



## NAMEN News

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COVID 19 continues to demand a bulk of our attention and focus our energy. However, there are other important efforts going on, and new resources being made available. Of important note (for US members), the Department of Education released the new regulations on Title IX. See below (in "News from the Field") for more information and access to a "Rapid Response Toolkit."

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.

### What's up with NAMEN

NAMEN has signed onto a statement from the [Coalition to End Violence Against Women and Girls Globally](#) (a US based coalition of 184 organizations dedicated to building a world where women and girls live free from violence, which NAMEN is a member of through our Policy Advocacy Committee) calling on the US Government to respond and address [gender based violence in the midst of COVID-19](#).

## An invitation!

We're seeking your stories! As we approach Father's Day, we're wanting to hear from those of you who are dads:

- How did becoming a father impact on your activism?
- How does your activism impact on your fathering?
- How do you balance your activism and fathering?
- What are you learning about fathering in the context of your activism that might have implications for efforts to reach out, engage and mobilize other fathers into efforts to advance gender equality?

Write your responses and send them to [Rus Funk](#). Please send them in by Friday June 12th. We'll compile the responses and publish them as a resource to share back with you.

## **News from the Field**

### US Department of Education Releases new Regulations on Title IX

The Department of Education released [new rules for campuses](#) to address and respond to sexual harassment and assault. As expected, these new rules roll back protections for women and men who report having been sexually assaulted, limit the ways campuses can respond to allegations of sexual harassment and assault, and will weaken efforts to prevent sexual harassment and assault on campuses.

Raliance: Ending Sexual Violence in a Generation released their [statement here](#) and the National Women's Law Center has released [Rapid Response Toolkit](#).

### Support for Gender Equality Remains Stubbornly Low

According to the most recent [Human Development Report](#) from the United Nations Development Programme (April 2020), "nine out of ten people world-wide are biased against gender equality." This reports indicates that both women and men (although men at a higher rate than women) have this bias. This report also indicates a lot of variance across different countries, and a significant amount of back-sliding in some areas (Sweden and India most notably). indicate some of the largest degree of "deterioration."

### Upcoming Webinars

CALCASA and the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence are hosting "[Moving Power: Authentically Engaging Youth in the Community to Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence](#)" on May 19. Based on the presenters listed, this looks to be a valuable and insightful webinar, although with little expertise and experience specific to engaging male youth.

## **Resources**

### Calls to Action

MenChallenging has issued a call for men to donate to help survivors of violence during the Covid-19 Pandemic. They're raising funds specifically for [Deaf World Against Violence Everywhere](#) (DWAVE) and [Forge](#).

Organizing Men for Collective Liberation (A US based grassroots effort focusing on mobilizing white men to work for racial and gender justice) has launched a [fundraising campaign in support of Domestic Workers](#).

### Articles and Reports

#### [5 Ways Men Can Address - and Help Prevent - Harassment at Work](#)

This 2017 article outlines specific and concrete things men can do to prevent sexual harassment. Has the makings for a great infographic.

#### [\*Breaking the Cycle of Intergenerational Violence: The Promise of Psychosocial Interventions to Address Children's Exposure to Violence\*](#)

Exposure to violence in childhood can have severe physical, emotional, and mental health consequences and is intimately linked with the likelihood of perpetrating or experiencing intimate partner violence in adulthood. In this new literature review commissioned by [Promundo](#), the authors discuss psychosocial interventions that show promise in disrupting cycles of violence across many settings in high- and low-income countries, in individual and group/community settings, and by formally-trained professionals as well as community-trained facilitators.

#### [\*Emerging Issues in Male Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health\*](#) by Laura Grubb & Makia Powers (American Academy of Pediatrics, April 2020)

Pediatricians rarely address sexual and reproductive health with adolescent males, while it is common for them to discuss this with adolescent females (although the rates for addressing sexual and reproductive health is higher for black and brown adolescent males than for white males). This gender bias and double standards reinforces the myth that boys and men have no sexual or reproductive health needs, and that girls and women bear all sexual and reproductive health responsibilities. This report outlines strategies and practices for pediatricians (with significant implications for others who work with adolescents) on ways that they should and can open up these discussions.

SHIFT: A project to End Domestic Violence, The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters and the University of Calgary School of Social Work released [\*Support Best Practices: Guidelines for Funding Programs that Engage Men and Boys in Violence Prevention\*](#) (2020) (24 pp).

The purpose of these guidelines is to inform funding decisions and to help advance effective practices in engaging and mobilizing men and boys in violence prevention.

While the focus of this report is on funders, there are also clearly applicable to practitioners and organizations. The report outlines seven core principles, and two

practitioners and organizations. The report outlines seven core principles, and two additional ones specific to the context and experience of indigenous people and communities. The seven core principles include:

1. Ensure gender equality is built into all parts of the program so that the work strengthens and upholds the rights of women and people from diverse genders;
2. Embed a gender transformative approach that actively strives to examine, question and change rigid gender norms and imbalances of power;
3. Apply an intersectional lens throughout the design and implementation of programs;
4. Work in partnership with, and be accountable to, feminist principles, women's rights and gender justice organizations;
5. Design an evaluation plan from the outset that includes specific measures identifying changes in violence perpetration and/or victimization;
6. Incorporate principles of compassionate accountability to support men to identify complicity and/or participation in violence and gender inequality, and to make reparations for the damage and move forward in non-violent ways; and
7. Prioritize the personal and professional development of staff leading this work.

And in addition:

1. Build Indigenous programming upon regional concepts of Natural law, cultural principles and ceremony. Programming must also use healing practices and guidance from Elders; and
2. Involve all family members in healing programs, especially when working with Indigenous families with women and girls who are missing or murdered.

NAMEN is reviewing these standards and exploring how we might integrate them into our developing policy advocacy strategy.

### **Last Note**

NAMEN is reliant on your support for our efforts and growth. Please invite your friends, colleagues and others to [join NAMEN](#), and consider making an additional [donation](#) to support NAMEN as we continue to grow in our efforts and effectiveness.

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