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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** 

INTENTIONALITY AND HEALTH EQUITY

Monday, May 16, 2022 11 AM-12:30 PM PT/2 PM-3:30 PM ET





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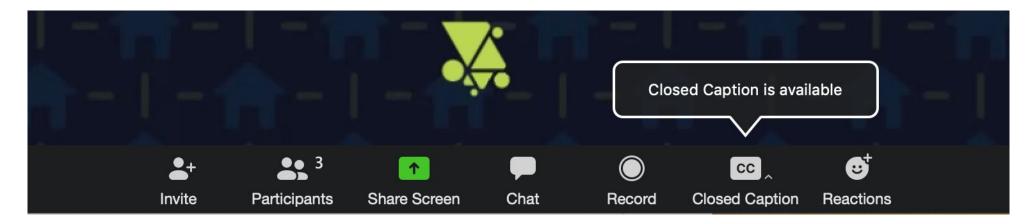
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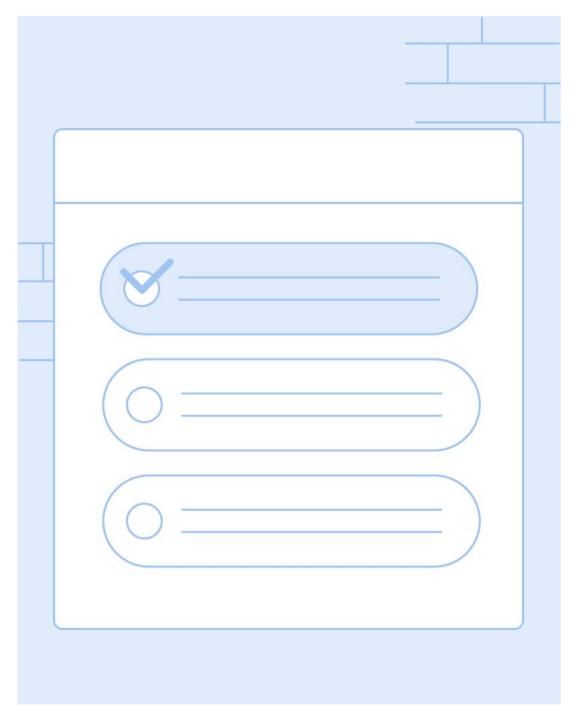
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# Have you attended a PreventConnect Web Conference before?

**Polling Question** 



### 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





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## Objectives

- Build foundational knowledge around community engagement framework
- Examine and address barriers to community engagement within the sexual and intimate partner violence prevention field
- Uplift examples of partnerships between public health and community organizers for violence prevention



### Meet Today's Guest Speaker



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# What does authentic community engagement mean to you?

**Text Chat Question** 



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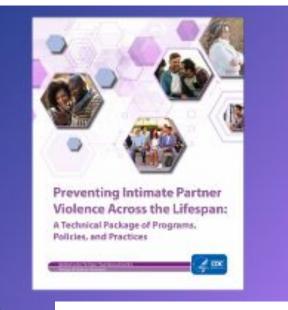
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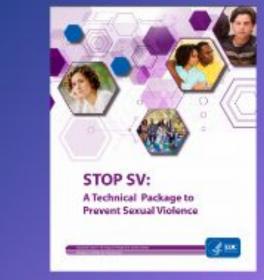
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## We need community engagement to...

- Build skills
- Promote social norms
- Create protective environments
- Strengthen economic supports
- Provide opportunities to empower girls and women
- Engage influential adults and peers





https://www.cdc.gov/violenc eprevention/communication resources/pub/technical-pa ckages.html#technicalPack ages



# Health Equity and Community Engagement

"A health equity approach to preventing sexual violence means that we need to both understand and address the factors that contribute to violence and safety and factors that expose some communities — especially communities that have been historically oppressed — to higher rates of sexual violence (NSVRC, 2019)."





