

# *Using Story Circles to Capture Local Community Responses to Gender-based Violence During TDVAM and Beyond*



**Breckan Erdman:** Hi everyone, welcome to today's webinar! I'm Breckan from NRCDV, I'll be moderating the chat box today.

**Breckan Erdman:** 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.

**Breckan Erdman:** Although you can listen via your computer, we do recommend dialing in on your telephone for the best sound quality. If you experience any trouble with sound, please be sure to dial 1-877-594-8353, passcode: 527-89-148#.

**Breckan Erdman:** In the meantime, feel free to introduce yourself here in the chat!

**Aubrey Weber:** Aubrey Weber, FHI 360 - Durham, NC

**Cady O'Brien:** Cady O'Brien- Crime Victim Advocate @ LCSNW Vancouver, WA  
Breckan Erdman: Welcome, friends!

**Amber Johnson:** Amber Johnson- Primary Prevention Coordinator Pensacola, FL

**Sarah Day:** Sarah Day - researcher at the University of South Africa's Institute for Social and Health Sciences.

**Dana Mohammad:** Dana, Sexual Assault Advocate @ WC SAFE in Detroit MI

**Kim Paoli:** Kim, Domestic Violence Counselor, Delaware

**Kristen Minami:** Kristen Minami, Prevention Education Coordinator, UC Santa Barbara

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome! We're so happy to have you all joining us for today's webinar!

**Deidre Atkins:** Deidre Atkins, Victim Advocate @ Cobb County District Attorney, Marietta, GA

**Rachel Davidson:** Hi Everyone, I'm Rachel Davidson. Emergency Department Advocate for SAVI Mt. Sinai, NYC

**Taylor Woods:** Taylor Woods - DV Advocate, West TN

**Breckan Erdman:** So happy to have you all here!

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**Lauren Kwon:** Lauren Kwon, LMFT, DV family advocate @ Korean American Family Services in Los Angeles, CA

**Nicole St Onge:** I'm Nicole! Community Educator at My Sisters' Place in Yonkers, NY

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome, Lauren and Nicole!

**Breckan Erdman:** Time to get started! Please submit your questions for the presenters here in the public chat – we will do our best to pose them during our time together.

**Breckan Erdman:** Feel free to continue to introduce yourselves here in the chat and tweet along with @NRCDV

**Bunny Chidester:** Bunny Chidester Virginia DSS DV Program Specialist Richmond VA

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome, Bunny!

**Davoelene Trusty:** Davoelene Trusty-Baetens DVSAC US Virgin Islands

**Breckan Erdman:** NRC DV Stands Statement: <https://vawnet.org/sites/default/files/assets/files/2017-08/WE-STAND.pdf>

**Breckan Erdman:** #1Thing Action Guide: <https://vawnet.org/material/1thing-action-guide-inspiring-action-through-unified-message>

**Amy Hill:** <https://youtu.be/2ulhAEWwQSw>

**Abena Asare:** Hi everyone, I'm in Fresno California working on a DV planning grant - Safety Through Connections

**Amy Hill:** Please view story!

**Amy Hill:** [https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video\\_id=2ulhAEWwQSw](https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video_id=2ulhAEWwQSw)

**Amy Hill:** In case the short link doesn't work

**Renee Tate:** Is it by Sankofa Read Aloud?

**Amy Hill:** No, not sure how you got that, it's by Becca Garcia

**Davoelene Trusty:** I have viewed the video, thank you.

**Abena Asare:** I watched the video

**Bunny Chidester:** Beautiful

**Amber Johnson:** I thought that was very empowering for her to make that statement, "I shape my life not you." She took her power back by speaking about what happened to her.

**Bri Schultz:** Hi everyone! I am Bri Schultz, from Community Outreach Advocate from Ohio. I really liked how the ending said "I shaped my life, not you." absolutely beautiful

**Saraden White:** I am glad she found an outlet and could cope

**Jessica Lahr:** I like how it was told from her perspective, but didn't focus entirely on the assault - but how she has healed from it

**Breckan Erdman:** Wow, what a powerful story

**Amber Johnson:** @Jessica Lahr, I was trying to like your statement. Forgot where I was. lol but I concur.

**Abena Asare:** Hi I just realized I listed as someone else.

**Abena Asare:** I'm not Abena. I'm Veva Islas

**Breckan Erdman:** We're happy to have you here for today's webinar, Veva!

**Susan Marks:** Will you be sending out these slides after the webinar? Thanks!

**Breckan Erdman:** Hi Susan! Yes, the slides and webinar recording will be available on VAWnet.org after the webinar: <https://vawnet.org/material/using-story-circles-capture-local-community-responses-gender-based-violence-during-tdvam>

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**Susan Ghanbarpour:** Could you please make the transcript of the webinar available, as well?

**Breckan Erdman:** Yes! A transcript of the public chat and closed captioning will also be available on VAWnet.

**Susan Ghanbarpour:** Thank you : )

**Deborah Brackins:** Deborah from WRAP in Jackson TN

**Breckan Erdman:** Welcome, Deborah! :)

**Nicole Pryor:** Nicole Pryor UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing Silver Spring Community Nursing Center

**Abena Asare:** What questions move us from service needs to prevention needs?

**Nicole St Onge:** Do you feel that these approaches are also appropriate for young people? Maybe from middle school through high school?

**Nicole St Onge:** Or rather, what successes have you had with that age group?

**Abena Asare:** I'm interested in learning how we build resilience and self-worth and not just addressing once harm has been experienced.

**Breckan Erdman:** Thank you for these great questions! Amy will come back to these.

**Breckan Erdman:** Feel free to share any other questions!

**Bunny Chidester:** We do a lot of prevention work with kids/teens who witness DV to prevent the cycle continuing

**Breckan Erdman:** That's awesome Bunny!

**Nkem Ndefo:** How do you work with participants who become overwhelmed and upset?

**Rosie Downey:** Yes please to sending out trauma informed approaches

**Breckan Erdman:** That's a great question!

**Renee Tate:** Yes please share

**Bunny Chidester:** In our HROC (Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities workshops we always have 2 facilitators, so someone is always available if a person needs to go outside and process. It has only happened once when I was facilitating

**Breckan Erdman:** Thanks for sharing, Bunny. That sounds like a good strategy for addressing emotional needs.

**Theresa Anthony:** It always helps to have a psychologist who can intervene in times of emotional outburst

**Breckan Erdman:** "Writing as a Way of Healing: How Telling Stories Transforms Our Lives"

**Breckan Erdman:** Thank you for joining today's session! Please be sure to respond to our brief survey upon logging out.

**Bunny Chidester:** Thanks!

**Amy Hill:** Great! I will add the ethics guidelines and the trauma informed storytelling material to the follow up!

**Jessica Lahr:** Thanks!

**Nkem Ndefo:** Thank you!

**Rosie Downey:** Thank you! Great webinar

**Davoelene Trusty:** Thank you.

**Amber Johnson:** This was awesome!

**Amy Hill:** Thank you very much all! Feel free to reach out to me!

**Donna Cotterell:** Thank you!

**Amy Hill:** [amylenita@storycenter.org](mailto:amylenita@storycenter.org)

**Renee Tate:** Thank you!

**Theresa Anthony:** Thank you for your time Amy