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Sexual Violence Prevention during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Adapting in an Ever-Changing Landscape

Workshop Five: Advancing and Connecting Racial Justice and Sexual Violence Prevention During the COVID-19 Pandemic



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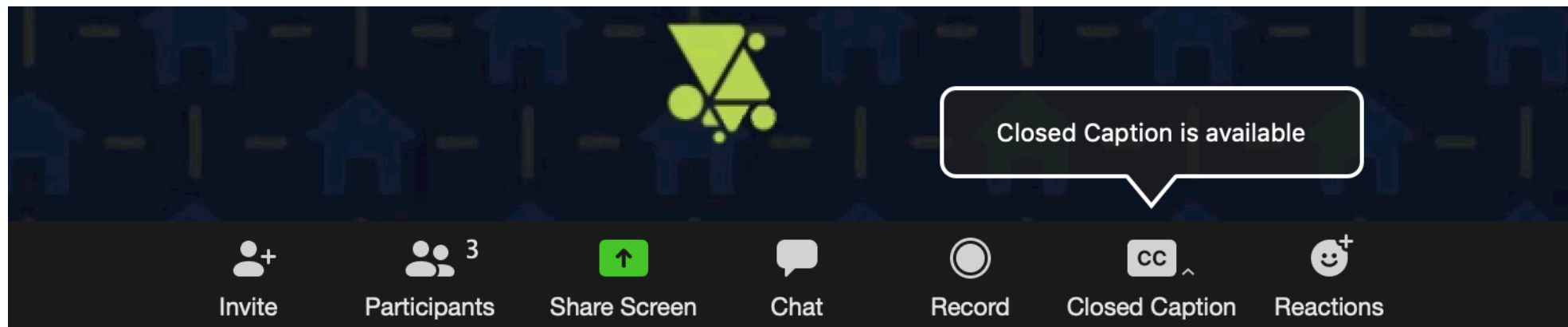
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Objectives

- ▶ Describe the connections between racial justice and sexual violence prevention
- ▶ Identify how strategies and policies against anti-Black racism are also sexual violence prevention
- ▶ Discuss opportunities and accountability for mainstream organizations to ground their sexual violence prevention in equity and racial justice

Dual Pandemics

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How much does your
sexual violence
prevention work integrate
with and include racial
justice?

Text Chat Question



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Meet Our Guests



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What are the connections between racial justice and sexual violence prevention in action?

