WEB CONFERENCE

Mobilizing and Organizing Communities to End Child Sexual Abuse
Lessons from the Just Beginnings Collaborative
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PreventConnect

- 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

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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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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
About our guest

Ignacio G. Hutía Xeiti Rivera,
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Founder and Director, The HEAL Project
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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PreventConnect
Ignacio is now offering (RE)NUDE SEXUALITY COACHING

Sexual Healing for Survivors of CSA & Trauma

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The HEAL Toolkit
Caregiver Survey
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.
What does holistic sexuality have to do with child sexual abuse prevention?
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?
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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 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®
I2HSM©
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
• 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
How can you engage adults in your communities to use their power and knowledge to prevent child sexual abuse?
About our guest

Strong Oak Lefebvre,
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Executive Director, Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition
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
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

LISTENING INTENTLY

Building Trust

A Sacred Equity Process to Building Consensus Within Our Diversity

Empathy - Hearing people's stories, aware of things in us and shifts things in our hearts

Compassion - Peacemaking, talking to each other, talking to the people

Humility - Understanding we are all equal

Courage to Speak Our Wisdom Because It Must Be Said to Seek Harmony

Peace & Justice - A place of strength, a place of courage, a place of respect for land & life

How you go by your name?

How are you formed?

Where are you from?
How do we do prevent childhood sexual assault beyond working 9 to 5? How do we link our work with other community groups?
How do you take your work beyond your office and/or a 9-5 work schedule?
About our guest

Suguet Lopez,
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Executive Director, Líderes Campesinas
LIDERES CAMPESINAS  
(FARMWORKER WOMEN LEADERS)  

MOBILIZNG AND ORGANIZING  
TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE  

PreventConnect  
January 30th, 2019
Lideres Campesinas was born in the Coachella Valley over 30 years ago.
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

Dave Getzschman for Earthjustice
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
Líderes Campesinas

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

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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

Sexual Harassment

Victim Advocates

Violencia Domestica

Asalto Sexual

Violencia Domestica
Brochures and Fotonovelas

- Labor Law
- Gender Discrimination
- Wage Theft
- Health and Safety in the Workplace
- Heat Stress
- Pesticide Exposure

PreventConnect
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
- Resilience
- Tribute

I Like Sports!
That is Mi Historia
Fighting and Learning

Storytellers
Art and Community Organizing
Youth Organizing for their Safety
Youth Organizing for their Safety
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What are some ways you can support community organizing and mobilizing that allows people to show up as their whole selves?
Q&A

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Resources

• From Strong Oak:
  – Mi’Kmaw Spirituality – Talking Circles: http://www.muiniskw.org/pgCulture2c.htm

• From Ignacio
  – https://www.igrivera.com/resources.html
Recordings of rest of JBC web conference series

