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Engaging Men in the Prevention of Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence

Although addressing the issues of intimate partner and sexual violence has historically been led by women, the work of preventing this type of violence requires all of us working together to create a culture where that violence is no longer tolerated.

ENGAGING MEN

“Men are recognizing that they have been forced to conform to a very narrow and two-dimensional picture of maleness and manhood that they have never had the freedom to question.”

– Andrew Cohen

In October 2014 the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center hosted two separate events featuring nationally renowned speaker, Tony Porter. The events are part of an increasing movement to engage more men in the prevention of intimate partner and sexual violence.

A CALL TO COACHES, ATHLETES AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

In an evening event, Tony talked with over 600 athletes, coaches, college students, and community members about the narrowly defined idea of masculinity that is prevalent in our society, the impact it can have on men, and the correlation of those ideas to the issues of intimate partner and sexual violence. He also talked about the role men can play in creating a world where all men and boys are loving and respectful and all women and girls are valued and safe.



A CALL TO MEN

The next morning Tony talked with 180 members of our community with nearly 80% of those being men. Many people attending spoke about the event as a transformational experience.

After hearing Tony's message, participants responded by saying, "I am inspired to..."

"Share this message specifically with boys group that I am mentoring. Great info on how we need to change our mindset/definition of manhood and how we treat females. Thanks"

"Empower my daughters to be strong and powerful. Also educate my son to respect women and empower them"

"Reconsider how I talk with my 5 year old and my 13 and 15 year old daughters - I have really been shaken by the presentation"

"Be aware of my language and dialogue with kids-especially my own. Take a stand and address the "culture of acceptance" our community turns a blind eye to.
Excellent-Informative-Well put together-Way to go RACC"



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