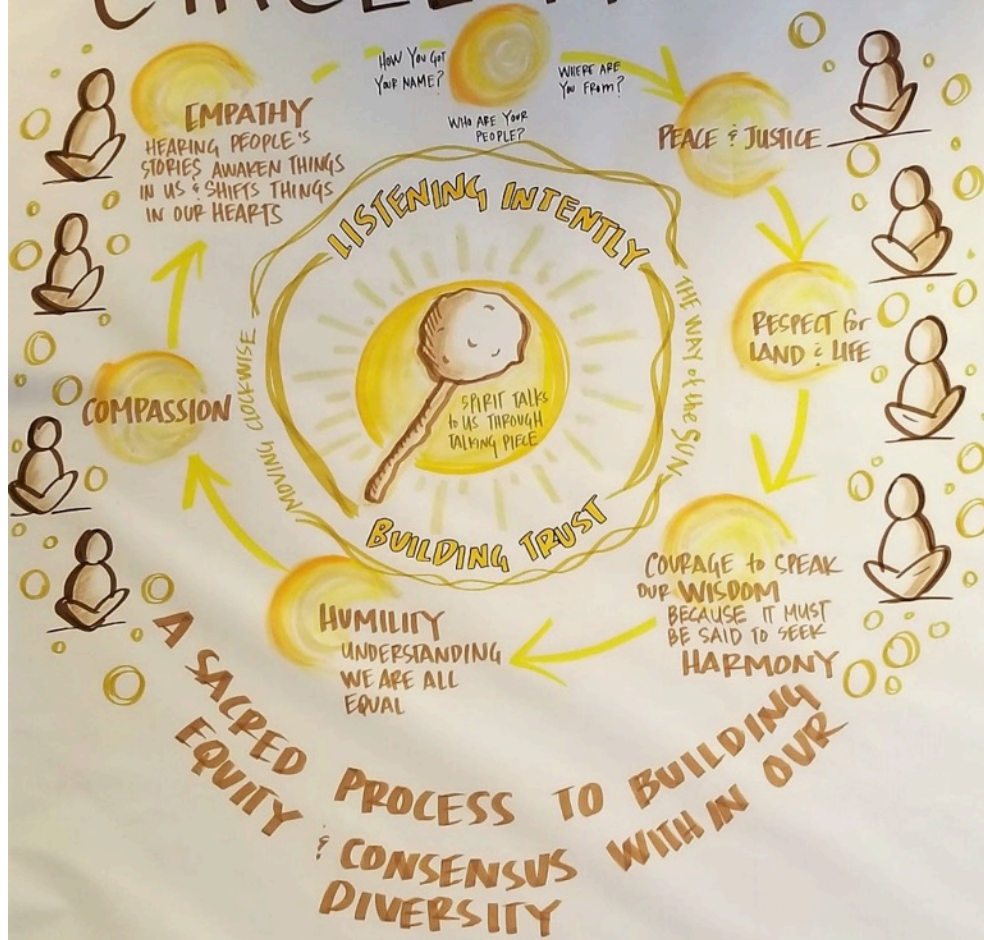
Barriers to Community Circles

- Confidentiality concerns when everybody knows everybody
- Fear of Retaliation
- Commitment to accountability
- Loss of housing
- Loss of Children