# Leveraging Community Expertise to Advance Health Equity

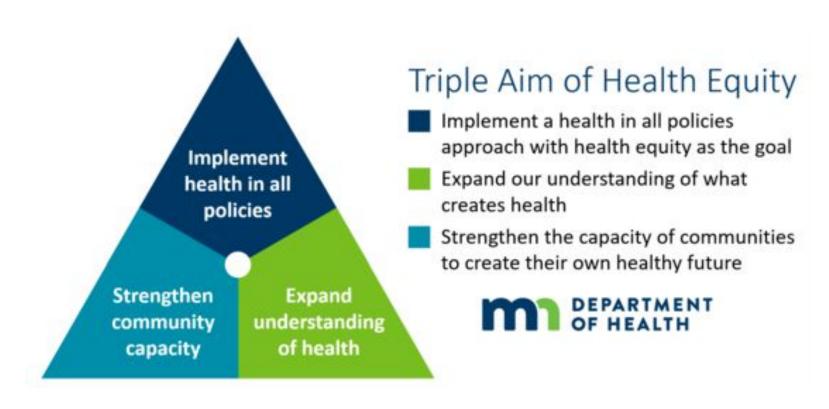
"What makes the community engagement piece so critical is that anytime we're trying to serve a population of people, and particularly as a government agency, if we're not taking the time that we need to develop relationships and develop trust, then we're not going to be hearing from them about the factors that are impacting their lives. And if we don't fully understand that, then our work is just a big guessing game.'



https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/104492/leveraging-community-expertise-to-advance-health-equity\_0\_0.pdf



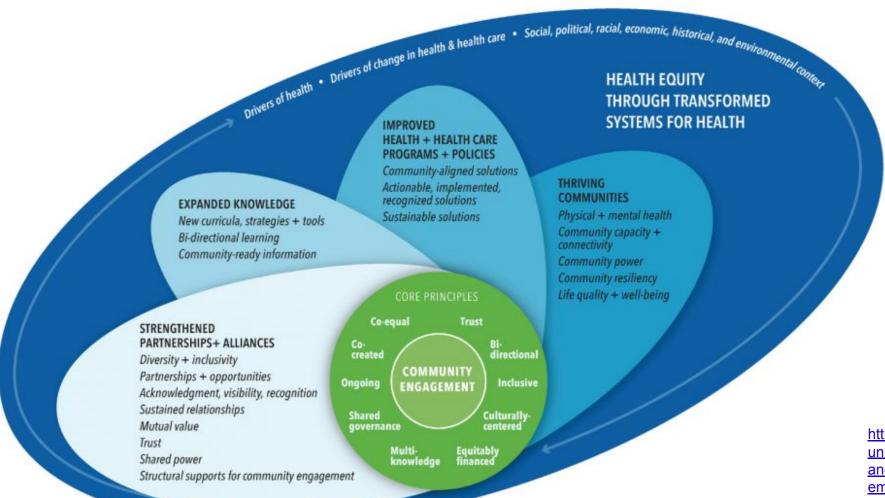
# Community engagement that advances health equity







# Assessing Community Engagement



https://nam.edu/assessing-meaningful-community-engagement-a-conceptual-model-to-advance-health-equity-through-transformed-systems-for-health/



# Assessing Community Engagement

#### Outreach

#### Consult

#### Involve

#### Collaborate

Some Community Involvement

Communication flows from one to the other, to inform

Provides community with information.

Entities coexist.

Outcomes: Optimally, establishes communication channels and channels for outreach. More Community Involvement

Communication flows to the community and then back, answer seeking

Gets information or feedback from the community.

Entities share information.

Outcomes: Develops connections. Better Community Involvement

Communication flows both ways, participatory form of communication

Involves more participation with community on issues.

Entities cooperate with each other.

Outcomes: Visibility of partnership established with increased cooperation. Community Involvement

Communication flow is bidirectional

Forms partnerships with community on each aspect of project from development to solution.

Entities form bidirectional communication channels.

Outcomes: Partnership building, trust building.

Reference: Modified by the authors from the International Association for Public Participation.

