Plenary #3

Sports Culture and the Role of Batterer Intervention

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**COLLECTIVE SOCIALIZATION OF MANHOOD**

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THE MAN BOX

- Don't cry or openly express emotions
- Do not show weakness or fear
- Demonstrate power/control especially over women
- Aggression
- Dominance
- Protector
- Do not be "like a woman"
- Intemperance
- Do not cry for "Like a guy, man!"
- Tough-Athletic-Strength-Courage
- Makes decision: Does not need help
- Views women as property/subordinates

OUTSIDE THE MAN BOX

- Anything associated with being a woman
- Anything associated with being a gay man
- Sensitive
- Being vulnerable
- Being weak
- Showing emotion
- Soft
- Needs to "Man Up"
THE COLLECTIVE SOCIALIZATION OF MEN

- Having Less Value in Women

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- Having Less Value in Women
- Treating Women as Property

THE MAN

THE LEGEND

DRUNK

Free Breathalyzer
BLOW HERE
THE COLLECTIVE SOCIALIZATION OF MEN

- Having Less Value in Women
- Treating Women as Property
- Objectification of Women

THE COLLECTIVE SOCIALIZATION OF MEN

LESS VALUE + PROPERTY + OBJECTIFICATION = VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
Domestic violence rooted in a patriarchy
Not about anger management its about choices
Power and Control
Safety and self-determination for victims
Accountability for offenders
The need for a criminal justice first approach

Feminist Perspective Teaches

Institutional Human Service

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Hope and Healing
for Boys….and Men

MAN BOX

DON'T BE VULNERABLE
DON'T BE A SUCKER
DON'T BE TOO CARING
DON'T BE TOO NICE
DON'T BE TOO COMMITTED
DON'T BE TOO LOVING
DON'T ASK FOR HELP

BOYS TO MEN

ALWAYS IN CONTROL
BE TOUGH
NO WEAKNESS
ACCEPT ANGER
NO FEELINGS
IN CHARGE
ACT LIKE A MAN
MAN UP
BE AGGRESSIVE
BE STRONG
NO FEAR
NO PAIN
DON'T ACT LIKE A WOMAN
DON'T BE SOFT
PROTECTOR
ATHLETIC
DOMINATING
COURAGEOUS

MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS
POWERFUL
WOMEN ARE PROPERTY
WOMAN ARE OBJECTS, SEXUAL OBJECTS
DON'T BE GAY
DON'T BE A SUCKER
DON'T BE VULNERABLE
ALWAYS IN CONTROL
DON'T ASK FOR HELP
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CYCLE OF CONSEQUENCES
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- Don't Ask for Help
- Man Box
- Criminal Justice System
- Boys to Men
- Trauma
- Lack of Achievement
- Stagnation
- Low Self-Worth
- Don't Be Vulnerable
- Don't Ask for Help

MEN CAN – Interrupt & Prevent THE CYCLE OF CONSEQUENCES

- Fathers
- Coaches
- Men of Faith
- Mentors
- Concerned Men

As Men We Must

- Live What We Teach
- Be Vulnerable Ourselves
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THE URGENCY OF NOW
As Fathers – As Men – As a Community

- Express your broad range of emotions
- Develop a voice
- Creating space for children to “just be” – No Boxes
- Embracing not distancing
- Limitations of the collective socialization
- Envision the world
- Increase healthy manhood we decrease violence
As Fathers – As Men – As a Community

- language or expressions that denigrate women and girls
- Homophobia, heterosexist and anti gender non-conforming messages and behaviors
- Support feminist perspectives, become an ally to the rights of women & girls
- Silence is affirming
- Race and class does matter

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