Orienting our Agencies to Working with Male Survivors

Welcome

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And thank you for taking part in this learning experience, it is richer because of your participation.
Overall Goal for this presentation

To understand the foundational aspects of providing services to male survivors.
The knowledge that we already have about this work that we do

- Culture
- Services
- Partnerships
- Messaging
Centering
What is the percentage of stories do you hear that the male is the offender?

The lenses in which we see the world often are what we see everyday. And it is our lived experiences that shape how we view others.
1 in 71
“Don’t tell mom or dad, they’ll be mad! They won’t love you!”

“Boys will be boys.”

11 yrs of sexually violence and numerous suicide attempts.
What happens when someone does not fit into our box of female or male?

How are we defining gender identity at our agency?
How might this language look differently for males or others who do not identify as male or female?
Environments and Lived Experiences to Sexual Violence for Males
Lost in Translation

How does your agency process/debrief interactions with male survivors?
Don’t want to hear about it

The cases that have happened involving males there is often silence surrounding the survivors.
Is there a difference in how we relate to male children of sexual violence and adult males of sexual violence?
The ways in which we frame our challenges often dictates the outcomes.
How do we build relationships with male survivors?

What has worked for you in the past? What are some of the challenges you face?
Reactions to violence

What is shame?

How can you work to assist in lowering shame in the male survivors that you see and don’t see?
Isolation

How does isolation play out in the communities that you serve in your experiences? What role does your agency provide in ending isolation?
Fear of the unknown

What steps can you take in assisting in working through survivors’ fear of the unknown?
Anger

Is anger good?

How does your culture work with strong emotions of anger?
Coping through the pain

What are the policies you have around survivors who struggle with addictions?
When talking doesn’t help...

What other models do you have in working with male survivors?
What types of services do we have for males?

Do they look the same or are they different?
Building Strengths

How do we communicate and hear individual strengths?
Is it building bridges or opening doors?
How do we build bridges?

What events do you take part in that meet male survivors in the community?

What relationships do you have with organizations that already serve males?
Mental wellness

What partnerships does your agency have in working with mental wellness of male survivors?
What are the factors in opening doors?

What is the name of your organization?
What are the names of the types of services you provide?
Where do male survivors see there?
“Real Men Can Stop Rape”
Next Steps

Walking the path together
Take Away questions

How will you start the conversation and with whom?
Assistance

Would it be helpful to have an outside facilitator to assist in these conversations?

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What role has history and culture played in your organizations context for working with male survivors and others who do not identify as male or female?
Services

What services do you have for these groups of survivors? How can they access them?
Partnerships

What are the partnerships you have to inform and assist you in your work?
What is the messaging you have around those who identify as male? Or the messaging around those that do not identify as male or female?
Networking & Questions

Thank you


Laskey, Sally Organizational Capacity for Engaging Men and Boys (2010) unpublished
Thank you for joining us!

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Resources

1 in 6 https://1in6.org/

Male Survivor http://www.malesurvivor.org/


The Unbreakable Project http://projectunbreakable.tumblr.com/
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