

# A 4-PART SERIES:

## Integrating Health Equity into Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention

Session 3:  
Guiding Principles  
and Processes of  
Implementation



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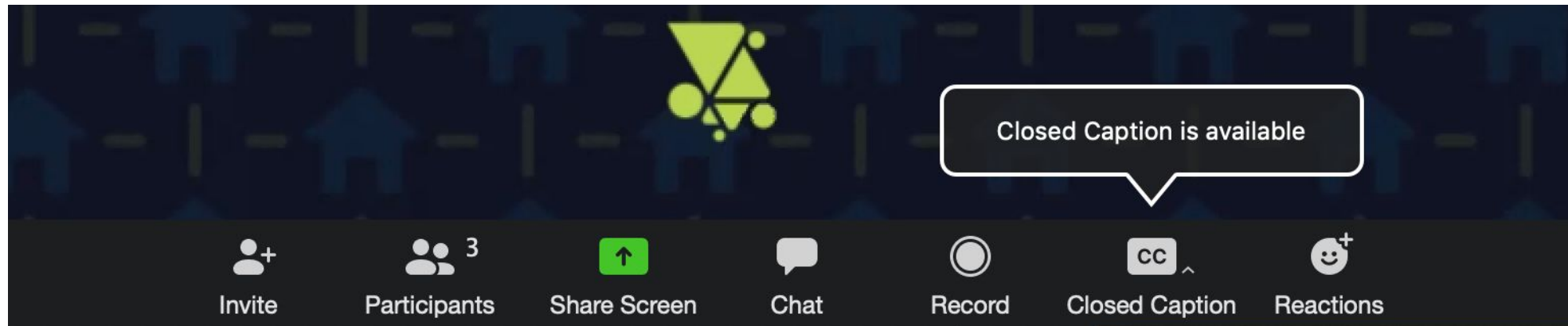
