

# ***ACE-DV Speakers Initiative Series: Valuing Your Story***

**Breckan:** Welcome, everyone! I'm Breckan from NRCDV and I'll be moderating the chat box for this afternoon's webinar. Feel free to introduce yourself here!

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**Rebecca Balog:** Hello all!

**Cody Dailey:** Hello everyone

**Breckan:** Hi, friends!

**Allison McCall:** Hello everyone!!

**Charlotte Chino:** Hi, I made it back in!

**Breckan:** Welcome back!

**Breckan:** Welcome everyone! We'll be getting started in just a few minutes. If you have not already done so, please dial 1-877-594-8353, pass code: 527-89-148# for audio. You may also listen through your computer.

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**Breckan:** Throughout the webinar, feel free to post your questions for the presenters here in the chat. And in the meantime, be sure to introduce yourself!

**Patricia Clear:** Patricia Clear

**Breckan:** Welcome, Patricia!

**Rebecca Balog:** Wellness Moment! "Where there is trauma- Healing is the answer." Cheers to all who do this work, you are all changemakers. Thank you for joining Valuing Your Story by ACE-DV!

**William Kellibrew:** Welcome everyone!

**Martha Jean Anderson:** Hi I'm Martha "Juania" Anderson from Lancaster, pa

**Annika:** Hi Everyone, thank you for joining us.

**Rebecca Balog:** Martha, I am in/near Harrisburg, PA. HI!

**Jade Wilson:** Hi, I'm Jade Wilson. From Raleigh, NC

**Lenny Hayes:** Welcome everyone!

**Amy Torchia:** Amy Torchia, Montpelier, VT

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**Charlotte Chino:** Charlotte Chino, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

**Kurt Begaye:** Kurt Begaye, St. Michaels, AZ

**Breckan:** ACE-DV speakers guide: <https://vawnet.org/material/front-room-sharing-your-childhood-story-domestic-violence>

**Breckan:** Welcome, everyone!

**Dara Jefferson:** Dara Jefferson, Meskwaki Settlement, Tama Iowa

**Tonjie Reese:** Tonjie, eleven24, Los Angeles, C

**Rebecca Balog:** "At the Core: Survivors" #YesAnnikaYes

**Deborah Butts:** hi, Deborah Butts, Winnsboro, Texas

**Breckan:** Welcome, everyone!

**Rebecca Balog:** "Inspired Millions with His Story of Survival" #ThankYou William

**William Kellibrew:** Thank you Rebecca! My honor

**Rebecca Balog:** "Lenny Brings Voices of the Native LGBTQ and Two-Spirit Community" #LeaveNoOneBehindYesLenny <3

**Rebecca Balog:** Casey stepped forward to plant the seed of the ACE-DV work. Thank you, Casey. This is a gift to our movement.

**Terri Powe:** Terri Powe, GCFV

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**Kurt Begaye:** any particular hashtag for the webinar? would like to tweet about the session.

**Breckan:** Hi Kurt! You can use #ace-dv and tweet along with us at @NRCDV

**Rebecca Balog:** "Two-Spirit" is a culturally-specific identity central to only certain Native American tribes. This is not an acronym or general definition of all LGBTQ or other Native LGBTQ. Two-Spirit is a cultural term, sometime appropriated (without bad intentions). Two Spirit is a highly unique cultural identity.

**Rebecca Balog:** Lenny Hayes taught me this important information. Thank you for your diligent work to teach us how to be respectful while we do the work.

**Lenny Hayes:** Thank you Rebecca! You are too kind :)

**Annika:** The bravery in doing our work, we are in our healing and willing to share and help others. Thank you, Rebecca!!

**Annika:** Yes! William, sometimes the healing happens on stage

**Rebecca Balog:** #YESSSSSSSSWilliam

**William Tipper Thomas, III:** it absolutely happens on stage sometimes. when you say things out loud, it becomes real. a real issue that you now have the opportunity to heal from.

**Breckan:** So powerful!

**Annika:** @Rebecca survivors at the core of driving the bus

**Tonjie Reese:** It's so unfortunate that your organization didn't support you @Annika, but I'm glad you kept moving forward.

**Annika:** Thank you Tonjie!

**Annika:** This is about us!

**Annika:** #YassssssWilliam

**Lina Juarbe:** Sometimes we forget that we have been in preparation for our entire life to share our stories! #not a singlestory

**Breckan:** Well said!

**Annika:** Hi Lina! This is so true! We have been in preparation our whole lives

**Rebecca Balog:** Hello Lina! #RockStarSistah

**Lina Juarbe:** Absolutely gotta have someone else talk about the money. It can be someone who is in your support circle of your work.

