DISPATCH FROM THE COALITION

The *Moment of Truth* statement, embraced by End Abuse and supported by coalitions across the country, insists that mainstream anti-violence advocacy must fundamentally transform to end the personal and collective traumas our movement purports to fight.

To do so, we believe it necessary that individual advocates, multi-disciplinary teams, and policies must transform in tandem; from strategies historically rooted in violence as response to violence, toward a paradigm that recognizes and honors the intersectional lives of survivors, the partners who use violence against them, and the communities in which they are both beloved.

This journal means to offer personal & professional tools, resources, and ideas for advocates across Wisconsin to embody; for the systems that survivors must navigate to explore and adopt; for communities to urge their leadership consider seriously.

This is neither fast nor easy work. It is not one-size-fits-all. Healing and accountability are messy, evolving, intangible. As are we.

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Tegan Nia Swanson, Systems Change Coordinator
OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE YOUTH FROM ALL OVER WISCONSIN JOIN THE EFFORT OF PREVENTING AND ENDING TEEN VIOLENCE.

-CIA SIAB VANG, DARE2KNOW YOUTH OUTREACH SPECIALIST

Dare2Know (D2K) is a statewide, youth-led campaign to promote healthy, non-violent relationships in Wisconsin by raising awareness about the negative effect of teen dating violence on our youth, families and communities.

1. VALUE YOUR VOICE because we know healthy relationships begin with a healthy YOU. Value yourself and use your voice to promote healing and healthy relationships.

2. PERSUADE YOUR PEERS is the next step, because we know everyone needs some motivation and support in finding their voice as well.

3. CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY is the final step, because we know it takes a community of voices being active in the movement to end teen dating violence!

D2K imagines a WI where youth are empowered and active in fully embracing healthy relationships and, together with their communities, committed to ending teen dating violence.

YOUTH LEADERS FROM:

Cia Siab, Inc.  
(La Crosse)

Diverse & Resilient  
(Milwaukee)

Hmong American Women’s Association  
(Milwaukee)

UMOS Latina Resource Center  
(Milwaukee)

We All Rise: African American Resource Center  
(Green Bay)

Wise Women Gathering Place  
(Oneida Nation of WI/Green Bay)

Youth Leader Action Teams:

All youth leaders will cultivate brave, healing spaces to promote healthy relationships and dismantle root causes of gender-based violence through learning and practicing new skills, online and community work, and bringing fellow young people into the work.

Elder Legacy Journals: sharing wisdom, knowledge, & power across generations.

Civic Engagement: influencing policy wherever decisions are made, from neighborhoods to city council chambers to schools.

Healing & Healthy Relationships: sharing information and hosting events to promote healing & healthy relationships

Addressing Conflict Through Nonviolence: addressing conflict in nonviolent ways and healing from trauma.

If you want to learn more, connect with us on our website:  
https://dare2knowwi.org
The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force (MMIW) is charged with helping fight the abduction, homicide, violence, and trafficking of Indigenous women in Wisconsin. The task force plans to focus on examining the factors that contribute to missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) and the response from social service organizations, understanding the roles federal, state, and tribal jurisdictions play, and improving and implementing robust data collection and reporting methods.

Strategic plans, meeting information, and resources are available on the website.

WATCH: NATIVE WOMEN OF WI

WHAT CAN I DO?

Advocate for Tribal Sovereignty & an Ecosystem of Care

Assist with data collection

Learn more about MMIWG2S

Share information about MMIWG2S in your communities

Support Wisconsin’s 12 Native Nations
Virtual Legislative Advocacy Day 2021

Tuesday, March 23 | 9:30 - 11:00am

Join advocates and survivors from across Wisconsin in this free, virtual event hosted by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault and End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin to advocate with elected officials on issues that are critical to the safety and empowerment of survivors.

Together, we will discuss key policy issues related to sexual assault and domestic abuse, hear from legislators in a panel-discussion format, and learn how to effectively advocate with policy-makers while prioritizing safety during COVID-19. Participants will then speak with their elected representatives during pre-scheduled meetings, taking direct action to influence policy change.

We encourage participation from interested survivors as we provide a supportive environment for direct legislative advocacy.

Register at bit.ly/legadvday21reg

WHAT CAN I DO?

- advocate with your elected officials
- listen to the legislators’ panel discussion
- learn effective advocacy tips
- share your story as a survivor with policy-makers

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY
TRANSFORMATIVE RESOURCES

READ

The Atlantic
250 years of slavery.
90 years of Jim Crow.
60 years of separate but equal.
35 years of state-sanctioned redlining.
Until we reckon with the compounding moral debts of our ancestors, America will never be whole.
THE CASE FOR REPARATIONS
BY TA-NEHISI COATES

FOLLOW

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU SHOULD
MATTER TO YOU ALL THE TIME
#SHOW UP
@PRIVTOPROG

WATCH

I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO
WRITTEN BY JAMES BALDWIN
DIRECTED BY RAOUl PECK
SAMUEL L. JACKSON

LISTEN

Joel
ACTIVITY: **GENDER ROLE BOXES**

**OAKLAND MEN'S PROJECT**

**Follow the link above to find facilitator instructions & discussion questions.**

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**How does your own identity align or diverge from these stereotypes?**

**What happens to folx that do not fit in these boxes?**

**How do these stereotypes contribute to violence and oppression against folx of all gender identities & expressions?**
TRANSFORMATIVE PRACTICES FOR HEALING & ACCOUNTABILITY

WATCH: COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES - EMERGENT STRATEGY

READ: EMERGENT STRATEGY

- IMAGE EXCERPTED & ADAPTED FROM ADRIENNE MAREE BROWN BY KEVIN THOMAS FOR THE RUMPUS
KEEP A GRATITUDE JOURNAL

Time Required:
15 minutes a day, at least once per week for at least two weeks. Aim for three times per week to really feel the benefits!

How to Do It:
There’s no wrong way to keep a gratitude journal. Do what feels right to you, and what feels like a practice you can commit to trying. Some folx may prefer lists, while others might like to use art, write songs or poems, or other creative expressions. Don’t know where to start? Try writing down 5 things for which you feel grateful. Small, large, mundane, or highly unusual – the important thing is to be specific. Remember and record good experiences, people, images, sensations, and memories in your life—then enjoy the good emotions that come with the practice.

CLICK HERE for NINE TIPS from Greater Good in Action
What time is it on the clock of the universe?

People are aware that they cannot continue in the same old way but are immobilized because they cannot imagine an alternative. We need a vision that recognizes that we are at one of the great turning points in human history when the survival of our planet and the restoration of our humanity require a great sea change in our ecological, economic, political, and spiritual values.

Grace Lee Boggs
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin is a non-profit organization that depends on grants and donations to create publications such as this. All donations are tax deductible. For more information or to make a donation, please visit our website: www.endabusewi.org.

End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin’s core philosophy of a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to domestic violence is that domestic violence is a community issue that requires engagement from the entire community to address.

Although many CCR teams begin their coordination efforts with the criminal process, this system represents only one piece of the larger community. Because the legal system is not a support all victims choose to engage, an effective CCR team will include members from schools, mental health and other healthcare agencies, neighborhood centers, faith communities, county extension agencies, culturally-specific organizations, and many other groups. CCR must go beyond the legal system to truly create a wide network of support for victims, which is especially important for communities of color, people with disabilities, older adults, and other survivors from marginalized communities.

Learn more about Community Coordinated Response here.

If you have a resource or a story to share, please contact tegans@endabusewi.org