Girls for Gender Equity



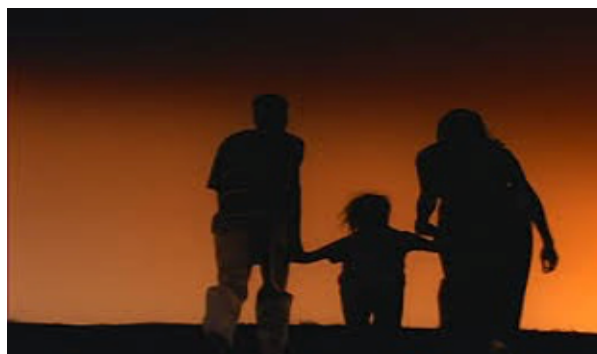


Give voice to Black Women & Girls

What We Do

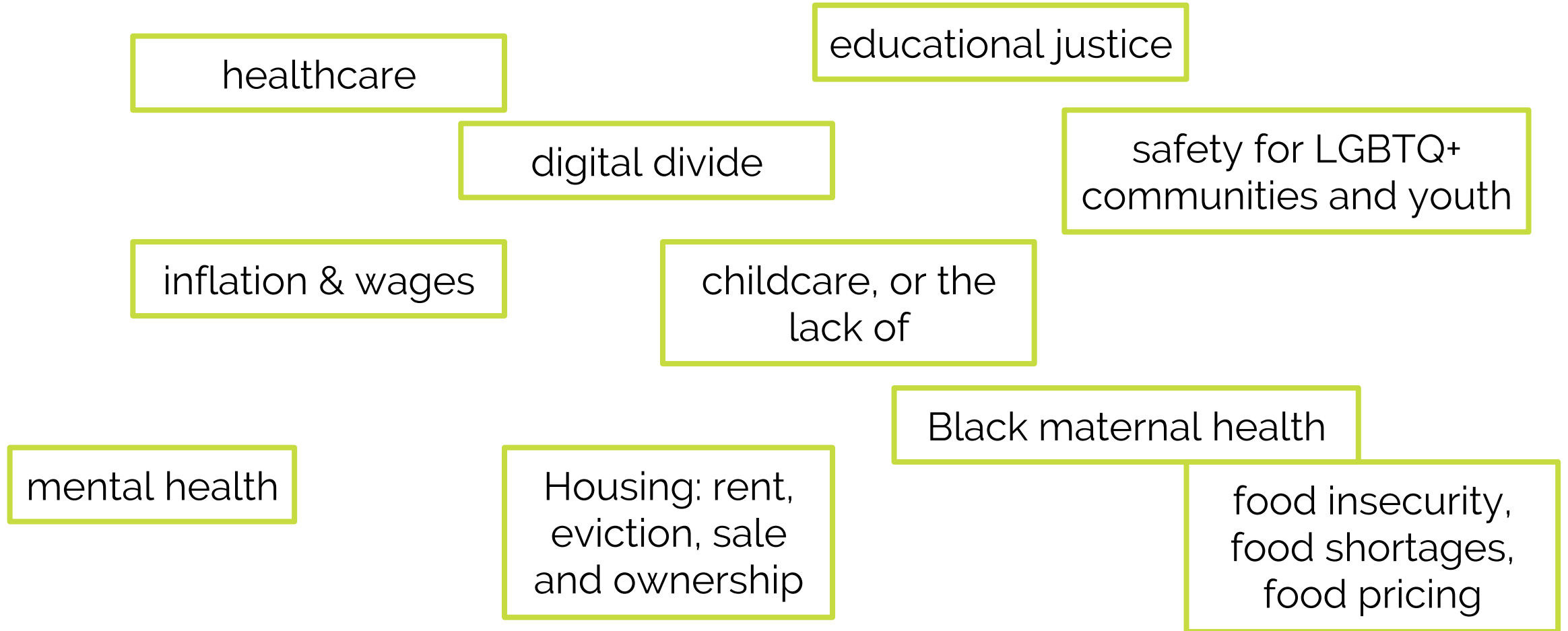


We provide a supportive community to Black Women and Girls



We engage Women, Men & Children

Racial Justice IS Sexual Violence Prevention

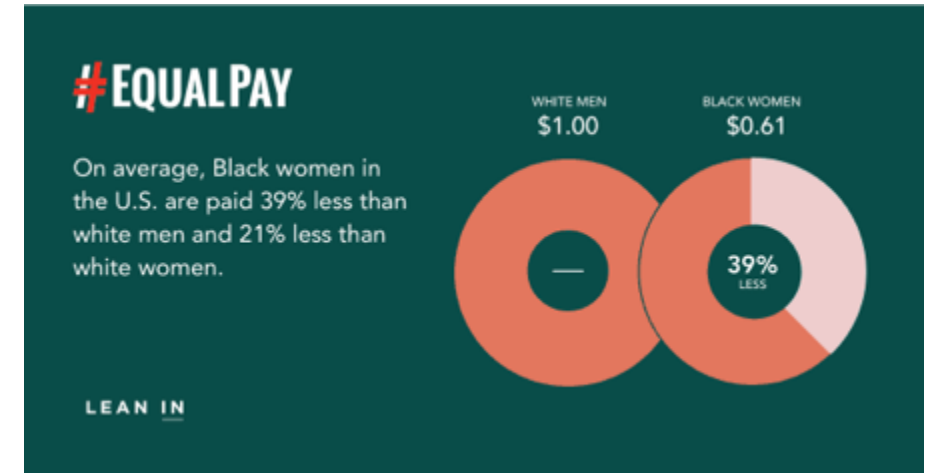


How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected efforts to advance racial justice and sexual violence prevention?

Why economic security?

