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WEB CONFERENCE Achieving Sustainability

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Nell Myhand: Hello

David Lee: Hello everyone! It is sunny here in Sacramento

It is 73 and sunny here in RI

I'm using VOIP but wanted to add my question - are there characteristics of communities or organizations that indicate a readiness or place further in a process, making them better prepared to address sustainability?

Sustainability needs to always be a part of our 'present agenda'

Sustainability should be integrated into the work as a regular part of what's being done.

we have a dedicated staff person (VISTA) to work on sustainability, and it's a value in our agency

I said agree not because I think this is how it should be, but because some of the processes we are using make it difficult to focus enough. I would have preferred a process that would have integrated it at every single step.

We don't have a dedicated staff person, but it is part of our ongoing planning with the community partnership team.

:)

not enough time for teachers to do both our material and theirs

I think some would like to but their own capacity and resources are stretched thin

Limited resources, the idea that there is an agency dedicated to dv prevention, etc.

Resources haven't been allocated for it.

I put 'agree' because the program we are running does not financially depend on us. We coordinate things, but the community partners are filling each others' needs without extra funding.

If we got it right, we wouldn't be necessary but I think we're a ways from that.

If we plan sustainably, the community would own it, but...we're not there.

We are the content experts and others don't feel like they could provide the same eladership/continuity

I think there needs to be some form of organized dv prevention, but it could vary depending on who is able to responsibility/coordination, could change depending on the community context/readiness

At this point our program is fairly sustainable, but our agenda is more than just that one program, and we are still not in a position where it is possible for the agenda to be achieved without us.

Nell Myhand: coalition as catalyst for change

David Lee: Katia raised her hand - press *1 so you can join the conversation

David Lee: Allison Smith speaking

Being broke encourages creativity. :)

Communities barely have the money to pay for municipal services.

Are you defining "communities" as government entities?

yes

Nell Myhand: It is two years from now and your local newspaper has decided to write a feature story on your accomplishments and work.

What does the article say? Write a headline for the article.

"Cranston Unites to Prevent Violence"

New Counties Adopt Violence Prevention Programming

Southwest Detroit Youth Working to End Dating Violence

Kansas Governor Commits to Primary Prevention of IPV in 5 years

yes

Difficult to measure success, as many of the outcomes are longer-term, generational

but that doesn't mean it is "working"...

I guess it depends on how we are defining "working"...

Nell Myhand: What strategies/programs have you already or do you hope to institutionalize? Who could adopt them?

We have a local University providing volunteers to provide a mentoring program to youth at the local teen center. The college students are all trained and need the credit and the teen center needs people to work with the kids.

The Wisconsin Teen Summit on Dating and Sexual Violence started as a collaboration among several organizations.

we are trying to train teachers, but the time it takes to train them, the time they have to implement curriculum is very limited. Also, because of where we are, the high turn over of teachers makes it very difficult to sustain a group of educators that can deliver instruction

Also, it is not just formally training teachers, but getting their knowledge/attitudes up to our standards is challenging

We are just looking for complementary activities to build into a strategy.

I think we are at the cooperation stage. The "resources" we are sharing are mostly physical like meeting space.

Offering facilitation training to Governor Council on Domestic Abuse Committee members

We're working with schools to promote a healthy school environment, which is mutually beneficial

We promote schools' good actions in local media

We are collaborating with a local LGBT shelter on a grant to empower youth in preventing domestic violence
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Nell Myhand: What policies (large policies or small policies) have you changed or do you hope to change that could help you get to your goals?

We're working with Break the Cycle to develop a model Teen Dating Violence School Policy specifically relevant to rural areas

We are trying to get the teen center to open their doors to some students who aren't enrolled there (it normally requires membership) in order to attend our program.

Rhode Island and other states have pushed legislation through on teen dating violence

Our state coalition is working to pass legislation on child custody and visitation in cases of DV.

At the local level, we feel our role is to demonstrate the benefits of prevention programming so legislators are "sold" on the idea...

Nell Myhand: What community norms do you wish to change?

condoning violence, respect = violence, promoting healthy relationships

acceptance of violence, gender role, privacy issues

Acceptance of traditional gender roles and levels of bystander intervention

Speaking up against oppression

acceptance of violence among youth

We want to change the norm of acceptance of violence

Our local library has been invaluable as a resource for space

I think community ownership/capacity building is most relevant for our community

My community partnership team is meeting in August to do some long term planning and I think this will help me keep them focused on sustainability.

Thank you!

How do I sign up for Pod #2?

David Lee: Signup at
<https://calcasa.ilinc.com/perl/ilinc/lms/event.pl?pp=dle>

bye!

Chad Sniffen: Bye everyone!

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