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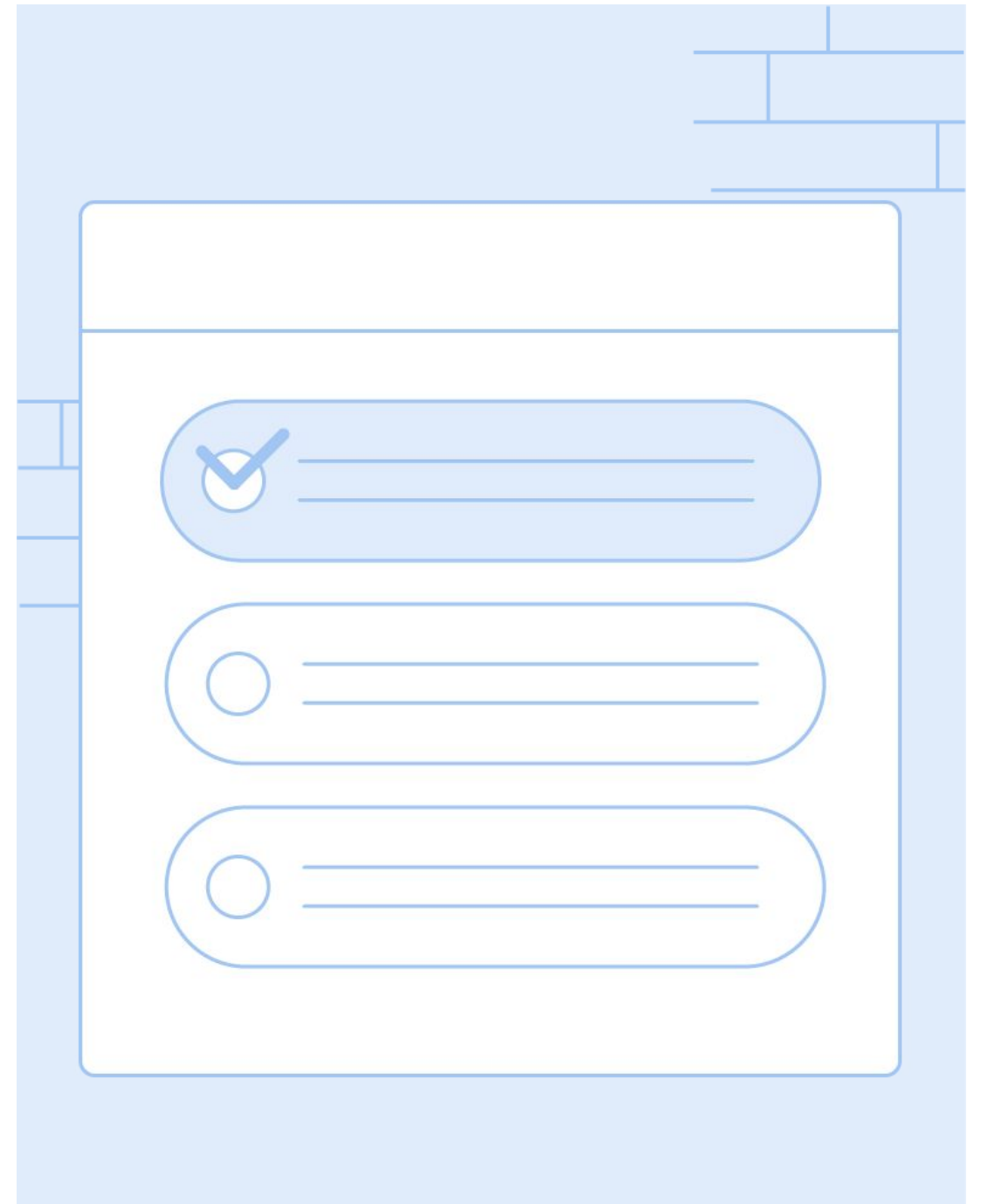
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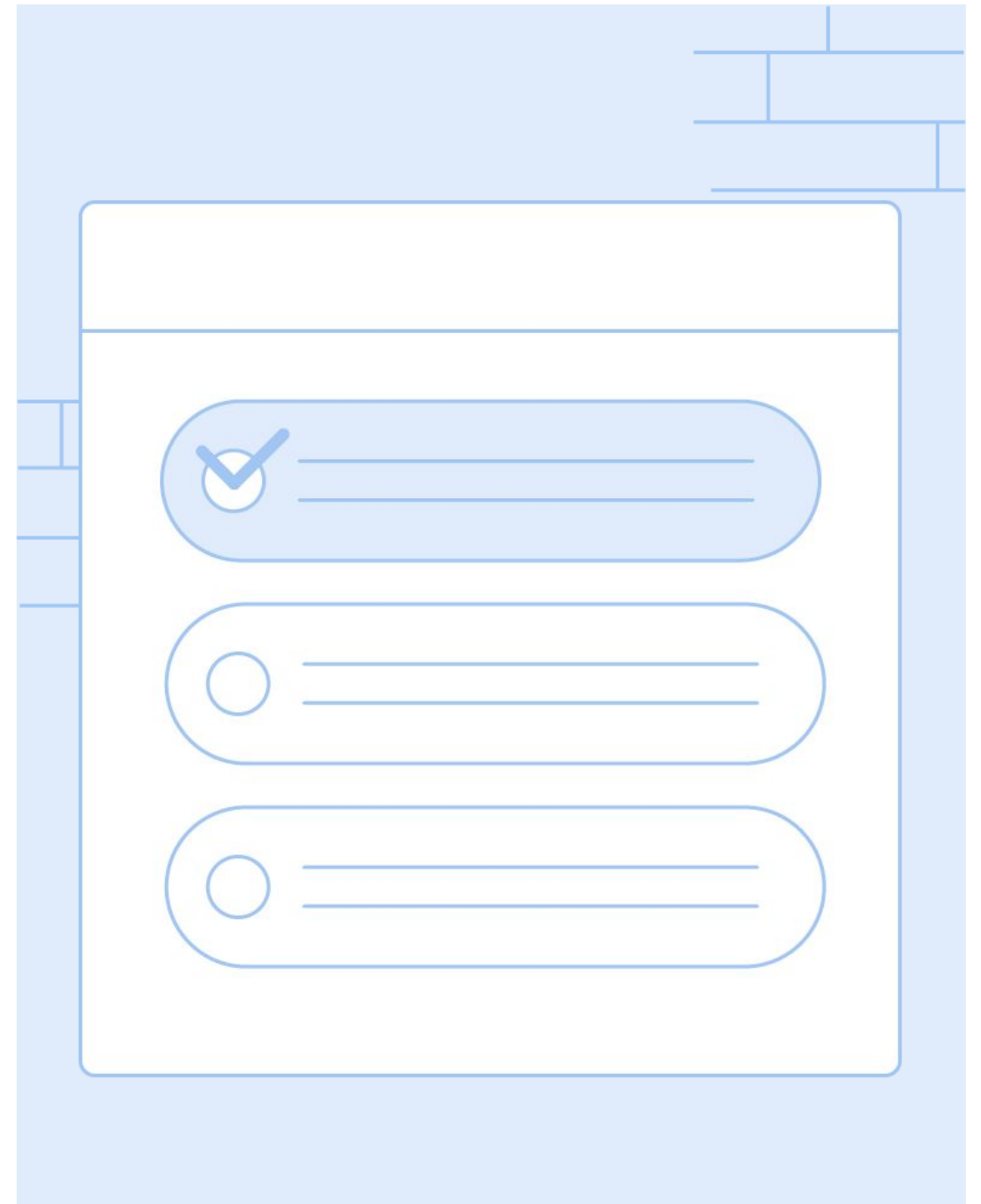
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# Objectives

