

PREVENTING MEN'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: CAMPUS COLLABORATIONS AND INITIATIVES



THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



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Social Justice

“Social justice includes a vision of society that is equitable and all members are physically and psychologically safe and secure.”

The Problem

- 1 in 3 college students report physical violence
- Rape is the most common violent crime at US universities
- 52% of police reports about stalking are filed by college-aged students
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 10 men will experience a sexual assault in their lifetime

Agenda

- Overview Best Practices for preventing violence against women on campus
- Provide examples of UI efforts to prevent violence against women
- Identify next steps for participants to implement on their home campuses

Primary Prevention

The Spectrum of Prevention

Influencing Policy & Legislation

Changing Organizational Practices

Fostering Coalitions & Networks

Educating Providers

Promoting Community Education

Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills

Best Practices

NASPA identifies three best practice components

- Bystander Intervention
- Sexual Assault Response Team
- Task Force

Bystander Intervention

Training and support to engage bystanders in pro-social interventions to disrupt or prevent sexist, hostile, abusive, assaultive behaviors.

Research on bystander intervention programs has determined that training can positively influence attitudes toward women and sexual assault and can increase likelihood of participants intervening with pro-social bystander behavior.

Sexual Assault Response Team

Identify and convene key stakeholders and responders:

- Victim advocates
- Forensic and medical personnel
- Law enforcement
- Dean of students
- Counseling
- Housing
- Other?

Sexual Assault Response Team

- Emphasize focus on victim support and respecting victim's wishes
- Define need and identify needed services
- Administrative support
- Leadership and organization placement
- Funding
- Getting the message out

Task Force

Lay groundwork for campus-wide 'buy-in'

- Campus administrators
- Faculty and academic leaders
- Student representatives
- Law enforcement and security
- Student services
- Women's center/advocacy groups
- Other?

Task Force Activities

- **Preparedness:** Evaluate and define policies and procedures, reporting protocols; table tops
- **Prevention:** training, convene coalitions, network with other advocacy and supportive groups
- **Response:** Review reporting mechanisms, response procedures, judicial affairs policies
- **Recovery:** Referrals and resources, counseling, debriefing and support for first responders

Men's Anti-Violence Council

- ❑ Training
- ❑ Website
- ❑ Volunteers
- ❑ Programming
- ❑ Social Marketing

MAC
men's anti-violence council



Bystander Approach



stand.



speak.



act.

Benefits

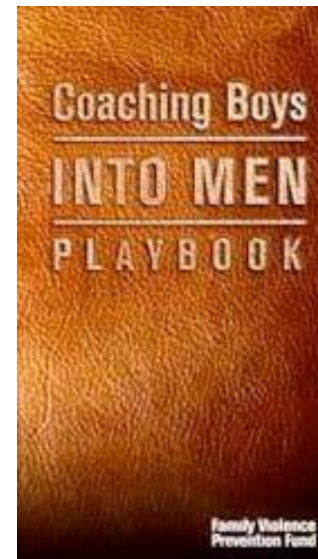
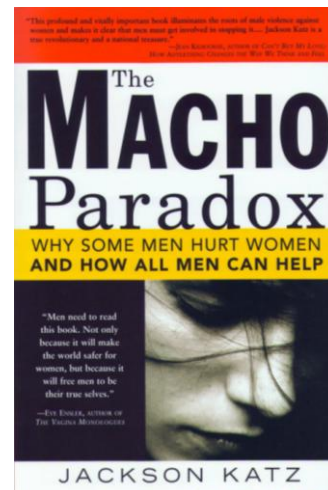
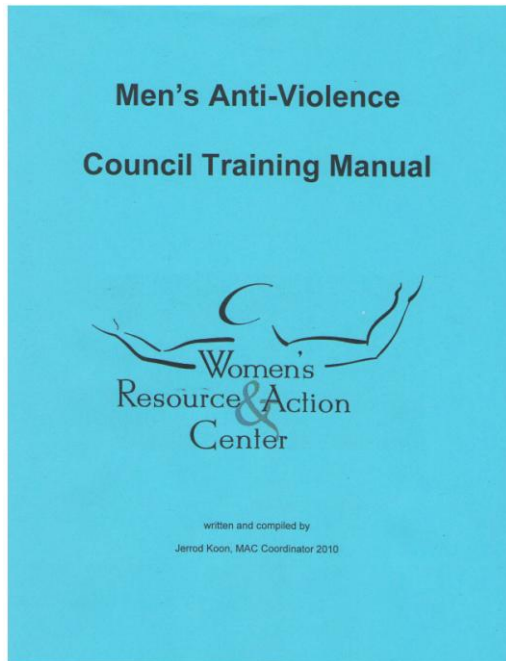
- Provides opportunity to get involved without stigma
- Discourages victim blaming
- Shifts responsibility to surrounding community members
- Opportunity to change social norms
- Teaches skills to address identified problems