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/communi tyengagement/pdf/PCE Report 50 8 FINAL.pdf



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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR PREVENTION:

HEALTH EQUITY & INTENTIONALITY

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# Why we're here today

Building authentic community engagement in sexual and domestic violence prevention is an important aspect in building safe, healthy, and equitable communities. Community engagement allows the lived experiences and knowledge of community members to guide and drive solutions, and gives insight into the conditions in which community members live, work, and play. Engagement strategies that advance health equity are intentional in who is engaged, how they are engaged, and to what end they are engaged. Join PreventConnect and Human Impact Partners for a discussion about the connections between structural inequities, violence prevention, and community engagement.



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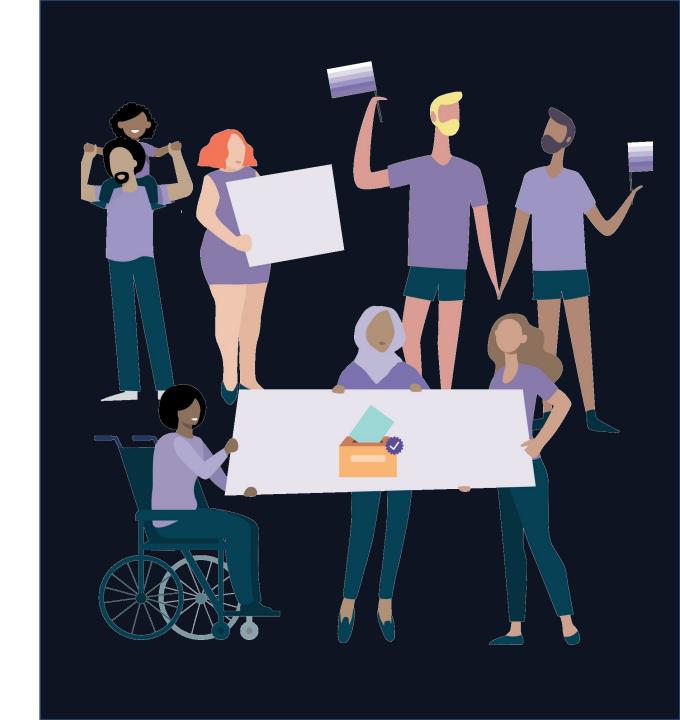
Power is the ability to achieve a purpose. Whether or not it is **good** or **bad** depends on the purpose.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



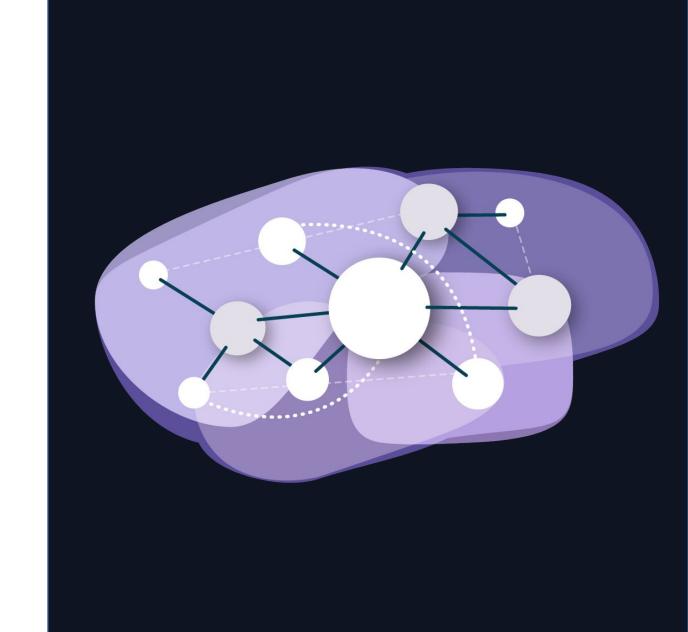
# Power to win a specific election or decision