More than **80 percent** of Black mothers are key breadwinners for their families, which means their households rely heavily on their wages to make ends meet and get ahead

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/women/reports/2019/05/10/469739/breadwinning-mothers-continue-u-s-norm/>



Changing Contexts and Questions

Who is considered an
“essential worker?”

People are working
differently, how will the
economy respond?

Who and where is child care? If
adults are not present, are older
children and teens shouldering this
responsibility?

Who has access?
Who is left out in the
digital divide?

What are the impacts
on mental health?

What is needed for you to
integrate/ground/elevate
racial justice in your
sexual violence
prevention work?

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What actions can mainstream sexual violence organizations take to advance racial justice?

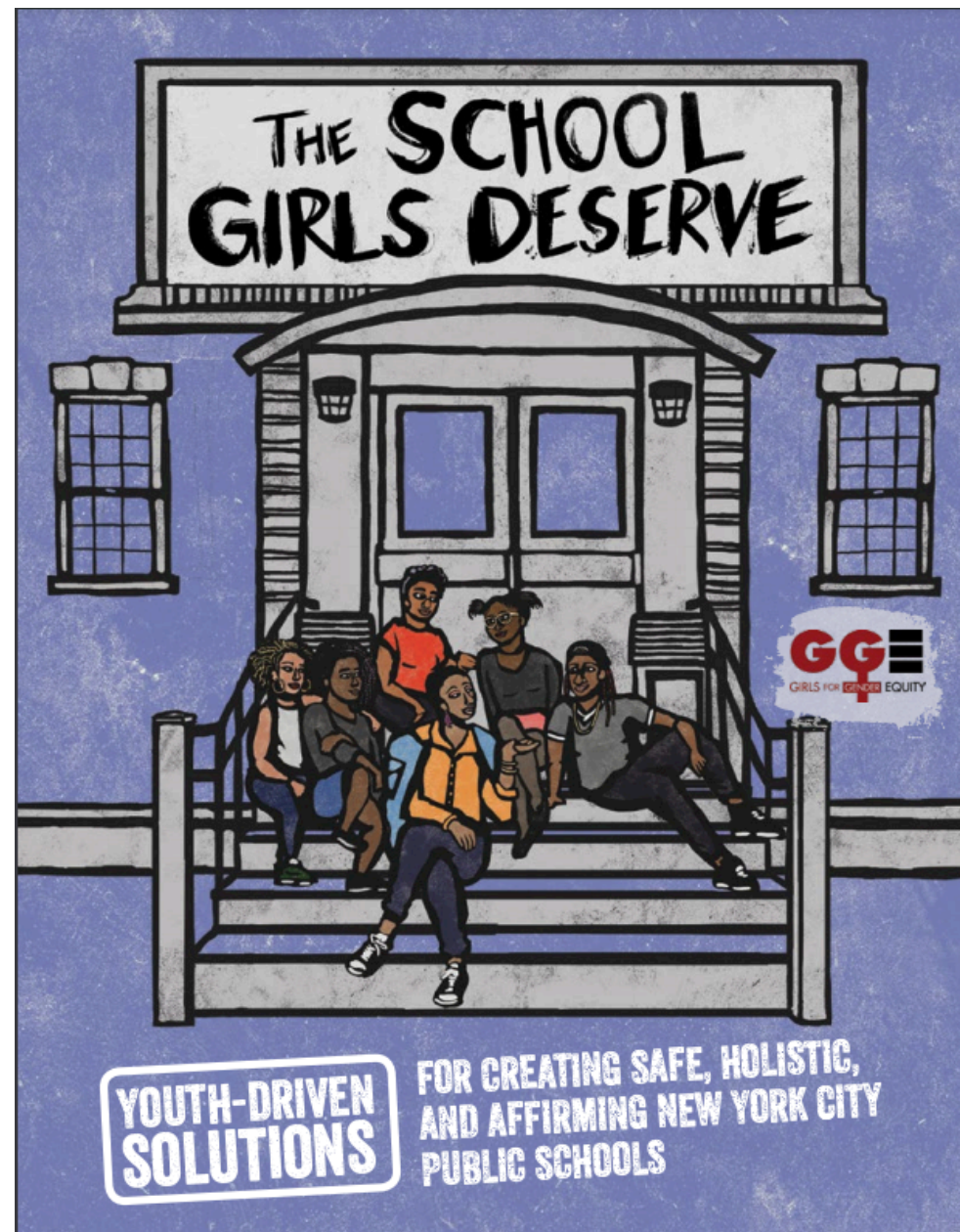
The Black Girl Bill of Rights by Girls for Gender Equity