Individual & Systemic

- The balance of focusing on individual training and supporting systemic change
- Could spend all day providing workshops and events
- What is being done systemically?

Individual Knowledge and Skills

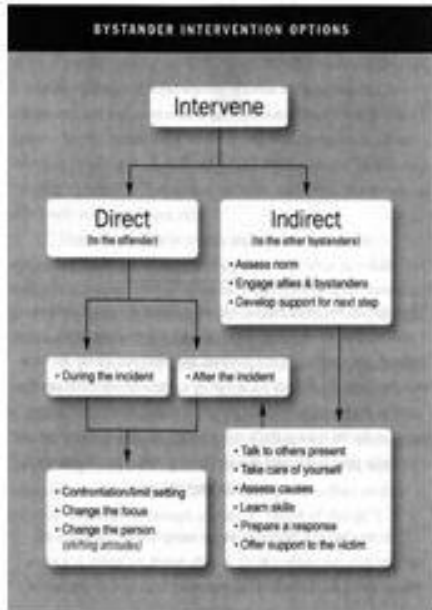
MEN CAN
CREATING CULTURES FREE FROM VIOLENCE
STOP RAPE INC



Promoting Community Education



Mayors Monthly Notable Non-profit: WRAC, Men's Anti Violence Council



The Men's Anti-Violence Council
Make a pledge to never remain silent about violence

The majority of men aren't violent. However, they are often silent. We need men to get active and be part of the solution.

What is the Men's Anti-Violence Council (MAC)?

The Men's Anti-Violence Council (MAC) at the University of Iowa is a volunteer opportunity through the Women's Resource and Action Center. Our goal is to engage men to get involved in confronting and preventing violence. Being a member of MAC involves creating discussions about masculinity, violence and men's role in creating solutions. MAC provides resources, training and workshops for the campus and community that teaches participants how to create individual and community change.

We attempt to prevent violence by challenging the behaviors and attitudes that create an environment where violence can occur and persist. MAC members support and challenge the men in their lives to become better and healthier men. MAC members create discussions and take action to raise awareness about violence. MAC members also serve as positive role models for the men and boys in their lives.

MAC Goals

- Create personal change by examining our own beliefs about violence
- Be active when we witness or know about inappropriate behaviors
- Serve as positive role models and mentors to other men in our lives
- Work as allies for gender and social equality at the community level
- Serve as a mentor, confidante or resource about violence

*"Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."
Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel*

Men's Anti-violence Council's Blog
Profeminist men and allies' blog

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"...the important fact of men's lives is not that they are biological males, but that they become men. Our sex may be male, but our identity as men is developed through a complex process of interaction with the culture in which we both learn the gender scripts appropriate to our culture and attempt to modify those scripts to make them more palatable."

-Kimmel and Messner, *In Men's Lives*

Members of MAC believe that one way of engaging in primary prevention of violence is to engage men and boys about creating positive male mentorship relationships. Men in our society have plenty of unhealthy and harmful examples of masculinity. We believe that it's time for the men in our community who recognize the problems to put their observations into action.

