



NAMEN News

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What's up with NAMEN

Global MenEngage Symposium

As we have reported in the past couple of issues, the Global MenEngage Alliance is working hard on planning for this year's Global Symposium.

NAMEN is hard at work on planning for this region's participation in the symposium efforts and activities.

Policy Advocacy Committee

The Policy Advocacy Committee is in the middle of developing NAMEN's strategy for policy advocacy. This strategy will outline NAMEN's direct advocacy efforts, as well as how NAMEN will align its advocacy efforts to feminist led efforts, connect NAMEN's advocacy

activities with those of the Global MenEngage Advocacy efforts, and develop the capacities and confidences of male engagement practitioners to participate in advocacy efforts. The Committee aims to submit this strategy to the Board for their review and approval at their September Board meeting.

The Policy Advocacy Committee also worked with Promundo on an amicus brief in support of the National Women's Law Center's lawsuit (filed July 31, 2020) against the Department of Education's Title IX regulations. NAMEN was able to recruit nine other organizations working with men and boys to achieve gender equality to join NAMEN in signing onto this brief .

If you are interested in seeing this amicus brief, please contact [Rus Funk](#), Chair of the NAMEN Policy Advocacy Committee.

News from the Field

[A Call to Men](#) is launching an initiative to train young organizers working to dismantle gender and racial injustice and build a more equitable world. [Go here to donate.](#)

The House of Representatives passes [a bill to create a commission](#) to study the racial disparities affecting black men and boys. This bill creates a 19-person panel consisting of lawmakers, agency officials and nongovernmental experts to investigate and make policy recommendations on "potential civil rights violations affecting black males and study the disparities they experience in education, criminal justice, health, employment, fatherhood, mentorship and violence."

Resources

Articles/Reports

[Boys may be hiding their feelings less amid the Coronavirus](#) (CNN, July 27, 2020)

This short article provide some evidence that boys are becoming more expressive of their feelings and emotions more often, during the pandemic.

[Exposing Youth to Porn is Dangerous, but the Harms of Pornography Don't End There.](#) (Feminist Current July, 2020)

[How Changing Social Norms is Crucial to Achieving Gender Equality](#) (UNFPA, 2020)

A 64-page compendium of articles that explore "some of the most promising practices for changing social norms and achieving gender equality." This mix of academic and practice-based articles explores the development of social norms practices that either a) abandoning maladaptive norms and creating a new norm; or b) creating a new norm first, and then (or concurrently) destabilizing the current norm. For each strategy, stages of

change can be crafted which provides a means to amplify the movement and expand the process of change.

[Invest in health and uphold rights to “build back better” after COVID-19](#) (*Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*, July 2020)

This commentary examines the mutually dependent relationship between health security and universal health coverage (UHC), and how the longstanding underinvestment in both renders us all vulnerable. It also discusses the vulnerability of services for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in times of crisis, which is compounded when these services are not included and well integrated into national UHC packages. It concludes with a call for stronger political leadership for UHC and SRHR as the global community strives to “build back better” after COVID-19.

[Masculinities and Health: A framework for challenging masculine gender stereotypes on health promotion.](#) (VicHealth, June 2020).

This very practice and applicable tool (7pps) provides a conceptual model for how masculine gender stereotypes negatively impact on men’s health and well-being, as well as some practice principles for working in health and wellness promotion in ways that counter these gender stereotypes.

[Why Men Can’t Use their Wives to Cover Up Their Disrespect for Women](#) (*Raliance*, July 2020)

Webinars/Vids

[The Conversation](#) (Michael Cory Davis, 2020). This 20 min film explores the dynamics of consent, sexual assault and the “gray areas of intimacy.” According to A Call to Men, this is a great tool for conversation and education.

[Measuring Gender Equality in the Time of COVID-19: Why it’s so Important](#) (Center for Gender Equity and Healthy, UC San Diego, July, 2020. 55 min)

[Changing the Campus Environment to Prevent Sexual Violence Before it Occurs](#) (PreventConnect, July 30, 2020. 22 min)

[Nevertheless](#) A 2019 Film looks behind the headlines of #MeToo and Times Up. It follows the intimate stories of seven individuals who have experienced sexual harassment in the workplace or in school. This film shines a light on the ways in which we can shift our culture and rebuild.

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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