The Impact of Adultification on Child Survivors of Trauma with an Emphasis on Children of Color

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

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Breckan Erdman: The webinar will begin at 2pm Eastern time. In the meantime, feel free to introduce yourself here in the chat!

NRCDV Admin: Hello everyone! This is your host Ivonne, thanks for joining our webinar!

Jacqueline: Hello everyone! I am so excited about today's webinar. And, I am glad you're here!!

NRCDV Admin 2: Hello All, this Justine joining on behalf of the NRCDV to help with Tech needs. If you are having any technical difficulties feel free to message presenters or private message "NRCDV Admin 2"

Breckan Erdman: Thanks, friends! Go team!! :)

Breckan Erdman: If you have not already done so, be sure to dial 1-877-594-8353, pass code: 527-89-148# for audio. You may also listen through your computer.

Breckan Erdman: The webinar will start in a few minutes - feel free to introduce yourself here while we wait!

Shayna Gudger 2: Shayna Gudger

Mary Jo Vasquez: Hello from Longmont Colorado, I am bilingual advocate/counselor at Safe Shelter of St Vrain Valley

Shayna Gudger 2: DISTRICT ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOUSING-COMMUNITY HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Kristie deRuiter: I'm an Associate Professor of Psychology at Rockland Community College.

Salamawit Berhane: Hello everyone, Salam with House of Ruth Maryland

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

Yesenia Aguayo: Hello! I am the Child and Youth Advocate for Safe Shelter of St Vrain Valley

Whitney Parker: Hello Everyone! Whitney here with Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community

Trina Hall: Trina Hall, Crime Victim/Witness Advocate with the Pierce County Prosecutor's office

Margarita Aguila: Hello everyone. I am Family Support Specialist at Shields for Families in Los Angeles, CA

Sarah Biser: Hello, I'm Sarah Biser from Survivors, Inc. in Gettysburg, PA

Tracey Bankhead: Hello, I am in Michigan. I serve on the Executive Board for Every Woman's Place. I was also the former DV prosecutor in Howard County in Indiana.

Janae Johnson: Hi, Janae Johnson from Tahirih Justice Center Houston Office

Breckan Erdman: Welcome, everyone!

Tamera Massad: Tamera Massad from OCADVSA in OKC
Jacqueline: Welcome everyone... I am so glad you're here!

Jessica Stults: Hi all, I'm from Sojourner House in Providence, Rhode Island

Kara Singleton: Hi, Kara Singleton from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Breckan Erdman: Welcome!

Breckan Erdman: You can download the NRCDV Stands statement here: https://vawnet.org/sites/default/files/assets/files/2017-08/WE-STAND.pdf

Breckan Erdman: Be sure to 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: And feel free to tweet along with @NRCDV

Mary Jo Vasquez: Will we receive this power point?

Breckan Erdman: Yes! The powerpoint, webinar recording, and other related materials will be available on VAWnet.org after the webinar: https://vawnet.org/material/impact-adultification-child-survivors-trauma-emphasis-children-color

Mary Jo Vasquez: Thank you

Whitney Parker: Thank you!

Corina Klies: They way movies/music portray girls

Mary Jo Vasquez: coming from single parent home

Breckan Erdman: Poll: What might accelerate subjective aging?

Allison Gasca-Backman: Maybe whether you have a grownup who can absorb some of those grownup experiences for you

Mary Jo Vasquez 2: Parents’ expectations of children's behaviors

Cara Ditto: family dynamics, roles

Mary Jo Vasquez: economic

Janae Johnson: communities where they live, systemic issues

Venita Embry: not understanding adolescent development patterns

Margarita Aguila: culture

Mary Jo Vasquez: culture

Tonjie Reese: Their birth order (ex. oldest taking care of younger sibs)

Yesenia Aguayo: society, media, culture

Mary Jo Vasquez 2: Peers

Erica P Harris: lack of guidance / negative stereotypes in media

Tonjie Reese: Discipline/punishment in schools

Janae Johnson: institutionalized racism

Darlene Garcia-Johnson: the oversexualization of children when it comes to clothing

Venita Embry: stress

Ana Velazquez: Parents shifting adult responsibilities onto children, like being a caregiver of younger siblings
Salamawit Berhane: If a child is given too many responsibilities and not allowed to be children that might impacts how they view themselves

Summer Chitwood: Exposure to violence and abuse, having to take on responsibility beyond a certain developmental level (i.e. taking care of younger siblings)

Mary Jo Vasquez: Perfect example

Corina Klies: internalized sexism - especially about what a girl's clothing says about her sexual availability

Breckan Erdman: Thank you all for these great examples!

