



Building Bridges during Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

If you're coordinating Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (TDVAPM) in your community, you may have wondered how you can further deepen your partnerships to create even more meaningful youth engagement. Sometimes, an introduction can help! Over the past few years, the Partnership has been building strong relationships with statewide coalitions that share common goals in building equity to prevent intimate partner violence. Connect with the coalitions below to find their local partners, and consider inviting them to your TDVAPM events! For more resources this month, visit cpedv.org/ca_youth_lead_2020.

→ Read on to meet our coalition partners!

CALCASA

CALIFORNIA COALITION
AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

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About: The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) provides leadership, vision and resources to rape crisis centers, individuals and other entities committed to ending sexual violence. CALCASA is committed to ending sexual violence through a multifaceted approach of prevention, intervention, education, research, advocacy and public policy. Through ongoing communication and meetings with constituents, CALCASA relays the challenges and successes of local work to the statewide and national levels and best practices, evidence-based and practice-based programs at the state and national levels to local constituents.

CALCASA has a national and local perspective of emerging issues, and is familiar with the demographic and cultural makeup of California. CALCASA helps support the work of member centers by designing effective ways to address and integrate developing issues into the direct service and prevention programs of rape crisis centers, including providing training and technical assistance that many members may not otherwise be able to access.



Team Members from CALCASA and the Partnership visited Governor Newsom's office to deliver sign-ons from 115 organizations and 1,344 individuals, urging our policymakers to support ongoing funding to prevent sexual and domestic violence.

Why We Love Working with CALCASA: The Partnership and CALCASA have an established commitment to use teamwork in our state-level work to support all survivors, as well as prevent sexual assault, domestic violence, and teen dating violence. Through our #PreventionWorks State Budget Campaign, we've worked to secure funding that supports grassroots efforts to address root causes of violence, and promote all facets of prevention—notably, youth led peer education. And through our #PreventionAcrossCA campaign, we are responding to the identified prevention needs in a coordinated and collaborative manner, recognizing the intersectionality of our efforts, while connecting with community partners beyond the DV/SV field.

How to Connect: [Explore CALCASA's member organizations.](#) If you'd like an introduction, please feel free to reach out to Sarah Orton at SOrton@calcasa.org.



Why Connect:

- Find a rape crisis center that is implementing a prevention project in your community and partner up! When working together, the message is unified and strengthened.
- Learn about the projects focused on community mobilization and how you can become involved or replicate something locally.

ALLIANCE FOR Boys and Men of Color

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About: The Alliance for Boys and Men of Color (ABMoC) is a national network of hundreds of community and advocacy organizations who come together to advance race and gender justice by transforming policies that are failing boys and men of color and their families, and building communities full of opportunity.

Why We Love Working with the Alliance for Boys and Men of Color: ABMoC has been a steadfast partner in California's work to prevent domestic violence, building support for social norms change with community-based approaches to healing and accountability. They are doing excellent work to build equitable communities and foster healthy masculinity.

How to Connect: [Explore ABMoC's partner organizations](#). If you'd like an introduction, please feel free to reach out to Eric Morrison Smith at eric@policylink.org.

Why Connect:

- Partner up with one of the ABMoC partner organizations to collaborate on intersectional advocacy and prevention efforts.



Partnership and ABMoC Members posed for a group photo after the Riverside County Healing Together Training. Director of Programs Jacquie Marroquin said, "I walked away feeling hopeful that we can continue the life-saving work of the domestic violence field while building strong bridges with boys and men of color who are deeply thinking about gender-based violence."



- Engaged in culturally responsive efforts? Invite one of the ABMoC partner organizations to join you in the conversation!



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About: The California Work & Family Coalition is an alliance of community organizations unions, non-profits, and individuals dedicated to helping parents, caregivers, and families thrive. The coalition wins legislative and advocacy campaigns, and led the passage of California’s groundbreaking Paid Family Leave and Paid Sick Days laws. They also stick with policies to ensure their successful and equitable implementation by engaging communities in education and outreach initiatives designed to raise awareness and utilization of work-family rights. Lastly, they convene a deep bench of diverse organizational partners from across the state to advance state and regional work-family policies. Their legal experts, public health officials, community organizers, labor leaders, and government representatives collaborate to promote wellness and build family-friendly workplaces.

