# IT TAKES A VILLAGE: RESOURCES, BARRIERS, & PRACTICAL STEPS

TO IMPROVE SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESPONSE THROUGH DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

LOCAL PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY AGENCY, AND CAMPUS COLLABORATION

#### **OVERVIEW**

- 1) Identify Community Response Teams
- 2) Learn About The "Informed Village" Mindset
- 3) Importance Of Community Collaborations
- 4) Developing And Maintaining Relationships
- 5) Barriers To Maintaining Partnerships Internally And Externally
- 6) Resources To Improve Partnerships and Services

# WHO'S IN THE ROOM



### SO IS ACTUALLY REPRESENTED TODAY?



## THE VILLAGE MINDSET

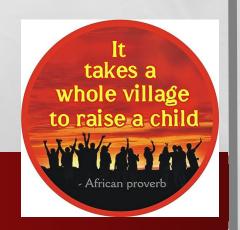
African Proverb



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# DEVELOPING AN INFORMED VILLAGE MINDSET

- Taking on the collaborative approach
- Building a village through knowledge
- All-in approach to lessen the workload
- Common goal—to "build" "improve" for others
- Work smart
- Recognize the moment



## Encouraging Work at All Levels Prevents Sexual Violence

Strategies may include:

#### Relationship

#### Implementing bystander intervention training

#### Individual

Learning attitudes & behaviors that support equality & respect

- Mentoring & skill-based programs for high school students
- Helping parents identify & address violent attitudes & behaviors in kids

#### Community

- Implementing social marketing campaigns addressing gender, sexuality, & sexual violence norms
- Identifying hotspots & unsafe areas on school campuses to increase monitoring

#### Societal

Promoting
norms, policies,
& laws
supporting
bystander
skill-building,
healthy
sexuality, &
positive
relationships

Learn more about sexual violence prevention from CDC: http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/sexualviolence/prevention.html.



## WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST NEED?

- What is your foundation?
- Is there framework?
- Is it funding?
- Human capital?
- Infrastructure?
- What are the commonalities in your work (internally and externally)?

#### **INFORMED TO EMPOWER**

#### **Informed**

INFORMED: HAVING OR SHOWING A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT A PARTICULAR SUBJECT OR SITUATION

Well Informed: thoroughly knowledgeable in a particular subject

Informed observers: possession of information

## INFORMED TO PARTNER



**Informed** 

Informed: is from the Latin *informare*, literal meaning-"to form", figuratively used to mean "to educate"

## WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS FOR YOU?



# BARRIERS TO MAINTAIN OR BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

- Staffing
- Time
- The Unknown
- Interest Level of Others
- Funding and Infrastructure
- https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants



### **COLLABORATION: INTERNAL**

- •Who Is Part of Your Internal Team? What is their role?
- Flow of information
- •Silos
- •Information slow to come

### **COLLABORATION: COMMUNITY**

- •What Teams/Committees are you part of?
- •Who initiated the engagement?
- Is there Added Value?
- Try a different approach
- •Work towards improving at least one process, service, or resource... don't feel like you have to do it all at once.

# COALITIONS, COORD COMMUNITY RESPONSE, TASK FORCE

#### **Coalitions**

An Alliance

Usually Combined Action

Experts and Interest towards

Cause

May be Large or Small

Usually at the Campus Level

## Coordinated Community Response

**Community Systems** 

County-wide

**Develop Strategies** 

Improve Response to DV and SV

Focus on the Whole Person

#### Task force

**Temporary** 

Created To Solve A Particular Problem
It Is Considered To Be A More Formal
Ad Hoc Committee

Special task force of experts aimed to study a particular problem

# COMMUNITY COORDINATED AREAS OF FOCUS

- Prevention
- Early intervention
- Dealing with crisis
- Long-term recovery and safety
- Work with a wide range of services, pathways, agencies, and systems.

Increases the likelihood that the needs of victims/survivors will needs of victims/survivors addressed be adequately addressed.







# IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME



## ESTABLISH, ENGAGE, EVALUATE-The 4 E's

- Establish the type of coordination based on need
- Engage your allies and supporters both experts and those with diverse thought and heart
- Evaluate constantly to make sure the original goal is still the focus
- Enjoy the wins and the lives you are improving or changing

# COALITIONS, COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE AND CAMPUSES: MAINTAINING

- Revisit the original goal vision or mission
- Watch out for turf issues
- Identify how responses will be shared among the group
- Structure of the collaborative partnership team
- Evaluate if recruiting new members is necessary
- Don't forget government and business leaders—they are a great asset!

#### WHEN THE INFORMED VILLAGE IS ACTIVE





#### WHEN THE VILLAGE IS NO LONGER WORKING

- Spin Off Another Coalition/Taskforce/CCR
- Change Focus
- Merge With Another, Like-minded Organization
- Cut Back
- Simply Dissolve The Coalition/Taskforce/CCR



### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- Establish a Village Mindset
- Engage with Others Who Have Common Interests or Goals
- Don't Be Afraid to Start or Reignite a Partnership
- Establish, Engage, Evaluate, Enjoy!
- Consider the Infrastructure and the Impact of your Bottom Line
- Continue to Look for the Opportunities

### RESOURCES

- Building Coalitions
- https://ctb.ku.edu/en/creating-and-maintaining-coalitions-and-partnerships
- https://nnedv.org/content/state-u-s-territory-coalitions/
- https://bolderadvocacy.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/BA-Coalition-Checklist-1.pdf
- https://president.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2794/2022/08/Task-Force-for-Combating-Sexual-Violence-Report-2022-1.pdf
- https://www.wisconsin.edu/sexual-assault-harassment/resources/task-force/
- https://www.wisconsin.edu/sexual-assault-harassment/download/UWS-SVH-Report.pdf
- https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/about/social-ecologicalmodel.html
- http://wiki.preventconnect.org/socio-ecological-model/

### **RESOURCES-GOVERNMENT & FUNDING**

- https://www.justice.gov/archives/ovw/page/file/905942/download
- https://www.justice.gov/ovw/state-and-territorial-sexual-assault-and-domestic-violencecoalitions-program
- Grant Companion Guide
- https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants

### **THANK YOU**

Enjoy the NEW Partnerships that will Come!!

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