- Gain deeper understanding of health equity frameworks in sexual violence prevention.
- Translate concepts of health equity into practical on-the-ground program development and implementation.
- Create cross-cutting strategies and partnerships to address social determinants of health and prevent violence in local communities.

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# Part 1 Recording Available Now

**Integrating Health Equity into Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention:  
Key Concepts and Components of  
Strategies and Approaches**



Monday, September 25 , 2023  
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Session 2:  
E4 Violence  
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# A Health Equity Approach to Violence Prevention



**Create accessible access to power**



**To improve the structural and social conditions where people live, learn, work, play, etc.**



**To eliminate sexual and intimate partner violence in communities**

# Integrating Health Equity

## Session 1: Content

- ▶ What are the key messages, design elements, and policy components of the strategy or approach?

## Session 2: Implementation Process

- ▶ Assessing strategy and approach implementation using E4

## **Session 3: Implementation Process continued**

- ▶ **What are the guiding principle of the strategy or approach? What implementation methods and processes are being used?**

Advancing equity is both a process and an outcome

# Meet Today's Guests



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# Rhode Island Domestic Violence Prevention Fund (DVPF)

## *Request* **FOR PROPOSALS**

The Deborah DeBare  
Domestic Violence Prevention Fund (DVPF)

**PREVENTION GRANTS AVAILABLE!**

Apply at [ricadv.org/community-led-prevention](https://ricadv.org/community-led-prevention)



# Building together

## Primary prevention theories of change

## Anti-racist organizational development

## Health Equity Zones in Rhode Island



Domestic violence is deadly  
to Rhode Island's future.

You can help us build a brighter one.

# #PreventDV

Support the  
Domestic Violence  
Prevention Fund  
(H5651/S650)



While the Domestic Violence Prevention Fund  
has stalled in the General Assembly, another

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children have been present at domestic violence arrests.