Why We Love Working with the California Work & Family Coalition: The California Work & Family Coalition (CWFC) is committed to strengthening paid leave policies by ensuring that they are responsive to the needs of those most impacted by economic insecurity. The CWFC member organizations engage in advocating for comprehensive paid leave benefits that are inclusive of the diverse needs of



At the California Work & Family Coalition’s Annual Meeting, Krista and Alejandra from the Partnership advanced our shared work to expand paid leave access—an important part of our intersectional work to prevent intimate partner violence.

low-income workers and immigrants, such as job protection, progressive wage replacement, and an inclusive definition of family. They are also committed to learning about the ways in which economic security efforts can help prevent relationship violence and are planning to implement a

Paid Family Leave Training Toolkit. This will be available to advocates and preventionists interested in normalizing the conversation about accessing paid leave and other related benefits.

How to Connect: [Get to know the California Work & Family Coalition's members.](#) If you'd like an introduction, please feel free to reach out to Executive Director Jenya Cassidy at jenya@workfamilyca.org.



Why Connect:

- Economic insecurity is a major risk factor for domestic violence and sexual assault; partner up with one of the CWFC member orgs to collaborative on programmatic and policy efforts that help strengthen economic supports in your community.
- Our issues intersect with one another. When partnering up with local community organizations to improve conditions at work, increase knowledge about employment rights, or advocate for accessible and affordable housing, we are also working to prevent relationship and sexual violence.



- ["Defining Goals and Strategies to Achieve Child Wellbeing" - October 30, 2019 Convening](#)
- [Executive Summary: "Enhancing the Collective Vision," July 12, 2019 Convening](#)
- [Overview of Subcommittee Activities](#)



Marcella Maggio, ItsMyLife.biz Founder, and the Partnership's Alejandra Aguilar, sharing about the importance of using CHARMing behaviors (healthy relationship & communication values), at home and at work, as the EfC Initiative works to promote collaborative partnerships that foster equity and respect.

About: The California Essentials for Childhood Initiative (EfC) uses a public health and collective impact approach to align and enhance collaborative efforts to promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for children, youth and families through systems, policy and social norms change.



Elena Costa, CDPH Essentials for Childhood Initiative Program Coordinator, Mina White, CDPH Research Scientist, and the Partnership's Alejandra Aguilar, at the EfC Initiative Convening in October 2019. Evaluation, Prevention, and collaborative efforts unite to promote healthy relationships and environments for all!

Why We Love Working with the Essentials for Childhood Initiative: The California Essentials for Childhood Initiative (EfC) is made up of organizations committed to the mission of the project. Together, through collaborative efforts, participating members are engaged in the implementation of activities that promote local-level community and policy level change to reduce and prevent violence and improve child wellbeing in California. Priority areas include: Strengthening Economic Supports for Children and Families, Creating Protective Environments/Change Social Norms/Promoting Healthy Child Development, Lessening harms and prevent future risk/Increasing Access to care/Promoting healthy child development, and School and Community Engagement. This is an exceptional demonstration of how together, we truly are stronger and able to accomplish so much more!

How to Connect: [Explore the list of organizations participating in the EfC Initiative](#), and email Elena Costa, Essentials for Childhood Initiative



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- **Why Connect:** Instead of reinventing the wheel, how about partnering up with someone working to support individuals and families to live free and safe? As we coordinate the use and access to data and resources, we are able to strengthen our efforts.
- Partner up with your local health department, Adverse Childhood Experiences specialist, immigrant legal center, or school district healthcare provider to develop a community-centered prevention collaborative. The stronger the relationships, the stronger the access to prevention efforts and response services.



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About: The Alliance for Girls champions leaders who transform their communities. As the largest alliance of girls' organizations in the country, and the only hub of resources for those organizations in the Bay Area, the Alliance for Girls' proven expertise brings together hundreds of organizations and leaders under a shared vision through collaboration that generates systemic change. This coalition's work is all about enabling girls with the power to learn, to be seen, to be heard, to be understood and to make a difference. The Alliance for Girls is achieving that goal by creating an inspired movement of members, partners, services and resources. The result is an ecosystem of leadership provided by an exceptional network of adult allies, girls' organizations, schools and others dedicated to helping girls and young women reach their full potential in all facets of their lives.



The Alliance for Girls' 6th annual conference, A Movement for Equity, was held on October 3rd, 2019, and was a day to remember! 500+ girls, gender-expansive youth, young women and girls' champions attended this memorable event. Photo credit: Morgan Shidler.