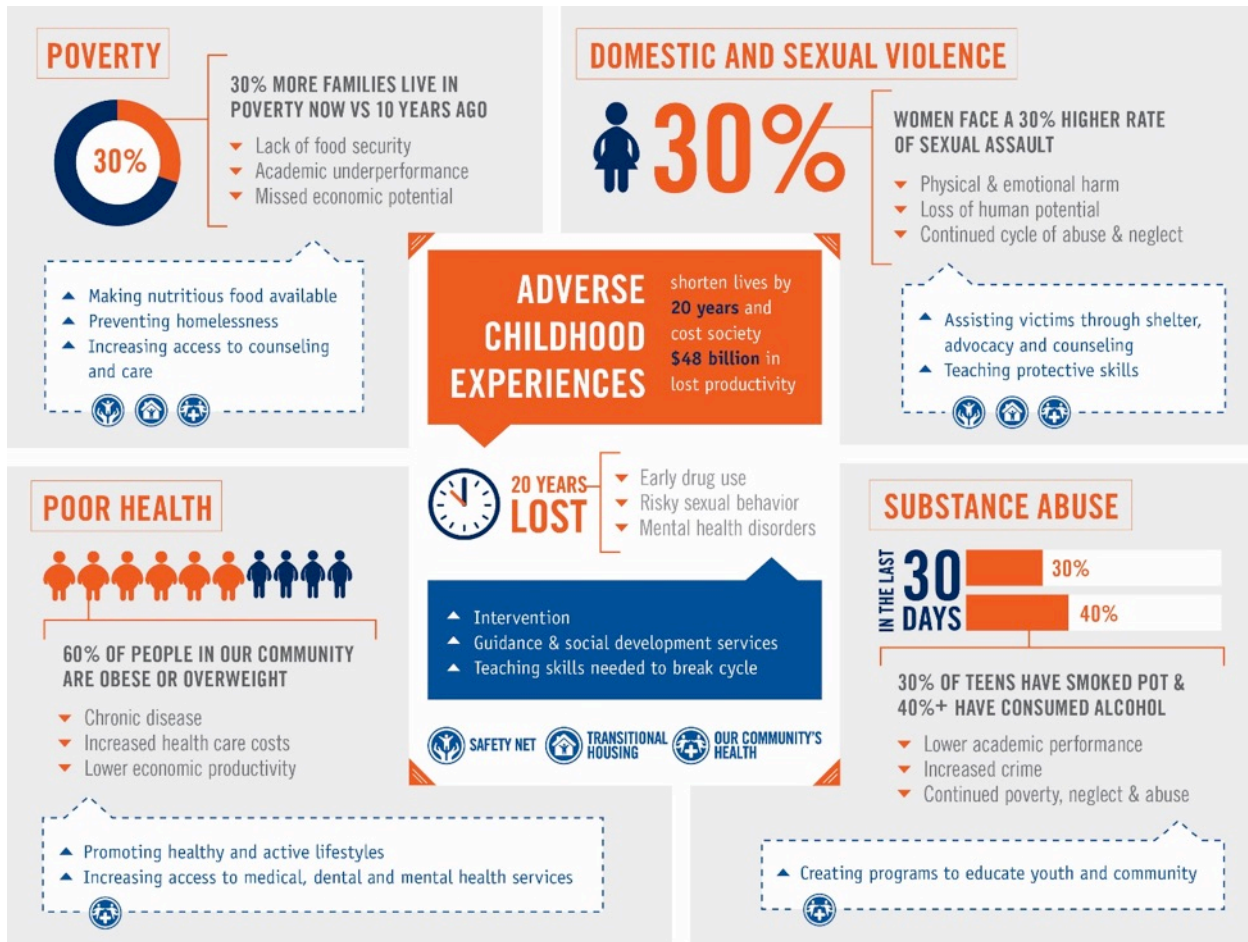
Strengths of Community Circles

- Adults are responsible and empowered to keep children safe
- Youth are trained to lead circles and make their safety needs known
- Community members develop means to resolve community disputes
- More members of the community are being trained in circle process
- Strong evaluation tools that document behavior change

CIRCLE PRACTICE



How do we do prevent childhood sexual assault beyond working 9 to 5? How do we link our work with other community groups?



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How do you take your work beyond your office and/or a 9-5 work schedule?

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LIDERES CAMPESINAS (FARMWORKER WOMEN LEADERS)

MOBILIZNG AND ORGANIZING TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE



Dave Getzschman for Earthjustice

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Lideres Campesinas was
born in the Coachella Valley
over 30 years ago



Source: MyDesert .com
Keeping Workers Safe Sep 3, 2012

Lideres Campesinas Statewide network of at least 250 farmworker women and girls



Mexican Indigenous Farmworker Women



Líderes Campesinas Chapters

- Coachella Valley
- Madera County
- Huron/Fresno
- Ventura County
- Sonoma County
- Greenfield/Soledad
- Kern County
- North Santa Barbara
- Merced County
- Salinas Valley



Our Mission

Líderes Campesinas' Mission is to strengthen the leadership of farmworker women to be agents of social, economic and political change to ensure their human rights.