Every Black girl deserves:

- ▶ The right to education and information about African and Black history and her story.
- ▶ The right to express her Blackness however she defines it without judgment.
- ▶ The right to be safe and have our physical, emotional, and mental health honored, protected and nurtured.
- ▶ The right to real sex education, contraception, tampons, and pads.
- ▶ The right to agency and control over our own bodies in every space.
- ▶ The right to justice and reparations in response to harm and sexual assault and when police officers murder people of color.
- ▶ The right to play and fun.
- ▶ The right to community, sisterhood, and support from other girls.
- ▶ The right to BE—exactly who she is, free from stereotypes and insecurity, her full unique self.


Solutions without Criminalization

https://www.ggenyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GGE_school_girls_deserveDRAFT6FINALWEB.pdf



100 Schools Toolkit

<https://nwlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/100-school-districts-1.12.21-vF.pdf>





100 SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

A CALL TO ACTION
for School Districts
Across the Country
to Address Sexual
Harassment Through
Inclusive Policies
and Practices.

BACKGROUND
**TOO MANY STUDENTS SUFFER
SEXUAL HARASSMENT.**

Schools are often the first places where people experience sexual harassment. Sexual harassment includes a wide variety of conduct—e.g., sexual slurs, sexual “jokes,” “catcalling,” sexual rumors, sending or requesting sexual images or videos, forced kissing, groping, rape or other forms of sexual violence. In PK-12 schools, sexual harassment of students can occur during class, in the hallways, during school trips, in private homes, or online.

In any given school year, 56 percent of girls in grades 7-12, 40 percent of boys in grades 7-12,¹ and 57 percent of LGBTQ youth ages 13-21 are sexually harassed.² Among girls ages 14 to 18, one in five have been kissed or touched without their consent,³ including more than one in three LGBTQ girls⁴ and more than half of all pregnant or parenting girls⁵ and girls with disabilities.⁶ Further, one in 16 girls ages 14-18 have been raped, including one in 10 Black and Native girls and one in seven LGBTQ girls.⁷

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Policy Examples



<http://www.preventconnect.org/2020/04/preventing-violence-in-our-homes-meeting-this-moment-with-connection-care-and-justice/>



<http://www.preventconnect.org/2020/07/messaging-the-connections-explaining-the-links-between-strengthening-economic-supports-and-preventing-sexual-and-intimate-partner-violence/>

Title IX & HBCUs

HBCU Culture

LISTENING SESSIONS

July 7, 8, 13, 14, & 28th

We want to hear from you! Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community and the National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault are hosting listening sessions to get your feedback on preventing domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault on HBCU campuses. We are seeking campus staff/admin/students that are involved in responding to these issues and planning prevention efforts on campus. Your input is needed to help us gather ideas for culturally relevant activities, materials, and resources.

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or for more information: hbcu@ujimacommunity.org

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3jf8N19>



Staff reflects the community you serve



Which of the actions
discussed can you and
your organization take?

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What are the future directions and hopes for our work to prevent sexual violence and advance racial justice?

Future directions are what people have been calling for for awhile

leadership

listening

advancing and FUNDING BIPOC-led and BIPOC-specific organizations (not just specific intervention- or project-based funding, but general operating support)

interventions rooted in value

more and more recent culturally-specific research

let people tell you what they need, not telling people what they need

accountability WITHOUT punishment for survivors and those who have caused harm

What questions do you
have for our guests?