**Pass H5651/S650 #PreventDV**  
**We can't afford to wait.**

\*Based on 2015 RI Kids Count Factbook

# Deborah DeBare Domestic Violence Prevention Fund (DVVPF)

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUND



CALL FOR  
PROPOSALS!



Passed in the RI General Assembly in July 2016

Established through the state budget

Renamed the Deborah DeBare DVVPF in 2018





## Goals of the DV Prevention Fund

- ▶ Increase the number of schools, community groups, and community-based organizations engaged in IPV primary prevention.
- ▶ Address disparities by prioritizing prevention strategies that center those most impacted by IPV.
- ▶ Priority populations include:
  - ▶ youth of color,
  - ▶ LGBTQ, Two-Spirit, and Gender Nonconforming youth,
  - ▶ and youth with disabilities.

# DVPF Funded Projects

## Implementation Projects

- ▶ Progreso Latino
- ▶ Sojourner House
- ▶ Nowell Leadership Academy
- ▶ YWCA RI



## Community Micro-grants

- |   |   |                                     |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| ▶ Princes 2 Kings                                 | ▶ Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center                     | ▶ Refugee Dream Center              |
| ▶ Adoption RI                                     | ▶ Meeting Street                                    | ▶ East Bay Community Action Program |
| ▶ Alliance of RI Southeast                        | ▶ Katie Brown Educational Program                   | ▶ Young Voices                      |
| ▶ Asians for Education (ARISE)                    | ▶ Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County | ▶ Sojourner House                   |
| ▶ Youth In Action                                 | ▶ Progreso Latino                                   | ▶ New Bridges for Haitian Success   |
| ▶ RI Cross-Campus Collaborative for SV Prevention | ▶ Conexión Latina Newport                           | ▶ The Empowerment Factory           |
| ▶ Blackstone Valley Community Action Program      | ▶ Partnership for Providence Parks                  | ▶ The Step Up Center                |
|   | ▶ Providence Housing Authority                      |                                     |

# Highlights from the recent funding cycle

- ▶ Few/no applications for direct service or crisis intervention
- ▶ Increase in number of applications we receive
- ▶ More likely to focus on community and societal level change
- ▶ Funding recipients want more time together and more TA from RICADV

# Progreso Latino



# Partnership for Providence Parks



# Alliance of Southeast Asians for Education (ARISE)



"I loved being able to talk about all these issues that affect our community and that schools don't touch upon. I feel this is a safe space, and the people couldn't have been more understanding and loving."  
— Hidden Lotus participant

# Youth In Action



# Voices of Change: Youth In Action



# Highlights from the recent funding cycle

- ▶ Building partnerships with organizations led by and serving those most impacted by violence and its risk factors



# Emerging Connections

DV Prevention Fund

OVW Engaging Men

Ten Men

Increasing green and open space / CCR Team

SOAR Task Force

Sustainability



# Reflecting on Evaluation Highlights

- entering communities of color, LGBTQ, two-spirit, and Gender Nonconforming youth and youth with disabilities
- Monitoring focus/limited capacity for evaluation and TA
- Stakeholders/accountability
- Sustainability through leveraging additional funding
- Communicating via social media and video storytelling
- Narrative shift around preventing DV (externally and internally)
- Increased Capacity: Shift in Community Engagement position to Primary Prevention Team
- Supporting the de-siloing of Primary Prevention



## Preventing Intimate Partner Violence in Rhode Island

*Together, we can create safe, connected communities*





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## INTRODUCTION

**For 20 years**, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) has been implementing and evaluating strategies funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent intimate partner violence (IPV).

In **2011**, we released Rhode Island's first plan for domestic violence primary prevention, *Addressing the Violence Before It Starts*.

In **2018**, with continued CDC funding, we began a process to revise and enhance the State Action Plan.



## PURPOSE

This publication is a resource that can help the state of Rhode Island prioritize the primary prevention of intimate partner violence (IPV).

