



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

Wednesday, January 30, 2019,
11 AM-12:30 PM PT 2 PM-3:30 PM ET

AKJ: Hi everyone! We are going to be getting started at the top of the hour.

TV: You can download the slides for this web conference here: <http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Mobilizing-and-Organizing-Communities-to-End-Child-Sexual-Abuse-Lessons-Learned-from-JBC.pdf>

TV: For audio over the phone, please call 866-866-2244, passcode 9053509#.

TV: Contact Adobe Connect support at <https://helpx.adobe.com/adobe-connect/connect-support.html>

SOLL: Oak Visioning BEAR Circle Intertribal Coalition

TV: Just Beginnings Collaborative: <http://justbeginnings.org/>

SH: just want to say, thank you SO MUCH for the closed captioning!

EB: <https://batjc.wordpress.com/> - The Bay Area Transformative Collective

TV: Ignacio's full bio: <https://www.igrivera.com/bio.html>

SOLL: He is truly brilliant in intellect and in fashion

TV: The HEAL Project: <https://www.igrivera.com/the-heal-project.html>

TV: Pure Love Talks: <https://www.igrivera.com/pure-love.html>

TV: (Re) Nude Sexuality Coaching: <https://www.igrivera.com/renude-sexuality-coaching.html>

YC: is there a link to the slides?

TV: The Guatu Tour: <https://www.igrivera.com/the-guatu-tour.html>

TV: @Yvette, You can download the slides for this web conference here: <http://www.preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Mobilizing-and-Organizing-Communities-to-End-Child-Sexual-Abuse-Lessons-Learned-from-JBC.pdf>

TV: The HEAL Toolkit and Caregiver Survey: <https://www.igrivera.com/toolkit.html>

TV: Text Chat Question: What does holistic sexuality have to do with child sexual abuse prevention?

MK: Children are sexual beings. Talking about sexuality empowers children and make them less vulnerable to abuse.

SOLL: It is important for survivors to reclaim their bodies on our own terms, wholistically

LP: Engaging children in conversation regarding holistic sexuality allows them to be comfortable in understanding themselves and also will help them understand their own physical boundaries

MW: Replacing shame and guilt with sexual fulfillment, openness, and empowerment builds a society with less abuse.

RH: Ignacio, I praise your effort and I think it is spot on. But how have you manage to partner with schools - elementary to high school? I feel that is the huge barrier. We are all choosing to ignore this huge problem. Yet it is the most powerful prevention tool.

MPW: I think that children need to be educated on their bodies and to know what to call their body parts and let them know that they can come to them and talk openly about what is going on, and let them know that they are the boss of their own bodies and they can say no to anyone, if they make them feel uncomfortable in any way

SOLL: Having open conversations is so key in developing healthy sexual expression. If adults won't talk about sex, it gives power to those who would harm.

DD: YES it is so important to explore, define, and help children understand all of the mentioned parts. It shouldn't be taboo, or bad to talk about. knowledge is so important to prepare children, and also help them understand what has happened so they can begin to heal.

SOLL: Like this journey idea, Ignacio. What an incredible model it is. Invite Ignacio to your organization, made me explore my own limitations and taboos I got taught.

JC: I love asking parents and caregivers about how they learned about sex and Sexuality themselves. And then as a follow up - how they wish they had learned about sex and sexuality

NB: This sex-positive approach reminds me of a shift I saw in a CSA prevention program that replaced good touch and bad touch with safe touch and unsafe touch to avoid the message that all sexual touches are shameful or bad. Thanks for emphasizing the important of early sex-positive education!

LH: Discussions with children around sex should not be driven exclusively by taboo and fear and trauma. Holistic sexuality is paramount for children to learn and heal and be able to associate sex with pleasure, joy, and curiosity too (not just through the lense of their trauma)

LP: discouraging secrecy is a huge part in reducing shame in the narrative of young people discussing sexuality and their bodies

ST: In the Community were I live is a large Latin community were they don't like to talk about this topic.

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

TV: The HEAL Toolkit and Caregiver Survey: <https://www.igrivera.com/toolkit.html>

JM: Sorry if this is a duplicate message, but I don't think my previous message was sent. My organization Prostasia Foundation (<https://prostasia.org> and @ProstasiaInc) also supports a sex-positive approach to CSA prevention and we include many communities who are normally excluded from this conversation because they are treated as part of the problem rather than as part of the solution (such as sex workers, the consensual kink and poly communities, etc)

SH: How can we engage the institution of the family effectively and logistically?

SH: (we as community agencies)

RH: Ignacio, so what are these family institutions you have been able to partner with?

SOLL2: Talking to elder members of the LGBTQ2S is important.

SOLL2: Also talking to early activists

TV: Text Chat Question: How can you engage adults in your communities to use their power and knowledge to prevent child sexual abuse?

MPW: Mandated Reporter Training

MW: Within own family and community, lessen taboo of sex by speaking openly

LP: I think engaging adults in conversations around the importance of talking about sexuality with children could help alleviate worries on the topic and can empower the adult as well to have these important conversations

TV: Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition: <http://visioningbear.org/>

IR: Strong Oak's work is incredible. I'm going to be taking their training in the coming months.

TV: Text Chat Question: How do you take your work beyond your office and/or a 9-5 work schedule?