Organizing people and resources for direct political action



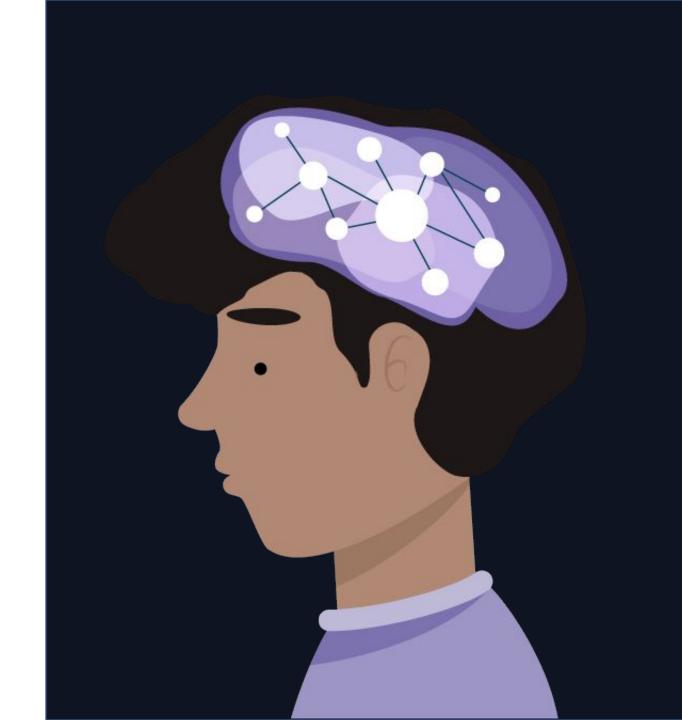
# Power to set the agenda

Building infrastructure to shape the political agenda



# Power to change/hold public narratives

Shaping how we make meaning of the world and our place in it





#### Power Imbalances



### Structural Oppression



Families Separated



**Families** 

Diminished Housing Access



Food Security Threatened



Income Inequality Worsens



Justice Denied



Health Care Denied



Discrimination & Bigotry Normalized



Education

Natural Resources Threatened



Public Education Defunded



## Solo journal exercise

Take a few minutes to breathe, stretch, & take stock of how this is landing. Potential prompts:

- In violence prevention work, we talk a lot about power and control. How does my understanding of interpersonal power dynamics influence my understanding of structural power?
- How have I shared power or built collective power with others, especially community members?
- What do I notice about how these reflections are feeling in my body? Am I tensing my muscles? Am I taking shallow breaths? Am I clenching my jaw?



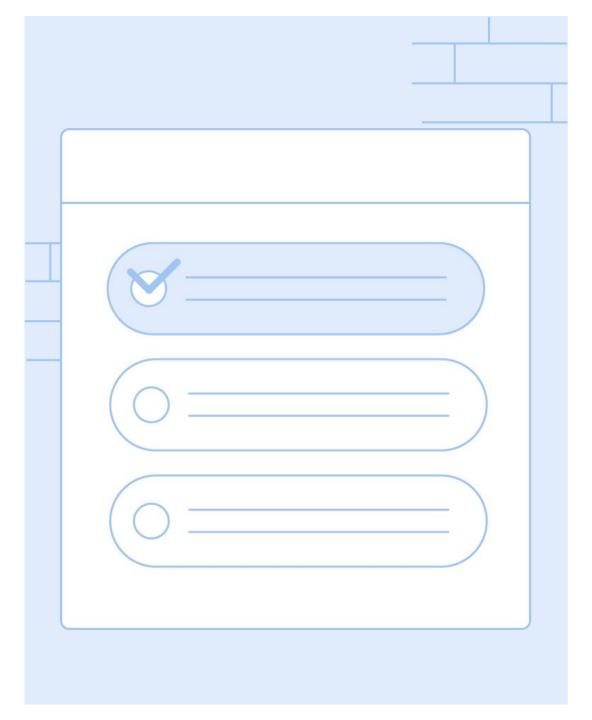
# Part 2

How Human Impact Partners approaches Community Engagement



How often does your organization engage with community members?

**Polling Question** 



# What does your organization do well with community engagement?

**Text Chat Question** 

Chat

### From Me to Everyone:

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# What do you wish your organization did differently with community engagement?

