

CCRDV & SA Combined Proposal

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Proposal:

Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence have been traditionally addressed each a silo of separate issues. However, in reality, many victims experience both simultaneously or concurrently. To continue to focus on these concerns as a community separately diminishes the power of standing together to eradicate oppression in the form of gender violence. Traditionally marginalized communities are more at risk and have a high prevalence of gender violence. In order to eradicate gender violence, it is imperative to focus on those populations that are most impacted by these issues. With that focus, we have the opportunity to manifest our combined strengths and resources to move both CCRs to a community focused team which engages the communities most affected.

Actions:

- Shifting focus from siloed issues (i.e. different forms of violence, gender) to a more collaborative focus on the problem as a whole and the solutions therein
- Combine resources (expertise, knowledge, admin hours) to work on transformative community initiatives such as conferences, trainings, and other awareness raising activities which engage a broad cadre of partners addressing intersecting issues.
- Align the work on both ends of the spectrum since they are often interrelated
- Deepen and focus on furthering collaborations with community partners and engaging persons who work on these issues outside of traditional systems
- Build coalitions between agencies and community members to engage in and deepen conversations, prevention work, and healing within the broader community as supported by the service organizations.
- Build systemic change into the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
- Legal Issues subcommittee to continue their work to address systemic issues which impact victims of intimate partner violence and/or sexual assault within the court system(s).