Welcome, this web conference will begin soon

Let’s Connect

Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention During a Pandemic

Tuesday, April 7th
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How to use Zoom

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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 and oppression
- Connect to other prevention practitioners
Consent is a skill
you get better as you practice
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Objectives

- Describe challenges and opportunities for advancing sexual and intimate partner violence prevention during the coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic
- Identify ways to stay connected to the field remotely
- Discuss implications for community- and societal-level prevention
Lessons from the past - 1989 San Francisco Earthquake
What are you doing to take care of yourselves?

Text Chat Question
Meet Our Guests

Alejandra Aguilar
Statewide Prevention Specialist, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
pronouns: She/her/hers

Sarah Orton
Project Coordinator, California Coalition Against Sexual Assault
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This moment in time calls upon us to purposefully restore humanity for all. When we work together, care for ourselves and each other, and stay connected to the core values that guide us, social transformation is possible.

- Arlene Vassell, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

https://vawnet.org/news/redefining-we-building-beloved-communities
What are you doing to take care of your communities?

Text Chat Question
Let's Connect: Tell Us About What's Happening With Prevention During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Challenges

- Supporting survivors
- In-school programming
- In-person SAAM events cancelled
- Community's focus is elsewhere
- What works online and what doesn't?
Opportunities

- Virtual engagement
- Time to research, plan, expand knowledge
- New partnerships and collaborations
- Make connections to system issues, health disparities, inequities
Resources for COVID-19 Response from NSVRC

- Sexual Assault/Child Sexual Assault
- Domestic Violence
- Disability Community
- Workplace
- Racial Justice and Equity
- Economic Justice
- Housing/Homelessness
- Self-Care for Survivors
What does it mean to be a preventionist right now?
What are the needs?
What challenges do you see in continuing prevention efforts in your communities?

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What are the needs?

Where do we go from here?
How are you continuing or adapting prevention efforts during COVID-19?

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Everyone's health, safety, and wellbeing are dependent on the health, safety, and wellbeing of others. When we protect those who are most vulnerable, we protect our society as a whole.

–Prevention Institute Strategic Framework

https://us17.campaign-archive.com/?u=5f4bf5a36bd9f72789255d49a&id=e70e4d7b22
System Connections

- Economic and food security
- Access to healthcare and other social safety nets
- Safe, stable housing
- Access to paid leave and sick time

Societal-level prevention strategies that are impacting the current COVID-19 pandemic
Who is left out? Who is most impacted?

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- Societal-level prevention strategies that are impacting the current COVID-19 pandemic

- Farmworkers
- Women and female-identified folks
- Black folks and People of Color
- Low-income/Low-wage/gig workers
- Caregivers and healthcare workers
- Undocumented folks
- People with disabilities
- People in abusive households
- Asian folks
- LGBTQ+ folks
- Domestic workers
- People who are incarcerated/in detention

- And so many more
How can you deepen your commitment and efforts to addressing root causes of violence and systems of oppression in your prevention work?

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What can we do now?
Moving forward with prevention
Links Between Pandemics and Violence Against Women and Children

Economic insecurity and poverty-related stress

Quarantines and social isolation

Disaster and conflict-related unrest and instability

Exposure to exploitative relationships

Reduced health service availability and first responders

Inability to leave abusive relationships/households

Virus-specific sources of violence

Exposure to violence and coercion in response efforts

Violence against healthcare workers
Protective Factors - Social Connectedness and Community Cohesion

Astoria organizers assist neighbors in need during COVID crisis
March 16, 2020

COVID-19 pandemic prompts Berkeley neighbors to help one another

U.S. veterans volunteer to patrol SF Chinatown amid coronavirus-related racism
“It’s just a lot of these incidents don’t get reported, they don’t make the news,” the founder said.

Nextdoor adds Help Maps and Groups to connect neighbors during the coronavirus outbreak
Sarah Perez @sarahrstampa / 12:31 pm PDT • March 19, 2020

In the time of coronavirus, some younger people are reaching out to help seniors. Photo: Veronika Vellerly/Creative Commons
Engaging Adults to Prevent Violence in the Home
Build Relationships and Coalitions
Make a plan and show connections
Self- and community-care

"Thriving, healing and hurting can all happen simultaneously."

– Arlene Vassell, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

"We're all actually experts in our own well-being, so what people have done before in the past can help them now."

– Aiysha Malik, World Health Organization

COVID-19 Mutual Aid Fund for LGBTQI+ BIPOC Folks

“Amera has been helping others while coping with the stress of the pandemic. We need her help and donations can help support her efforts.”

– Jennifer, Donor
What opportunities for prevention exist now?

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“Right now, we are all aware of our impact on others, our community and world, but this is a power we always have against the hurtful behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs that make abuse and violence possible. I want folks to know that they always have power to create the world they want to live in :)

--Monica Reyna, The Advocates
Prevention Activities While Physically Distanced

- Blog: “Get Engaged Online in Sexual Assault Awareness Month”
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