**Text Chat Question** 



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# Some quick tips:

Build upon existing networks

Center those who are impacted

Invest in relationships

Walk with humility

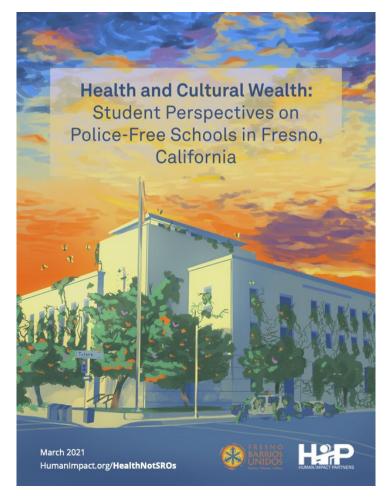
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### Research





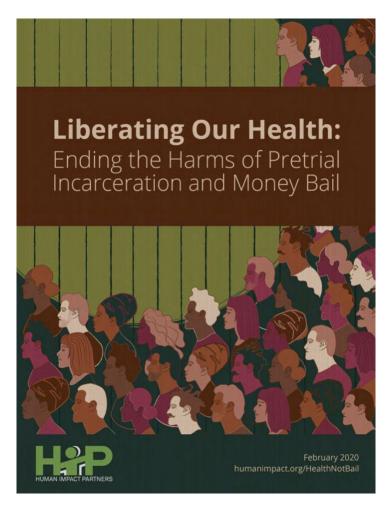
The pipeline from prison/jail to ICE detention and deportation creates a cycle of trauma that has adverse health impacts for those who experience it, as well as their loved ones and the broader community. To promote public health and interrupt the cycle, California needs to end ICE transfers, support immigrant communities, and use a public health approach to address community safety.

This research brief focuses on the particular ways direct transfers to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) — a system whereby prisons and jails collaborate with ICE to transfer people from jail or prison upon release to immigration detention centers' — harm the mental and physical health of refugees, immigrants, and their families. The brief is informed by the existent public health literature and interviews with directly impacted Southeast Asian people, a group often left out of dominant narratives around immigration and health. Research reveals how harm is compounded at every step of the criminal legal system, immigration system, and beyond. Pre-migration trauma, post-migration trauma, the trauma of incarceration and family separation, and the trauma of ICE transfers profoundly harm the health of people caught up in these systems.

California can stop the cycle of trauma and take steps to promote the health and wellness of each of our state's diverse communities. The brief concludes with steps the California Governor and Legislature can take to interrupt this process — this includes ending ICE transfers, releasing immigrants to their families and communities, supporting immigrant families, and using a public health approach to advance community safety and wellness.

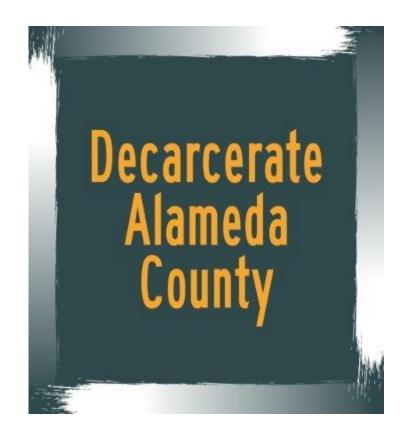
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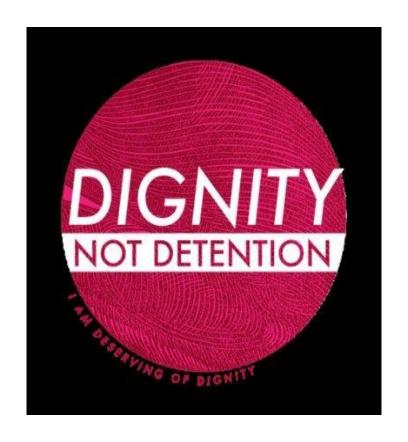
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### Coalition Building









# Steering Committee

Our Steering Committee helps guide our Health Instead of Punishment Program's strategic directions. We believe social change work must be rooted in accountability to people directly impacted by criminalization, incarceration, and surveillance, as well as movement leaders.



- Country, #DeeperThanWater Coalition
- Dr. Gabby Medina Falzone
- James King, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Mark Rice, Ex-incarcerated People Organizing (EXPO)
- Molly Porzig, Critical Resistance
- Dr. William Lopez











# What commitments do you want to make?

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Everything worthwhile is done with other people.

Mariame Kaba





# Thank you!

Questions?

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