

CDV STAND

WE STAND with individuals and groups who have been targeted, degraded, threatened, or marginalized because they are Native Americans, people of color, immigrants, women, Muslims, LGBTQ, or people with disabilities.

WE STAND against white supremacy, racism, misogyny, anti-Semitism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, and all other forms of structural oppression.

WE STAND with survivors of domestic and sexual violence, especially those most vulnerable and with limited access to services and protection.

WE STAND together in celebration of the rich diversity of people in this country and the vitality and strength they bring to our communities and society.

WE STAND with those who embrace self care and community connection as necessary and powerful for social change.

WE STAND with other activists and organizations who continue to work passionately for gender, racial, economic, and social justice for ALL.

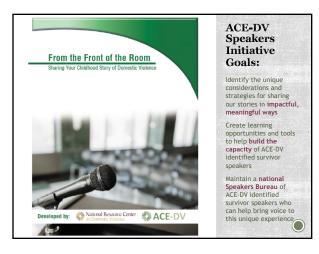


Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence (ACE-DV) Leadership Forum



Established to amplify the voices and experiences of ACE-DV to enhance our work to end domestic violence.





ACE-DV Speakers Initiative 2018/19 Webinar Series

- Valuing Your Story
 To increase participants' skills and confidence when it comes to advocating for the value of our stories.
- Navigating Challenges in Storytelling with Audiences
 To strategize together about common audience-generated challenges when sharing our stories in public spaces.
- Speaking to Our Relationships with Those Who Abuse
 To explore the challenges and opportunities in naming our
 complex relationships with those who have perpetrated abuse
 against us and/or our caregivers.
- Bringing Your Whole Self to Your Work
 To explore the risks and benefits of incorporating your personal and professional identities, and how to use storytelling as a tool in advancing our work in various settings.







Today's discussion







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About you

Where are you when it comes to sharing your story?

- A. Thinking about it/cautious
- B. Writing it down/piecing it together
- C. Shared in trusted relationships
- $\hbox{\tt D.}\quad \hbox{\tt Told in certain public settings}\\$
- E. Experienced in sharing with various audiences
- F. I could be presenting this webinar



What are your questions?

Please share in the public chat!

Communicating the complexity of our relationships

If we are to offer helpful and effective means of accountability and change, we must understand that people who choose to abuse are human.

ACE-DV Core Beliefs:

- Each of us should be allowed and encouraged to name our own experience.
- There is a difference between loving a person who abuses and condoning their behavior.
- Violence is learned and reinforced by societal norms, yet accountability and commitment to change can create a new path.



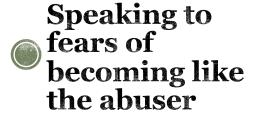






- Multidimensional individuals with complex relationships
- How the "monster" narrative is harmful
- Abusers are not all the same (perpetrator prototype)
- Harm in labeling "abuser" or "criminal" especially in communities of color





- Internalizing the idea that we are "part monster"
- Monitoring oneself, knowing that abuse is learned behavior
- Important to emphasize that change is possible



Speaking to personal accountability & forgiveness

- Separate but intertwined concepts
- Forgiveness as a personal & individual choice
- Accountability looks different across cultures



Navigating and speaking truth to ongoing family dynamics

- Separation does not necessarily mean the violence stops
- Those in contact are still strategizing safety or managing abusive behaviors
- Survival techniques in the interest of self and victim parent



dual identities survivor and advocate

- The impact of our advocacy lens on our relationships with those who abuse
- Our paths as advocates may be separate and distinct from the paths of our siblings



Healing & self-care

- Creating boundaries with and caring for family members as critical to our own well-being
- Honoring more than one path in our stories
- Moving from deficit to growth

ACE-DV

There is not one path

It takes courage to speak your truth.

You are the expert in your own experience.

Together, our voices can help shift the paradigm.











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