Why We Love Working with the Alliance for Girls: Michell Franklin, Capacity Building Program Manager at the Partnership, has attended Alliance for Girls' events over the years, including their annual conference. Michell said, "They're making a significant impact in putting issues that affect girls on the map and becoming a strong force in the movement around advocacy for girls." Krista Niemczyk, the Partnership's Public Policy Manager, has been speaking with the

Alliance for Girls team on regular calls to chart out future projects.

How to Connect: Get to know the Alliance for Girls' [members](#) and [Advocacy Committee](#). If you'd like an introduction, please feel free to reach out to Haleema Bharoocha, Advocacy Manager, at haleema@alliance4girls.org.



Why Connect: With the Alliance for Girls' research, advocacy, and [youth-led school partnerships](#), there are great opportunities to learn from one another's work and become connected with local partners. And like many in our coalition, Alliance for Girls' members engage youth in social justice efforts. After learning about a member's work, think about scheduling a meet-and-greet among young people.

blue of california foundation

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About: The Blue Shield of California is working toward strong, vibrant communities where all people are heard, respected and engaged; Innovative networks that increase access and opportunity for people to thrive; Social norms and policies that help create, sustain and reinforce equity; and Health, safety and well-being for all Californians. Its mission is to build lasting and equitable solutions that make California the healthiest state and end domestic violence. They're investing in the partnerships to make such a future possible.



Policy Director Richard Thomason participated in last year's Orange Day Educational Briefing on the Promise and Impact of Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention in California.

Why We Love Working with the Blue Shield of California Foundation: For years, the Blue Shield of California Foundation has shown its dedication to ending domestic violence in California by supporting the field with leadership opportunities, initiating projects to enhance cultural responsiveness, and releasing new prevention research. It has funded countless organizations to support local prevention initiatives and work with survivors. The Foundation has taken a leadership role in supporting a massive network of collaborative partnerships enacting prevention at the community and societal levels. If you have a question about connecting with other prevention partners, it's likely that they'll have some great suggestions!

How to Connect: View the Blue Shield of California Foundation's Exploring the Value of Prevention 2018 Grantees, and reach out to Senior Program Officer Rachel Wick at rachel.wick@blueshieldcafoundation.org.



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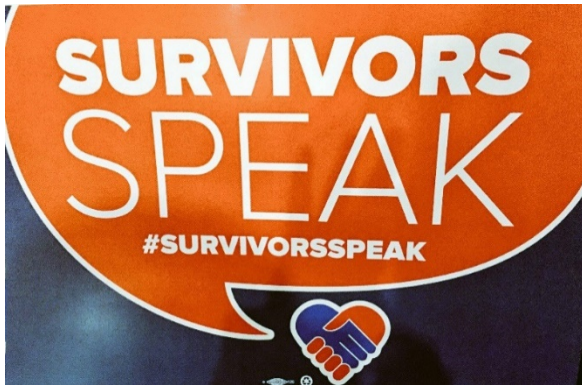
- Talk about intersectional prevention projects! We invite you to check out the projects currently funded, as they represent multiple organizations working on issues ranging from violence prevention, to early childhood wellness to housing, and community services to regional economic development and environmental health. They include nonprofit organizations, cross-sector collaboratives, social investment firms, government agencies, researchers, policy advocates, and clinical and public health experts.
- They are working at both the state and local levels to create fundamental, systemic change.



CRIME SURVIVORS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE

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About: Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice, a flagship project of Alliance for Safety and Justice, is a national network of crime survivors joining together to create healing communities and shape public policy. With over 30,000 members and growing, including chapters and leaders across California and the country, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice is building a movement to heal together and promote policies that help the people and communities most harmed by crime and violence.



Why We Love Working with Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice: The Partnership is exploring ways to align our work with Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice, which is a strong network of survivors across the state. In 2017, we attended the [Survivors Speak](#) event, and listened to many survivors who shared their stories and wisdom.

How to Connect:

Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice has chapters in the Bay Area/East Bay, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, Stockton, and Fresno. To reach out to one of them, please get in touch with TaShante McCoy, Northern California Regional Manager, at Tashante@safeandjust.org and David Guizar, Southern California Regional Manager, at David@safeandjust.org.



Why Connect: For survivors who would like to connect with one another, this coalition provides rich opportunities for relationship building and community mobilization. After learning more about the chapter closest to you, invite them to your Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month events—and ask about community initiatives that they're planning as well.