**Annika:** Best to you all!!

**Lina Juarbe:** Hey hey Rebecca! #mysisterspeaksmymind

**Rebecca Balog:** Yes, and that can create severe vulnerability. A liaison would be a helpful tool.

**Rebecca Balog:** (have someone help with negotiations)

**Lina Juarbe:** Thank you Annika!!!

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**William Tipper Thomas, III:** Define nationally or internationally recognized?

**Martha Jean Anderson:** Rebecca hope to touch base with you in the Harrisburg area

**Arlene Vassell:** Hi Lina!!!!

**Breckan:** Good question, William!

**William Kellibrew:** Hello "Tip"!

**Lina Juarbe:** Hola Arlene!!!! Love knowing we are here together.

**Rebecca Zimmerman:** Lenny, you mentioned receiving good advice from a mentor. Does anyone have thoughts and advice on finding a mentor?

**William Tipper Thomas, III:** hey bro, lol.

**Lina Juarbe:** When there is a federal rate also charge for prep time

**William Tipper Thomas, III:** yes, sir.

**Lenny Hayes:** Rebecca, when finding a mentor it's important to feel "SAFE" with this person. In my own experience, my mentors found me, I went to them after having conversations.

**William Kellibrew:** Awesome bro!

**William Kellibrew:** Always find someone or be found!

**William Kellibrew:** great point

**William Kellibrew:** hear your mentor speak and present

**Rebecca Balog:** My mentor has been one of my greatest gifts. Mentors should be safe and have honor. When you feel safe, you can trust leadership. I agree with Lenny SO MUCH- a good fit is #1!

**Breckan:** Thank you for sharing this great wisdom!

**William Kellibrew:** Also, we may negotiate up, but it is key to avoid over negotiating and going too high. It can be perceived as snooty. If we ask for a price that is way too high, we can be judged as being too inaccessible. However, when that same price is negotiated by an agent, it has a different perspective and take by those who may request us as a speaker

**Rebecca Zimmerman:** Thank you very much, Lenny, William, Rebecca, and everyone for the verbal and written thoughts on my question!

**William Kellibrew:** Read as much you can with self-help books that provide guidance

**William Kellibrew:** take public speaking as well. learn the technical components of presenting

**Lina Juarbe:** mentors must love us and challenge us at the time. I am blessed with many mentors who have invested in me...I also have created my own "kitchen cabinet" where I can be as vulnerable as transparent as possible. It can be a skill/topic specific "kitchen cabinet" as needed

**Rebecca Zimmerman:** Thank you Lina!

**William Tipper Thomas, III:** I've told my story for ten years for free before I received my first honorarium. The concept of getting paid to tell my story never entered my mind for ten years. I told it because I wanted to use my story to help other people.

**Lenny Hayes:** Yes Rebecca! I love that phrase! I say it all the time and remember that!

**Lina Juarbe:** THANK YOU Rebecca!!!

**William Kellibrew:** exactly William Tip!

**Lina Juarbe:** Our wellness is a radical act!!!

**Rebecca Balog:** Thank you- that was from my mentor :)

**Ebony Lucas:** YES!! Healed people heal people just like hurt people hurt people! I love that phrase!!

**Rebecca Balog:** :D <3

**Rebecca Balog:** Well done William Tipper Thomas III. It is okay to receive compensation for your time. At the least, consider it an energy exchange to make the world a better place and honor your own needs to continue doing the work without "volunteer burnout"

**Breckan:** Thank you for the great advice!

**Lina Juarbe:** the struggle for self-care it is real. Have people in your circle that will tell you the truth when you are not well or burning out.

**Nanette Chezum:** Thank you, William, for the idea to decompress after speaking.

**William Tipper Thomas, III:** I understand that now, Rebecca. I literally didn't know people got paid to speak until 10 years into it. I have someone negotiating my rates now but will still do 3-4 for free.

**Lina Juarbe:** I love bringing my family with for grounding me

**Breckan:** And thank you so much to everyone for joining us this afternoon!

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**William Kellibrew:** much agree Lina

**Lina Juarbe:** Appreciate you all for you and all you do!

**William Kellibrew:** our family will let us know quickly how we need to be grounded

**Ivonne Ortiz:** Great webinar, thanks!

**Lina Juarbe:** Hey Ivonne! abrazos

**Amy Torchia:** Thank you so much for telling your stories. It is a great way to be able to hear from kids (who are now adults!)

**William Kellibrew:** my grandmother does not waste anytime to tell me, what she is thinking even about my presentation.

**Rebecca Balog:** Ivonne!!! Heya!

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**Arlene Vassell:** Great webinar! We appreciate you. Thank you all.

**Amy Torchia:** You are all precious!

**Charlotte Chino:** Great webinar, thank you!

**Taylor Ahmed:** Thank you!

**Rebecca Zimmerman:** Thank you!!

**Martha Jean Anderson:** thank you

**Cody Dailey:** Thank you

**Carolyn Curtis:** Thank you

**Rebecca Balog:** Walk in Brave Beauty!