NB: Challenging harmful attitudes in my extended family

SH: How do folks do things beyond the 9-5 without getting burnt out?

ES: I believe that using dedicated volunteers/interns to assist and also to take this into your personal life. I know I take this into my life with talking with my parents, friends, in the classroom and trainings.

TV: Strong Oak on a past PreventConnect web conference: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2016/03/evaluating-culturally-relevant-sexual-violence-prevention-initiatives-lessons-learned-with-the-visioning-b-e-a-r-circle-intertribal-coalition-inc-violence-prevention-curriculum/>

LP: I think embodying is a great way to describe it. Since I live and work in a small community, where I get to see a lot of the youth I work with outside of school, I try and make sure I capitalize on any teachable moment opportunities that arise, such as any conversations I can participate in, or situations that I can address

SOLL2: Suguet work is trail blazing.

CQ: Es claudia Quezada con la organizacion de Lideres campesinas

CQ: En el condado de Ventura

DD: I love starting open dialogues on my social media platforms, with my friends and family, and always keeping my eyes and ears open for a chance to engage in these types of discussions. It is so important for people to have these conversations, and even if two people disagree they are still hearing different viewpoints, and possibly thinking of things in a way they hadn't previously. I also think it is so important for people to hear real life examples that they feel they can connect to and make the subject more personal. i feel it has a bigger impact that way

SOLL2: Such important work with incredible community organizing

LP: And to address Sabrina's question on not getting burnt out, ALWAYS setting the boundaries for how much you are available to continually give outside of work, and also making sure your self care practices are fulfilling and you're honoring that

ST: Bienvenida Claudia Quezada..

SOLL2: burn out is a real thing! I personally find it feel my soul and spirit to connect with community members. Less meetings, more joyful conversation

SOLL2: I mean mainstream meeting,

LMB: Exciting to hear about such incredible organizing from Ignacio Rivera, Strong Oak and Suguet Lopez.

SOLL2: Love the intergenerational approach Suguet uses
So hard to get everything said that you want to say!

LMB: Hey Strong Oak- I got on late to web but just in time to hear Ignacio closing remarks and your full session and now Suguet.

SOLL2: Ignacio was amazing as usual!

TV: Líderes Campesinas: <http://www.liderescampesinas.org>

LMB: I'm sure they were

SOLL2: I look forward to having come to the tribal communities I will be working in this year.

TV: Hi Luz! This session is being recorded, so in a few days, everyone will have access to the full web conference recording at <http://www.preventconnect.org/2019/01/mobilizing-and-organizing-communities-to-end-child-sexual-abuse-lessons-learned-from-the-just-beginnings-collaborative/>. You will receive an email when the recording is posted!

SOLL2: Earth Justice, Yes!

IR: Thank you for your work Suguet!

SOLL2: Your work speaks to my heart

IR: using theater and art are so important.

AKJ: art is really able to speak to people in a way that only words cannot

SOLL2: Art is key in building voice and leadership

ST: Yes the art project the member do with this important topic make the community talk about this very important topics

AKJ: @Sorangel I love that! People can tap into emotions and experiences through art that they might not have been able to otherwise

SOLL2: We stress art and storytelling in our VBCIC curriculum

SOLL2: This slide says it all

ST: Yes we also have some artwork for the children were they can learn to talk to their parents about any topic,

IR: Si!!! Fortonovelas. Fantastico

ST: The one in the middle the kids ready it with there parents and they also learn about some of there rights as children.

SOLL2: ah, the storytelling!

LMB: Storytelling is key to so many of our communities of color

IR: Yes! Storytelling is vital. I talk about caregivers using storytelling to teach their children about sexuality via their own experiences, heartbreaks, success and leasons learned.

SOLL2: Wish we could have had more time! Maybe a 3 hour webinar some day?

SOLL2: I just want to engage in more conversation!

AKJ: @Strong Oak I know! They go by too fast when there are these amazing examples

TV: Agreed, Strong Oak! We could have these conversations all day long!

NP: Same! Would love to sit around and unpack all this more and hear more stories about all of yalls work!!

SOLL2: Maybe we could have a retreat space in circle that is recorded and shared. Preferably in a beautiful setting in nature, with some ceremony included!

AKJ: I love this -- truly impacting the family

DD: all of those girls look so happy, empowered,. lovely to see!

SOLL2: The officer looks happy, too

TV: Líderes Campesinas: <http://www.liderescampesinas.org>

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

TV: 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'Kmaw Spirituality – Talking

Circles: <http://www.muiniskw.org/pgCulture2c.htm> The Talking and Healing

Circle: <http://www.dancingtoeaglespiritsociety.org/circles.php> Ignacio's

Resources: <https://www.igrivera.com/resources.html>

TV: To view the recording and slides from “Changing the Culture of Churches, Schools, and Communities to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Lessons Learned from the Just Beginnings Collaborative,” go to our

website: <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/>

To view the slides from “Adult Survivors as Movement Leaders: Lessons

Learned from the Just Beginnings Collaborative,” go to our

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

When the recording is available, it

will be posted there, too.

BV: Beautiful to hear you @Strong Oak. Proud to be a part of Visioning BEAR and your amazing work!

MPW: Thanks everyone, this was some great information to take and use it.