This resource can help people, groups, organizations, and systems see how their goals, work, or interests connect to IPV prevention, perhaps in surprising or unexpected ways. It will guide the RICADV's prevention priorities into the future, and we will make additions and changes as needed to be responsive to the community.

In this publication, we outline three priorities for the state of Rhode Island to prevent domestic violence before it has a chance to start, so babies born tomorrow grow up to never witness, perpetrate, or experience abuse.



1

Address the root causes of intimate partner violence (IPV), which are systems of oppression and inequity, by centering the experiences of those most impacted by IPV.

2


Create safe, supportive environments and change harmful social norms.

3

Work together to coordinate and sustain primary prevention on the state level to stop IPV and related forms of violence before they start.

## Values and Frameworks

- Aspiring anti-racism in action



Support the leadership of women, trans,  
and non-binary people of color.

Build trust and authentic relationships with  
colleagues and community members. Share power.

## Values and Frameworks

- Prevention continuum

### **TERTIARY PREVENTION**

Prevent future violence and promote healing after violence has already occurred.

### **SECONDARY PREVENTION**

Reduce the likelihood a person will experience violence or choose to use violence.

### **PRIMARY PREVENTION**

Change norms and conditions to prevent violence before it has a chance to start.

## PRIORITIZING PREVENTION: THE STATE ACTION PLAN

Developed in collaboration with the RICADV's State Leadership Team for Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Prevention, the State Action Plan guides IPV primary prevention strategies at the state and local levels in Rhode Island. This publication describes many of these strategies. Some are funded by our CDC grant and led by the RICADV. Some are funded by other sources and/or led by other stakeholders. Tracking, supporting, and aligning with efforts led by other organizations is part of our State Action Plan to advance IPV primary prevention in Rhode Island.



*Preventing Intimate Partner Violence in Rhode Island*  
**Priorities and Focus Areas**



**Address the root causes of intimate partner violence (IPV), which are systems of oppression and inequity, by centering the experiences of those most impacted by IPV.**

- 1) Amplify the priorities of those disproportionately impacted by intimate partner violence (IPV) and its risk factors.
- 2) Empower survivors of abuse to co-create and lead strategies to prevent IPV.
- 3) Improve quality of life and increase community connectedness in the places we live.
- 4) Support community-led prevention efforts through the Rhode Island Deborah DeBare Domestic Violence Prevention Fund.



**Create safe, supportive environments and change harmful social norms.**

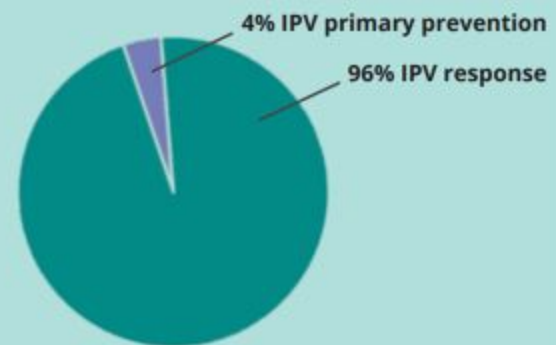
- 1) Strengthen economic supports for families, including income, housing, and child care.
- 2) Promote the safety and well-being of Rhode Island children.
- 3) Engage men and boys as allies to prevent gender-based violence.
- 4) Empower young people, and support their leadership and activism.
- 5) Improve school climate to increase safety, connection, and belonging in schools.




**Work together to coordinate and sustain primary prevention on the state level to stop IPV and related forms of violence before they start.**

- 1) Enhance the coordination and collaboration of cross-sector partners on the state and community levels.
- 2) Build community power to advance health and racial equity.
- 3) Use data to guide intimate partner violence (IPV) primary prevention efforts and address the root causes of IPV.
- 4) Increase funding for IPV primary prevention.

FUNDING TO ADDRESS INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV)  
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**We can prevent domestic violence before it starts,**  
so children born tomorrow grow up to never  
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Thank you



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