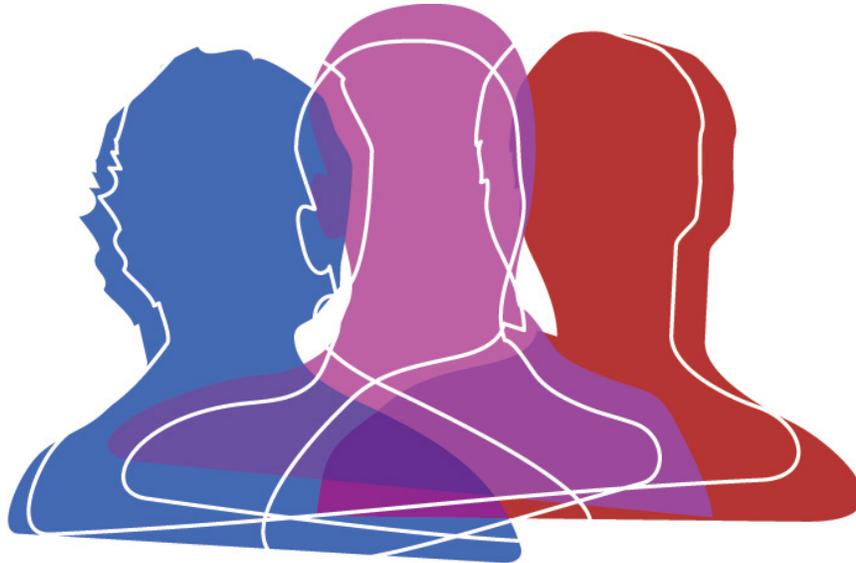


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## Welcome to the *NAMEN News*

This is the inaugural issue of the NAMEN News, the bi-monthly newsletter of the North American Men Engage Network (please visit our [website](#) to learn more about NAMEN). NAMEN, a member of the Global MenEngage Alliance, is a network of individuals and organizations in the U.S. and Canada working to engage and organize men and boys to promote gender equality. Our members include state coalitions who are working to engage men and boys, local programs, and individuals. NAMEN provides a way to share best and emerging practices about engaging men and boys (from both the US and Canada, and through our participation in the Global MenEngage Alliance, globally) develop and share resources, and provide support to local

the Global MenEngage Alliance, highlighting events and efforts from around the US and Canada, and provide you with resources.

We look forward to connecting with you, as we do our work to strengthen and expand the movement of men in support of gender quality.

In respect,

Rus Ervin Funk, Editor

## Update from the Steering Committee

NAMEN is coordinated by a steering committee composed of individuals representing diverse organizations and regions in North America. The Steering Committee meets bi-monthly to hear the reports from the various working groups, continue to strategize about how to strengthen the movement of NAMEN in the US and Canada, and look at any issues that arise. Current [Steering Committee Members are listed here](#). The Steering Committee strategizes the continued development and growth of NAMEN.

In late 2016, NAMEN launched a new initiative "Communities of Practice" (CoP). The idea behind our CoPs is to promote the sharing of knowledge and experience about engaging men and to offer practitioners to build their confidence to work in these areas. So far, NAMEN has hosted [two CoP sessions, which you can access here](#).

The most recent update is that we have hired a contractual grant-writer. The primary responsibilities of this person will be to identify possible funding sources, and write some grants to provide some initial funding to allow NAMEN to continue to expand our programs. Planning offerings include a quarterly webinars, bi-monthly web conferences, and online courses covering best practices worldwide.

### Resource Corner

NAMEN's website is available and can be used to access information about the movement in the US and Canada as well as other resources about working with men and boys as those resources become available. [Please visit our website](#) and make it one of your favorites!

*Engendering Men: A Collaborative Review of Evidence on Men and Boys in Social Change and Gender Equality* [is available here](#).

### Working Group Updates

The work of NAMEN is primarily done through our Working Groups which coordinate the main efforts provided by NAMEN. [See more about our workgroups here](#).

#### COMMUNICATIONS

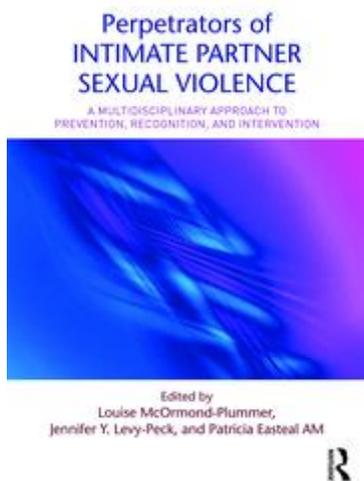
The Communications Working Group focuses on Facebook content, Members list serve, and Website functionality.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH

Membership and Outreach continues to

umbrella of Black Male Achievement efforts. The current fellowship program is now closed, [but more information about this project can be found here.](#)

"*Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Prevention, Recognition and Intervention*" is a new book recently published by Routledge Press. Some of the authors include: David Adams, Lundy Bancroft, Walter DeKeseredy, Patricia Esteal, Marie Fortune, Rus Ervin Funk, Louise Kelley, Louise McOrmond-Plummer, Evan Stark, and more.



[You can order this book Routledge.](#)

Walter DeKeseredy, Molly Dragiewicz, and Martin Schwartz have recently published "*Abusive Endings.*" [Available here, from University of California Press.](#)

we have, and out reach to possible partner organizations and efforts. This newsletter is one of the concrete efforts of this working group.