Being a mentor doesn't have to be a formal relationship with scheduled appointments. It can occur whenever you take action as a man in the presence of other men and boys. It happens within relationships and conversations about relationships and how to navigate masculinity in our society.

Blogroll

- Feministing
- Gay Men's Domest
- Institute on Domes African American C
- Josh Jasper's blog
- Men as Peacemake
- Men Can Stop Rap
- Men Stopping Viole
- National Organizat Sexism (NOMAS)
- Prevention Institut
- Red-flag campaign dating violence prc
- The Family Violenc
- The National Latin Family Institute
- V-day
- Voices of Men

Promoting Community Education

Before you sit down to enjoy Father's Day, stand up for what it means.

Violence against women and children is a harsh reality in our communities and neighborhoods.

That's why men from all walks of life are committed to turning a private concern into public action. We invite you to stand with us.

We want a community where boys are taught that violence does not equal strength and where men stand with courage, lead with conviction and speak with one voice to say, "No more."

Join us.

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RESPECT
give it. get it.

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TO BE CONTINUED?

IT'S CALLED STALKING. SAY SOMETHING. CONTACT MEN'S ANTI-VIOLENCE COUNCIL AT 335-1486.

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MY STRENGTH IS NOT FOR HURTING.

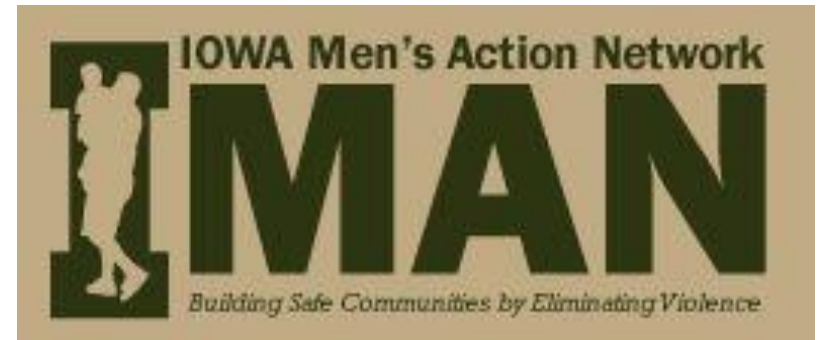
So when she changed her mind, I STOPPED.

Men can stop rape.

See your strength. Stand up. Speak up.

TheStrongerCampaign.org

Fostering Coalitions & Networks



Sexual Assault
Awareness Month



Dr. Micheal Kaufman introduces White Ribbon Campaign

Coalitions

UI Anti-Violence Coalition

- Over 35 campus and community divisions and organizations represented

Regent Coalition

- UNI
- ISU
- UI
 - ▣ Men's Institute
 - ▣ Victim Service Institute

MVP in Student Life

- ❑ College of Nursing
- ❑ Academic Advising
- ❑ Office of Student Life
- ❑ University Housing
- ❑ Athletic Student Services
- ❑ Student Health Services
- ❑ RVAP
- ❑ CDE
- ❑ OISS



Events, Networks, Campaigns

- Take Back The Night
- Newspaper Articles
- Fundraisers
- White Ribbon Campaign



First year programming

ON IOWA!



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TRANSFORMATIVE NEW MEDIA EDUCATION

Policy and Organization

- Sexual misconduct policy review
- Adoption of affirmative consent standard
- Sexual misconduct response coordinator
- Creation of IT Tech Advocate

Involving Male Community Leaders



Recommendations

- **Collaborate** with departments to host and support events & staff training
- **Support** staff who are working to enhance violence prevention initiatives
- **Nominate** & encourage staff to integrate bystander intervention material into current work
- **Participate** in activities to obtain funding for additional positions and activities

Where do you see areas for growth in your current work?

Influencing Policy & Legislation

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Action Plan & Resources

- Share about what you are currently doing that is effective.
- What resources do you need?
- What is the next step for your work/campus/office?
- What can you do this summer/fall?

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