Riding Tandem on Our Pathway to Prevention

Ohio’s Experience Working Together to Prevent Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence
Learning Objectives

• Articulate two components of a model of collaboration that works to prevent both sexual and intimate partner violence at state and local levels;

• Identify two challenges and two facilitators at play when working across these prevention silos; and,

• Name two benefits to local programs and state organizations that result in this type of collaborative work.
History of Collaboration

- Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) is a CDC DELTA and now DELTA FOCUS Grantee
- Ohio Department of Health (ODH) receives CDC Rape Prevention Education Funding
- In 2006, both funding streams required statewide strategic planning
  - Ohio Coalition Against Sexual Assault closes
  - ODH reaches out to ODVN to provide statewide prevention TA
  - ODH requests ODVN consider jointly planning
History of Collaboration

• Sexual Assault Intervention/Prevention Community meets
  • Provide guidance to inform processes moving forward

• Sexual Assault Coalition Building begins as a separate but linked process

• 2009 Pathways in Prevention: A Roadmap for Change is published
  • Implementation begins!

• 2009 the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence is created
  • ODVN transitioned RPE staff and funding to its rightful home
Components of Collaboration

• Consensus Building using the Technology of Participation © Group Facilitation Methods
  • Provides for engaging partners and inviting their participation
  • Combines large group and small group work so ideas are elicited comfortably from all
  • Increases preparation time
  • Pays off in creating buy-in, ownership, and trust
Ideas are captured on a sticky wall for all to see and agree where they belong.

Small group and large group discussions allow for members to have their ideas heard and represented as part of the consensus process.
Pathways In Prevention

Collaborative processes that include state and local leadership helped us create and implement the strategic plan and continue to facilitate our shared prevention framework.
Components of Collaboration

Shared mission

• The mission of the Ohio Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Consortium is to promote the prevention of sexual and intimate partner violence by creating an infrastructure that connects state agencies and local communities in working together toward the elimination of gender inequality and other systemic oppression.
Components of Collaboration

Shared Vision

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Statement of Philosophy for Inclusion and Attention to Diverse Communities

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Components of Collaboration

• OAESV, ODH, ODVN are co-conveners of the Consortium

• Co-chairs are selected by OAESV and ODVN to represent local programs

• Coalition Building is ongoing, never ending

• Willingness to work together toward common goal
  • Compromise without caving
  • Leading from the heart
We are building a community of prevention practice

Where state and local leaders work together to build healthy relationships and healthy communities.

A community of practice that pays attention to multicultural diversity
Challenges
Challenges: Funding Streams
Similarities & Differences

Poem by Johanna Orozco, 2005

My heart opened up to you
And let you in
I’ve given you everything I had
And let you touch my skin
I wrote your name deep in my heart
And I promised you that
We will never part
You invited me in your home
And I did the same
We build a connection and together
We lit a flame
I let you hold my hand
And guide me the way
I never knew I could feel
This way until today
Together we laugh
And together we cry

Not Alone
TOGETHER AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT
Challenges: Conflicting Timelines
Facilitators: Dual Agencies
Facilitators: Relationships
Facilitators: Funding
Facilitators: Stronger Together
Facilitators: National Movement

NO MORE
TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE IS SERIOUS.

40% Said they would not know what to do if they were to witness dating abuse or sexual assault.

60% Of teens know a victim of either dating violence or sexual assault.

46% Of those who have known a victim of dating abuse did not intervene.

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Bystander Intervention

stand.
speak.
act.
Benefits of Working Together

- Lightens the Load
- Cost Effective
Maximizes the impact

- Common messages
- Shared outreach
Maximizes Societal Impact

• Root Causes
• Risk & Protective Factors
• Teen Dating Violence Prevention Best Practice Guidance: http://tinyurl.com/TRVguide

• A Safer Campus: A Guidebook on Prevention and Response to Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence and Stalking for Ohio Campuses: http://tinyurl.com/SaferCampusGuidebook

• Bystander Intervention: http://www.oaesv.org/standup/

Support for Shared Adversity

• Overcome Gaps in Best Practices

• Negotiate Institutional and Systems Barriers
Increased Power

- Shared Resources
- Stronger Applications for Funding & Leveraged Resources
- Cross-Training
- Larger Constituency to Support Efforts
- Mutually Reinforcing Messages
Shared resources

- Example - working together on Evaluation
- Empowerment evaluation toolkit
- www.tinyurl.com/EmpowermentEvaluationToolkit
Improved Outcomes

• Learn From Each Other’s Experience

• Each Contributes From Their Strengths

• Compounded Impact Across Issues
Campus Safety

- Additional partnerships
- Areas of responsibility and work
OHMAN

- Support for a new network
- Accountability and leadership
Human trafficking

- Partnering across new areas of work
- Sharing lessons learned
- Allowing for differences
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