Connections Across Generations: praxis in addressing gender-based violence
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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Recognizing and Responding to Violence Against Students with Disabilities (Sandra Harrell and Jennifer Decker, Vera Institute of Justice)

People with disabilities make up 19% of the US population and are 3 times more likely to experience violent victimization than people without disabilities, making people with disabilities one of the most harmed groups in the United States. College students with disabilities experience similarly high rates of domestic and sexual violence, with one recent study finding that one-third of undergraduate women with disabilities reported sexual violence compared to 20 percent of their peers without disabilities. Despite these high rates, the experiences of people with disabilities are largely absent from conversations about violence.

By raising awareness of the unique dynamics of abuse within the disability community, this workshop will focus on the ways in which college students, staff, and faculty can respond to student survivors. Additionally, this workshop will offer suggestions on how existing campus services can collaborate with one another to provide multifaceted healing supports.

Being A Part of the Solution: Encouraging and Facilitating Healing and Abuse Prevention in the Childbearing Year (Ann Whitman, midwife)

This workshop will explore how gender-based violence manifests in three areas affecting childbearing families:
The first section will focus on how health care providers can be in a position to support childbearing people who either have a history of abuse and/or trauma or are currently in a relationship that involves domestic violence. It will give specific insight on how to provide education and resources to families, while providing sensitive care in an effort to help clients both heal past abuse and prevent childbirth related trauma.

The second part will be about how current protocols and attitudes in hospital based care can so often be disrespectful, fear-driven, condescending, and trauma-inducing for childbearing families, and will offer specific strategies that can be implemented both by the institution and individual care providers to improve the experiences of pregnant and birthing people and their families.

The third section will focus on how the prevalence of gender based violence in obstetrical care can affect people's decisions, plans, and experiences, and what we can do to help create a more welcoming and respectful birthing environment for all families.

Enhanced Safety Planning at the Intersections (Heidi, Notario, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and Systems Change at National Resource Center on Domestic Violence)

This workshop seeks to provide a broader notion of safety planning for immigrant survivors. The presenters will cover special considerations and remedies available that advocates and service providers must keep in mind when working with immigrant communities. What do survivors of violence have to keep in mind when interacting with Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE)? What are some of the economic and employment considerations to consider around safety planning? What are the policies of local police departments and their potential entanglement with immigration enforcement agencies? These are some of the guiding questions for the workshop. Further, safety planning will be presented through a culturally specific lens that takes into consideration the concept of cultural values, intersectionality, immigration concerns, and non-traditional approaches.
Participants will:
1. Analyze the systemic barriers facing immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence;
2. Discuss the need for safety plans that take into consideration the challenges and realities for immigrant survivors;
3. Apply specific tools in their approaches to provide more comprehensive safety planning for immigrant survivors

The Whole System Approach: Global perspectives on domestic and sexual violence prevention (Pamela Zaballa, Global Executive Director of No More)

Boys Will Be Boys…No More: Unpacking the Volatile Intersection of Race, Faith and Sexuality in Masculinity (Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer, Senior Minister of First Parish In Cambridge and Unitarian Universalist Chaplain for Harvard)

In this conversation we will explore the social epidemic of a misconceived male “right to violence” that fuels mass shootings, suicide by firearms and sexual violence in the United States. We will focus specifically on the ways in which race, religion and sexuality have often enabled and amplified this violence in our society.

We then turn our attention to tangible real-world responses to this epidemic. We will focus on three specific potential remedies: early and lifetime sexuality education; exposing and resisting “religious liberty” legislation that threatens to codify male entitlement; and best practices for dismantling systems of white supremacy within organizations and institutions