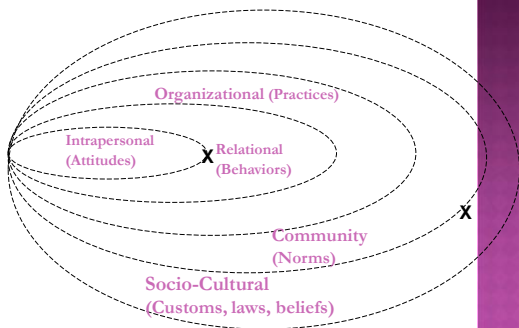


Engaging Men in Prevention An Overview

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THE SOCIAL ECOLOGY



DEVELOPING PREVENTION/E.M. STRATEGIES

- Strategies are different than Program
- Effective strategies are comprehensive
- Strategies are culturally specific to the audience
- Use a planning process that involves multiple partners and stakeholders

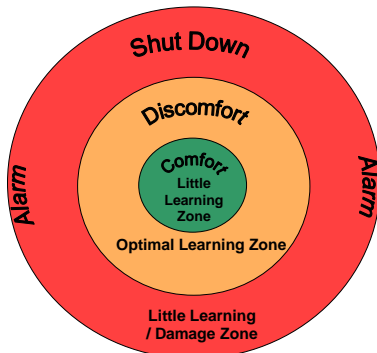
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THINGS TO CONSIDER

- ◉ Which men are you looking for? why?
- ◉ Men have a different understanding of/relationship to violence than do women.
- ◉ Men's understanding of/relationship to is at the intersection of their identities.
- ◉ Accepting men from where they are, not where you want them to be.
- ◉ Allowing room for men to grow in their understanding

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LEARNING/ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES



MEN'S VIOLENCE AS A MEN'S ISSUE

- ◉ Men commit the vast majority of sexual & domestic violence.
- ◉ Men are victimized by other men.
- ◉ Men's violence confines men.
- ◉ Women see men as potential threats.
- ◉ Men know and love survivors.
- ◉ Men know and love perpetrators.
- ◉ Men are part of the community.
- ◉ Men's violence is a human rights violation.

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ASSUMPTIONS OF ENGAGING MEN

- ◉ What do you think men think about rape & domestic violence?
- ◉ Why do you think men haven't gotten more involved?
- ◉ What do you think men think about women who work on these issues?
- ◉ What do you think men think about men who work on these issues?
- ◉ What do you think men think about feminists and feminism?
- ◉ How do you expect men to respond to you?

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REVISED ASSUMPTIONS...

- ◉ Men have experienced multiple forms of violence and abuse.
- ◉ Men Care.
- ◉ Men are opposed to domestic violence and rape.
- ◉ Men are **NOT** the problem.
- ◉ Men have an unlimited ability to feel compassion and empathy.
- ◉ Men Want to be a part of the solution.
- ◉ Some men act in abusive and sexist ways.

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WHY DO YOU WANT *THIS* MAN?

- What is his point of entrée?
- What are the next steps beyond this point of entrée that are accessible to him?
- What supports does he need to take those next steps?
- Can you offer these supports?
- Is it okay if he doesn't take next steps?

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"BE A MAN"

What Men
are Called



What's Done
to Men

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MASCULINITES

- How males come to understand ourSelves as "Men" is culturally and socially constructed.
- This self-definition is at the intersection of our other identities.
- Within a meta-definition of manhood
- How these messages and lessons impact on men's understanding of and relationship to rape.

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WHAT MEN UNDERSTAND ABOUT WHO IS VICTIMIZED

- "Those" women or men
- ...By "those" men
- Victim "responsibility"
- Focus on the physical harm

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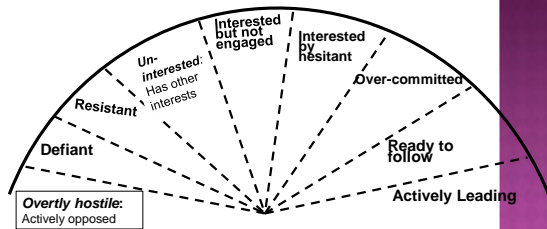


AT THE INTERSECTIONS

- Recognize that men are positioned to have a different understanding of and relationship to child abuse than women.
- *And* men are compassionate, caring people who are called to justice

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CONTINUUM OF MALE ENGAGEMENT



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ENGAGING MEN

- Identify which men you want to engage
 - Focus on "engage-able men"
- Identify why they want to be engaged
- Identify their point of entrée
- Identify what they need in order to stay engaged/increase their engagement
- Identify who else they can engage

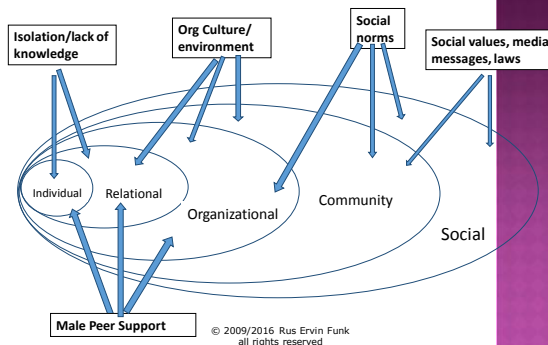
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If you had a group of men in
your community ready and
willing...

...What would you have
them do?

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BARRIERS TO ENGAGING MEN



ENGAGING MEN ACROSS THE S.E.

