

From Survivor-Centered Services to Transformative Justice

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EDUCATION

ADVOCACY

LEGISLATION

Our Framework

NCCASA as a statewide coalition uses a social justice framework, therefore, our work is done from a strong intersectional, social justice perspective. By centering our work around marginalized communities, everyone is served.

Our Work

- Organize and sponsor statewide trainings related to sexual violence
- Support rape crisis programs
- Resource sharing and technical assistance
- Legislative agendas and policy change (Local and national level)
- Anti-Human Trafficking outreach
- Prevention education
- Colleges and Universities

A note about language...

- “She” as the victim and “he” as the harm doer (perpetrator)
 - Research shows us that about *90% of sexual assault victims are women* and the majority of perpetrators are men.
- Non gendered pronouns (they/them)
 - Victims and harm doers can be of a non-binary gender

Acknowledgements

- Not all women are victims
- Not all men are perpetrators
- Men are victims
- Women are perpetrators

Objectives

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to...

- Describe transformative justice
- Identify how transformative justice aligns with trauma informed survivor centered efforts
- Identify one step to take to support their work to move forward transformative justice

“No one enters violence
for the first time by
committing it” -Danielle Sered

3 Core Beliefs

- Individual justice and collective liberation are equally important, mutually supportive, and fundamentally intertwined
- The conditions that allow violence to occur must be transformed in order to achieve justice in individual instances of violence
- State and systemic responses to violence not only fail to advance individual and collective justice but also condone and perpetuate cycles of violence

What is transformative Justice?

“Transformative justice examines behaviors and systems as opposed to simply the individual actor. Further, a transformative justice process would work to address power and privilege both in the community and in larger systems in relation to the specific harm and with broader community prevention in mind.” -WCSAP

Goals of Transformative Justice

- Survivor safety, healing and, agency (*reinforce autonomy and self sufficiency*)
- Accountability and transformation of abusers (*Duluth Abuse Intervention Project*)
- Community accountability (*The Natural Helpers Program*)
- Transformation of the social conditions that create and perpetuate violence (*systems of oppression, exploitation, domination, state violence, etc.*)

Transformative Justice Aligns with Trauma Informed Survivor Centered Care

Trauma Informed Survivor Centered Care

- Prioritizes the rights, needs, and wishes of the survivor.
- Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery.
- Seeks to actively resist re-traumatization.

Transformative Justice

- Supports survivors by reinforcing their autonomy and self-sufficiency.
- Survivors are provided options to decide what will help them in their safety, transition and healing.

Steps Towards Transformative Justice

Agencies should ask themselves...

- How do the Transformative Justice principles align with or challenge the mission and politics of the agency?
- What kind of criteria exists for deciding when to and when not to engage the State? What protocol and policies are in place to respond to violence outside of State intervention?
- What preparation might be necessary to develop and support community-based responses to and prevention of violence?

Steps Towards Transformative Justice

- Move away from incarceration as a solution
- Prevention
- Unpacking our own patriarchal actions and beliefs
- Empower people rather than institutions to make decisions

Example of Transformative Justice



Activity: Getting Justice, Transforming Harm

An exploration of what it means to receive transformative justice in response to an act of harm.

Questions?

Resources

- http://www.generationfive.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/G5_Toward_Transformative_Justice-Documents.pdf
- https://www.wcsap.org/sites/default/files/uploads/working_with_survivors/advocacy/Advocacy_and_Justice_2019.pdf
- <http://www.calcasa.org/2017/04/what-does-transformative-justice-look-like-survivor-focused-trauma-informed-community-accountability-to-ending-sexual-violence/>
- <https://transformharm.org/transformative-justice/>
- http://aorta.coop/portfolio_page/destabilizing-rape-culture-through-transformative-justice/
- <https://soundcloud.com/endoftheworldshow/the-practices-we-need-metoo-and-transformative-justice-part-2/s-CovZV?fbclid=IwAR1vbBBO9TqudWrvrs49i5zyKROY4c4l8kxetBhzVDeY8Gkingeu01PtmUE>