Welcome to NAMEN News, the communication with NAMEN Members. We (the board and staff of NAMEN) use this to update you on NAMEN activities and efforts, new resources, and other news from the field of "engaging men and boys."

We welcome your thoughts in inputs on the content and information we share. If you have comments, suggestions or concerns, please contact Rus Funk, Program Coordinator.

**Policy Updates**

On March 31, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision, allowed Texas to shut down all abortion services in Texas during the coronavirus pandemic as they are not “essential services.” For more information, you can review this article from The Hill.

Contact Planned Parenthood or UltraViolet to learn what you can do to respond.

**Resources**
COVID 19

Gender and COVID 19 A list of resources, materials and articles that examine COVID 19 and issues related to this pandemic from a gender perspective.

Men Masculinities & Covid 19 is a new web-page resource produced by the MenEngage Alliance to provide up to date resources, tools, and advocacy activities relevant to those working to transform masculinities and engage men and boys for gender justice during times of COVID-19.

Organizing White Men for Collective Liberation has recently released this Resource Guide for White Men During COVID-19 which provides some concrete recommendations and actions for the ways that white men can care for themselves in this crisis, and connecting white men’s self-care with collective care and responsibility.

New Films and Workshops

Sisters Rising examines sexual violence in US Indian Country. Based on the story of six Native American women, this film explores their experience of reclaiming personal and tribal sovereignty in the face of ongoing sexual violence against Indigenous women in the United States.

Masculinities and the Climate Crisis was an online workshop by the MenEngage Alliance which took place on April 1, 2020 to discuss, explore and advance understanding and action on the relations between masculinities and the climate crisis.

Articles

In addition to being a contributing factor to gender-based violence, the Social Violence of Gender Inequality argues that gender inequality is a form of structural violence in and of itself.

The Stanford Social Innovation Review published this article in March -- How Bene...
Businesses Can Engage Men as Allies for Gender Equality. This article provides a list of concrete and actionable ways that businesses can take effective and proactive action to engage men. This is worth exploring to see how you might integrate these messages and efforts into your local or state/territorial/tribal level organizing/activism.

Reports

Safer Sooner: Towards a Binding Global Norm to End Violence Against Women and Girls  Produced by EveryWomen, crafts “A global binding norm mandating a comprehensive package of proven interventions—implemented at the national level, scaled globally—will ensure that we protect the maximum number of women as quickly as possible.”

Call for Proposals

The 2020 National Sex Ed Conference is seeking proposals for their upcoming conference (scheduled for Dec 8 - 11 in Atlantic City, NJ). The National Sex Ed Conference is hosted by The Center for Sex Education. This is the largest conference in the United States designed exclusively for sexuality educators. We encourage the submission of proposals that address sexuality education for all ages, in all types of settings, and we especially LOVE proposals for workshops that are highly interactive and give participants materials they can replicate.