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Q&A



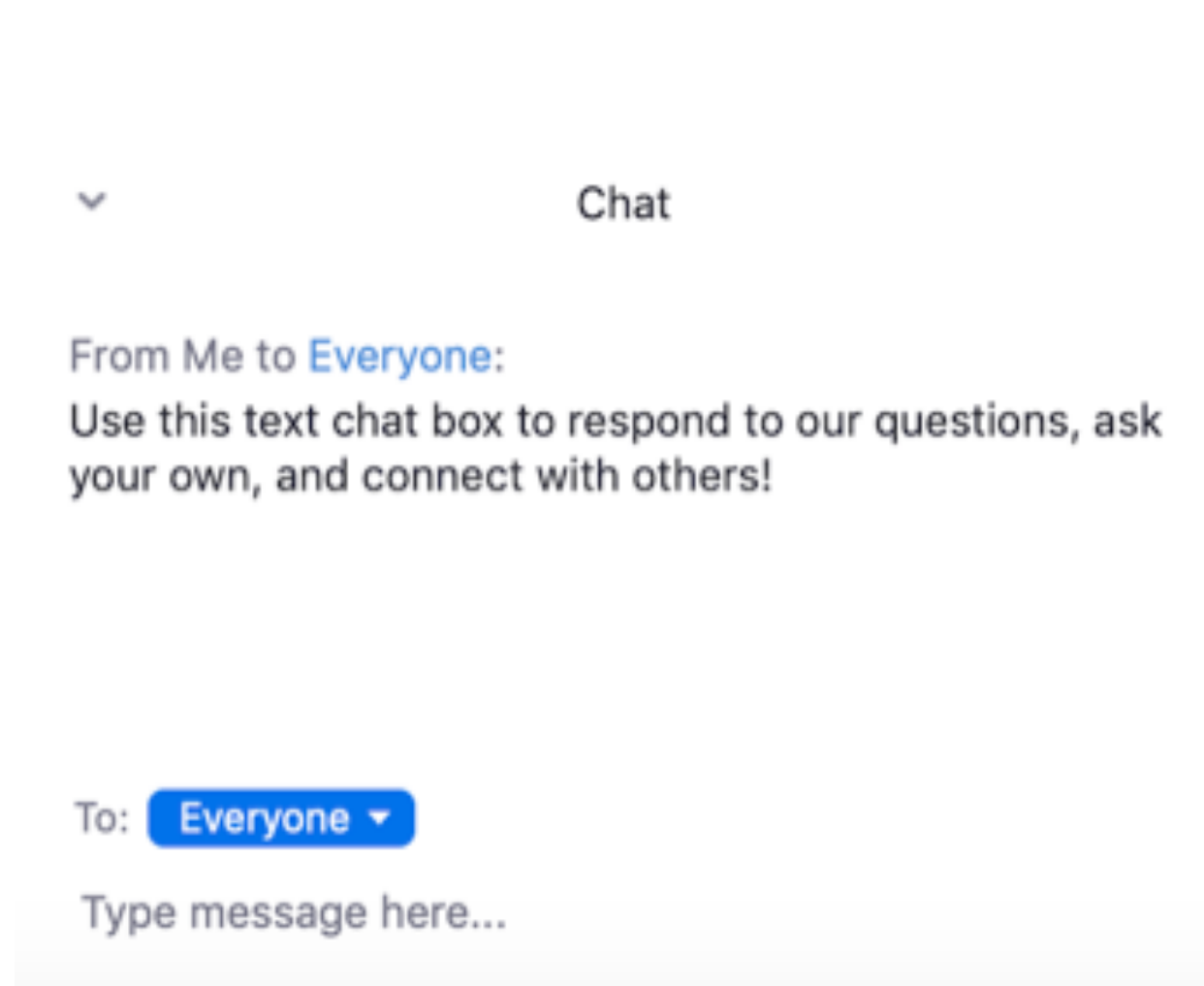
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How will you shift your work to prevent sexual violence and advance racial justice and equity after attending this web conference?

Text Chat Question



Other resources

- ▶ <https://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/we-cant-end-sexual-violence-without-ending-racism>
- ▶ <http://www.preventconnect.org/2021/05/truth-healing-and-transformation-addressing-structural-racism-and-building-multiracial-solidarity-to-prevent-sexual-and-domestic-violence/>



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