Líderes Campesinas

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Harassment
- Sexual Assault
- Wage Theft
- Unequal Pay
- Discrimination
- Pesticide Exposure
- Several Chronic Health Conditions



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Líderes Campesinas

- Limited Access to information
- Limited access to healthcare
- Limited access to public transportation, affordable housing, or fresh organic food
- Limited access to childcare
- Limited access to decision making tables such as boards and commissions



Photo by David Bacon
Courtesy of Farmworker Justice

Líderes Campesinas



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- Internalized Oppression
- Racism
- Classism
- Discrimination
- Power Dynamics
- Myths
- Taboos
- Retaliation
- Trauma

How we live our Mission

- Leadership Development
- Community Outreach and Education
- Direct Services
- Technical Assistance
- Community Organizing
- Civic Engagement



Culture and Traditions

- Diversity: Food, Language, Social
- Civic and Cultural Events
- Various Artistic Expressions



Theatre Skits





Art Exhibits



Bandanas, Aprons and Sacks

Brochures and Fotonovelas

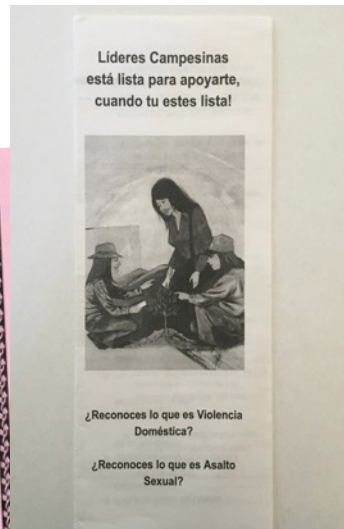
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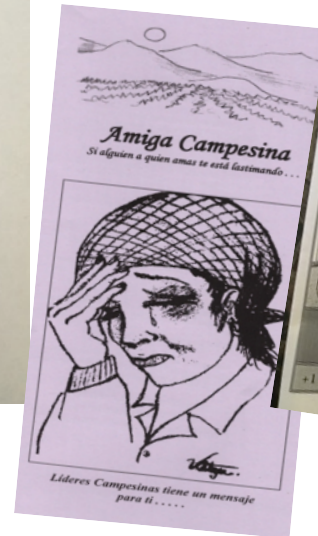
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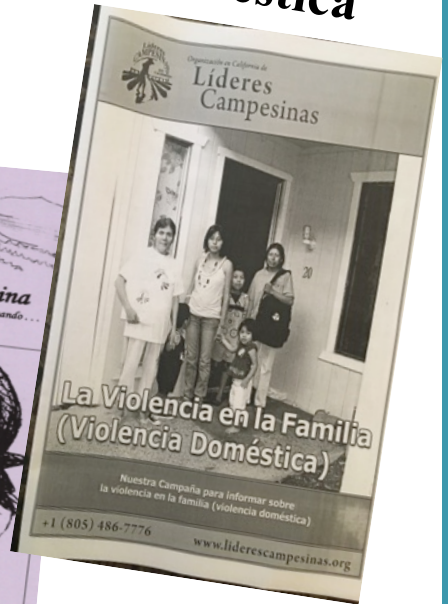
Victim Advocates



Violencia Domestica



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Brochures and Fotonovelas



Labor Law



Gender Discrimination



Wage Theft

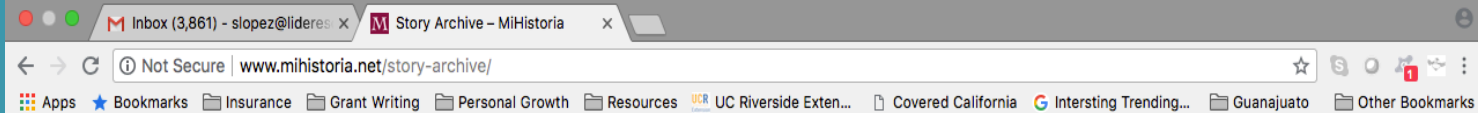
Heat Stress

Health and Safety in the Workplace

Pesticide Exposure



Storytellers

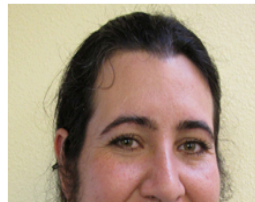
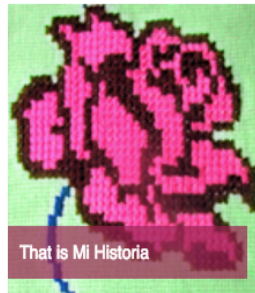
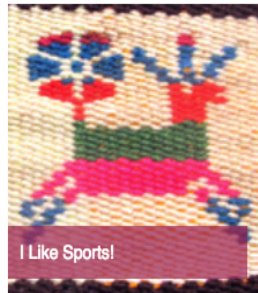


Story Archive

A living archive of Latina/Chicana/Hispana/Indigena Stories

New special collection: *Hermosas Hermanas: Celebrating Stories of Farmworker Women*

Filter: **All** Belonging Choice Community Dreams Empowerment Family Growth Identity
Inspiration Journeys Líderes Campesinas Loss Love Mourning Other Play Renewal Resiliency
Tribute



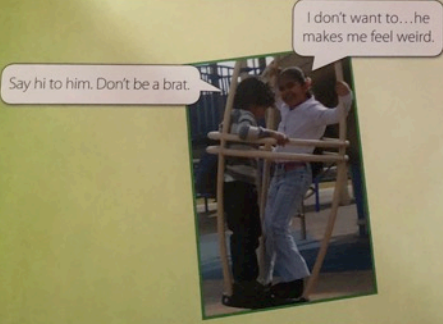
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Art and Community Organizing



Cultivating a happy, healthy and safe family!



