

Orienting our Agencies to Working with Male Survivors

Welcome

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Sexual Assault Across the Lifespan



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And thank you for 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



Culture



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 6





1 in 71

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"Don't tell mom or dad,
they'll be mad! They
won't love you!"

age: 4½-5 yrs old
my offender
told me

"Boys will be boys."

age: 16 yrs
detective

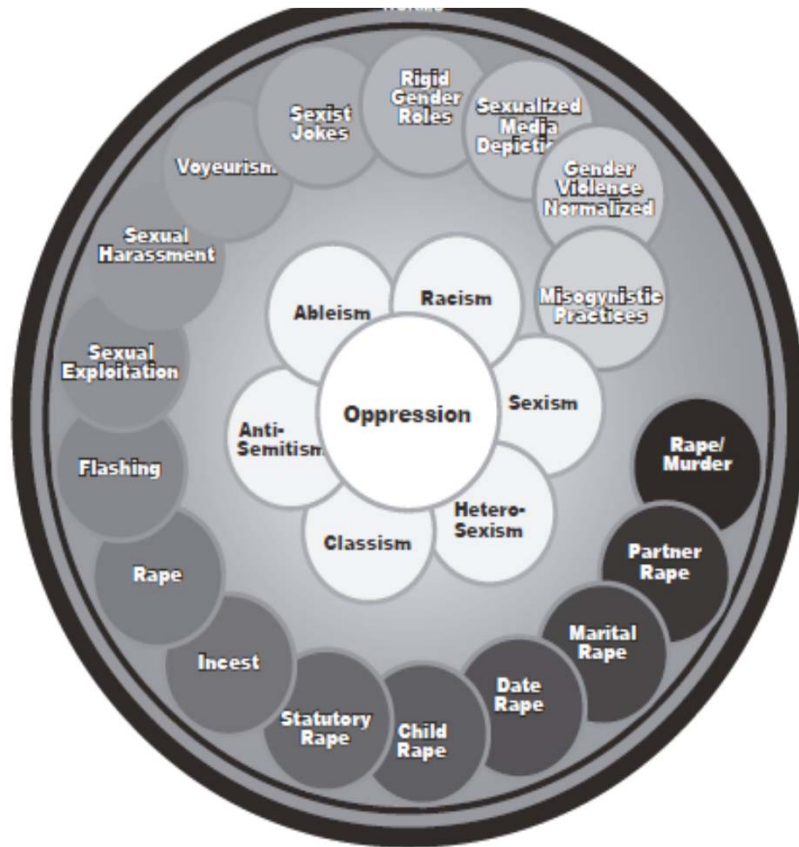
11 yrs of sexually violence
and numerous
suicide attempts.

What happens when someone does not fit into our box of female or male?



How are we defining gender identity at our agency?

Sexual Violence Continuum



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?

Challenges



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?

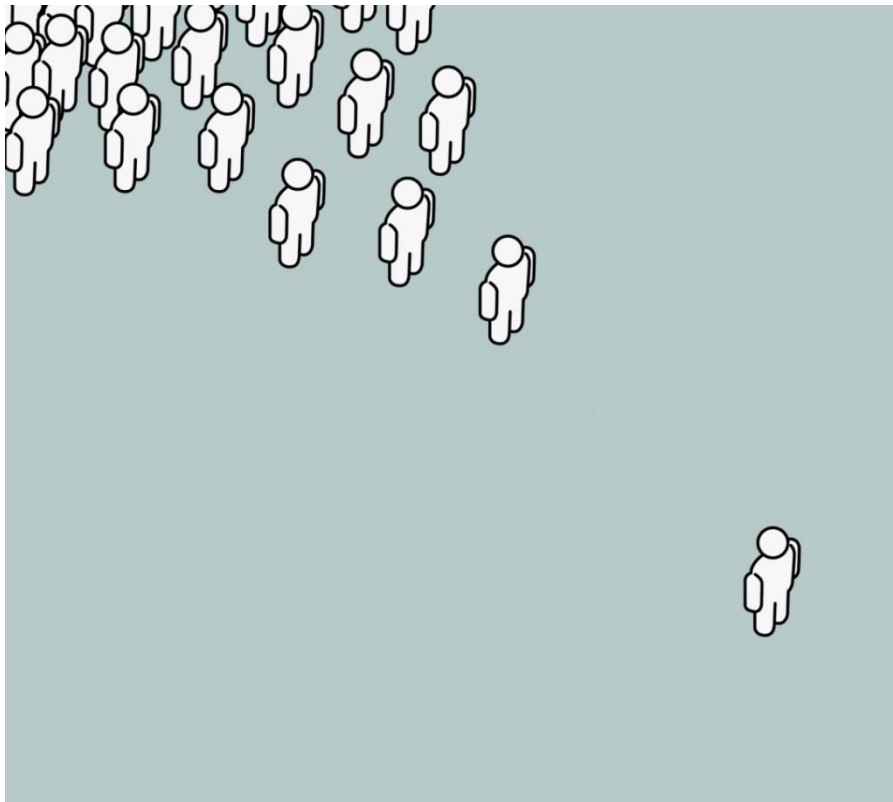
Reactions to violence



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?

Culture



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

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Resources

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

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

Boys and Men Healing <http://www.bigvoicepictures.com/recent-projects/production-3/boys-and-men-healing/>

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

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