### PROGRAM

The Program Working Group is currently focusing on three program efforts: Continuing our webinar series quarterly, building our membership oriented Community of Practice Web Conference, and our first online course designed to provide the basic knowledge information that we believe practitioners need in order to effectively engage men and boys to promote gender equality.

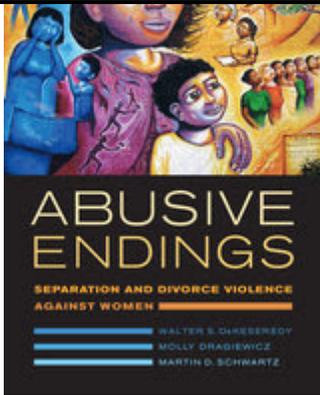
### FUNDRAISING/DEVELOPMENT

The fundraising & Development Working Group recently proposed to the Steering Committee that NAMEN allocate funds to hire a grant writer on a contractual basis. NAMEN has hired this person who will be identifying possible grant funding sources to help develop and expand the programs we offer.

### From the Global Men Engage Alliance

Chuck Dery and Shane Joseph share responsibilities as the representatives from NAMEN to the Global Men Engage Alliance Network. Here is an update on the Global movement:

European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) Civil Society Meeting/MenEngage Europe Steering Committee Meeting: MenEngage European network was invited by EIGE to join the Civil Society Consultation Meeting during the period of 24-25 January 2017 in Vilnius,



## Highlights

[March 1 was the annual Jane Doe Inc, Massachusetts White Ribbon Day.](#) Wildly successful this year with more than 700 people attending the annual event which promoted the pledge for men in Massachusetts to do their part to promote healthy masculinity, as a strategy in the primary prevention of domestic and sexual violence. Contact [Craig Norberg Bohm](#) for more information.

Also on March 1, activists in Louisville, KY organized a discussion on "White men supporting Racial and Gender Justice." 50 folks showed up for an interactive, conversation-based event that explored what ways men who have white skin and work to effectively counter the white nationalist and male supremacist rhetoric that has found new energy from the Trump Administration. Contact [Rus Funk](#) for more information.

## Saving VAWA

As you have undoubtedly heard. President Trump and his administration in the Office of Budget and Management has identified the

MenEngage Nordic Conference: "Making the Invisible Visible: Transforming Social Norms among Boys & Men for Gender Justice in Practice", was held 16th February 2017, in Oslo, Norway. The conference brought together over 110 activists, organizations, campaigners, politicians and individuals from women's rights, child rights, LGBTIQ rights, Human Rights and Social Justice ". [For more information please visit here.](#)

World Bank event on "the Role of Masculinities in Conflict Prevention": MenEngage Alliance was invited by World Bank to join a panel "the role of masculinities in conflict prevention", on 11 January 2017 at World Bank Headoffice in Washington D.C. The aim was to inspire World Bank staff to take-on work on masculinities and transforming gender-norms.

Voice Male Magazine: The MenEngage Gender Issue: MenEngage Global Alliance joined hands with Voice Male magazine to jointly [publish a special issue which you can access here.](#)

Online Consultation on Youth & Gender Equality: MenEngage Alliance and the Inter-Agency Network on Youth & Development's Working Group on Youth and Gender Equality, have organized an e-discussions on the "Role of Young Men in Gender Equality and Violence Prevention", as a preparatory activity for the 2nd Youth Forum at CSW61. [More information is available here.](#)

Upcoming

Youth Forum at Commission on Status of Women 61: The UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth & Development's Working Group on

Department of Justice) to be cut. NAMEN is working with other national organizations to stay abreast of the issue.

We encourage you to contact your congress person and Senators to secure their support for these programs, and to contact your state coalition to find out what other ways you can be involved.

The current information we have is that it seems highly unlikely that President Trump will be successful in efforts to completely eliminate the Office on Violence Against Women and the funding streams provided therein. VAWA, which provides the funds for OVW has been far too popular with too much bipartisan support, it is felt, for it to be eliminated. However, there is real reason to be concerned. Given the rhetoric coming from this administration, there is reason to worry about some of these programs and funding streams -- particularly those that support services for the most marginalized and vulnerable (such as, immigrant women, funding for tribal communities, funding for LGBTI services, etc.).

Advocates are encouraged to begin the grassroots organizing to mobilize communities about the value of VAWA at the local level ,and to meet with Congressional leaders while they are home during congressional recesses (the next scheduled recess is in April -- which is also Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month). NAMEN encourages members to stay in touch with your state coalition to find out how you can help support these efforts.

organizations will host the 2nd CSW Youth Forum from 11 to 12 March 2017 at the UN Headquarters. This event will bring more than 600 youth leaders (Adolescent and Youth of all gender identities between the ages of 14 to 35) across the world to discuss about the “Youth and Gender Equality, in the context of women’s economic empowerment and changing world of work”. [Please follow here](#) 61st Session of the Commission of the Status of Women 2017: MenEngage Alliance and various of our members will join the upcoming 61st Session of the Commission of the Status of Women event during the period of 13-24 March 2017 in New York, USA. You can learn more about the [Global Men Engage Alliance here](#).

NAMEN is a membership organization and you can become a valuable member of the NAMEN community -- helping us to build and sustain a thriving men engagement movement in the US and Canada.

By joining NAMEN (which you can do either as an organization or as an individual), you get access to this growing community of colleagues the collective expertise that we offer. Becoming a member requires agreeing to our core principles. Go [here](#) to explore becoming a member.

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