Pay attention to the signs!

If you notices changes in your son's or daughter's behavior or mood or bathroom habits or if they lose interest in activities they normally enjoy, talk with your child. Ask questions, and observe for the cause of these changes. Creating a bond of trust is absolutely essential.

Remember that the abuser can be a man, woman, or other young person and that victims can be boys or girls. The abuser is normally someone the child knows.

To receive help or more information

MESA
Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault (MESA)
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• mesa@ydae.purdue.edu

Lideres Campesinas
• 805-486-7776

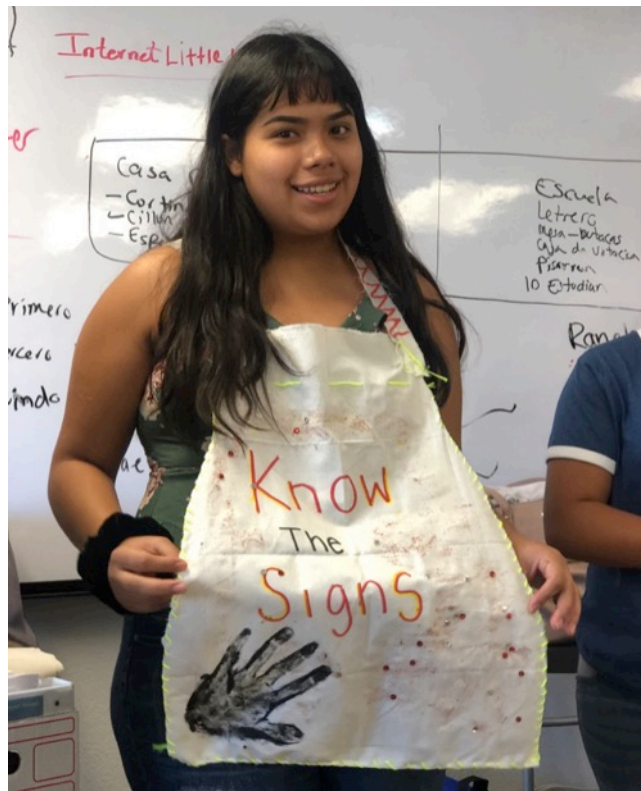
Childhelp
• 800-422-4453

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Storytellers



Youth Organizing for their Safety



Youth Organizing for their Safety



Resource

Lideres Campesinas

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[https://www.youtube.com/results?
search_query=lideres+campesinas](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=lideres+campesinas)



Text Chat Question

What are some ways you can support community organizing and mobilizing that allows people to show up as their whole selves?

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Resources

- From Strong Oak:
 - Community Accountability and Transformative Justice for Survivors:
<http://shamelessmag.com/blog/entry/community-accountability-and-transformative-justice-for-survivors>
 - Guiding Principles for Healing Circles and Principles of Consultation:
<https://www.fwii.net/profiles/blogs/guidelines-for-talking-healing-and-sharing-circles-and-principles>
 - Mi'Kmaq Spirituality – Talking Circles:
<http://www.muiniskw.org/pgCulture2c.htm>
 - The Talking and Healing Circle:
<http://www.dancingtoeaglespiritsociety.org/circles.php>
- From Ignacio
 - <https://www.igrivera.com/resources.html>

Recordings of rest of JBC web conference series

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Changing Culture to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Wednesday, January 9, 2019
11:00AM PT | 2:00PM ET

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<http://www.preventconnect.org/2018/12/changing-the-culture-of-schools-churches-and-communities-to-prevent-child-sexual-abuse-lessons-learned-from-the-just-beginnings-collaborative/>

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Adult Survivors as Movement Leaders

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
11:00AM PT | 2:00PM ET

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<http://www.preventconnect.org/2018/12/adult-survivors-as-movement-leaders-lessons-learned-from-the-just-beginnings-collaborative/>



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