Margarita Aguila: parents that have survived themselves and see this as a norm; or even if they survived and now they are passing the responsibility onto their kids, high expectations for child to "know better"

Keith Burgess: This is great information. Thank you for sharing

Keith Burgess: I fall into this category regarding Adultification

Breckan Erdman: Thank you for sharing, Keith. We're so glad you're here for today's webinar!

Keith Burgess: Thank you Breckan

Keith Burgess: Is there any way I can gain access to this powerpoint?

Breckan Erdman: Yes! The powerpoint, webinar recording, and related materials will be available on VAWnet.org after the webinar: https://vawnet.org/material/impact-adultification-child-survivors-trauma-emphasis-children-color

Breckan Erdman: We will also send out a follow-up email with the link to the webinar materials on VAWnet

Keith Burgess: Excellent Thank you!

Keith Burgess: They used to sell cigarettes in the form of bubble gum. I used to buy them a lot as a kid. I had no clue it was based on the trauma I expressed

Keith Burgess: Experienced(gr)

Breckan Erdman: Thanks for sharing, Keith! That’s really interesting.

Darlene Garcia-Johnson: Great Book and now movie that shows this concept is, Angie Thomas

Mary Jo Vasquez: I have had the same conversation with my son, who is a young Latino! Especially when he went to college

Darlene Garcia-Johnson: The Hate You Give

Breckan Erdman: Thanks for the recommendation, Darlene!

Breckan Erdman: And thank you for sharing your experiences with your son, Mary Jo.

Whitney Parker: Also, gentrification due to displacement

Whitney Parker: Your zip code (not your genetic code) determines your social determinants of health and well-being

Whitney Parker: This is great information

Whitney Parker: Thank you for this

Darlene Garcia-Johnson: Working with low-income clients is such an important topic that gets overlooked. There are many factors that come into play with that particular group of people

Darlene Garcia-Johnson: that we are often not prepared to deal with
Tonjie Reese: This is amazing. Thank you so much for this.

Breckan Erdman: Thank you for making these great points!

Corina Klies: not sure if this has been said, but I have talked with kids who were adultified through domestic violence where children are forced into situations they shouldn't be because of the violence. This is really hard, though, because this often gets interpreted as the victim, usually the mom, is somehow equally or even the sole person to blame. One of the consequences is that the child/ren are separated from the mom. This has specific implications for communities of color because of implicit bias/stereotypes.

Mary Jo Vasquez: Agree 100% Corina

Breckan Erdman: Thank you so much, Corina. That's a really important point.

Yesenia Aguayo: Yes, I agree!!

Darlene Garcia-Johnson: Agreed Corina.

Ana Velazquez: That's an excellent point Corina!

Salamawit Berhane: You have a lot of good and true points

Corina Klies: You're welcome. Unfortunately, it is something I have seen happen in my previous advocacy work.

Mary Jo Vasquez: Same here Corina, still continues in my work

Salamawit Berhane: I think there should be more training at the schools.

Salamawit Berhane: So children are not stigmatized not only by their peers but also their teachers

Mary Jo Vasquez: However, it happens more with clients that are undocumented

Darlene Garcia-Johnson: Kids get the cues from the adult that is present.

Whitney Parker: The child is safe when the mom is safe -- THAT IS SO TRUE

Darlene Garcia-Johnson: It happens mainly to the most vulnerable or the "underdog"

Breckan Erdman: You can learn more about the ACE study here: https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/acestudy/index.html

Breckan Erdman: And learn more about fostering resilience in children who have been exposed to trauma from VAWnet's Fostering Resilience in Childhood special collection: https://vawnet.org/sc/fostering-resilience-respect-healthy-growth-childhood-and-beyond

Corina Klies: This is a wonderful resource here in Columbus, Ohio - Rise Sister Rise, http://www.risesisterrise.net/index.html

Breckan Erdman: Thank you so much for sharing that, Corina!

Mary Jo Vasquez: Thank you!!

Janae Johnson: Thank you so much!

Yesenia Aguayo: Great information, thank you!!

Whitney Parker: This was excellent!

Tonjie Reese: Thank you!

Arlene Vassell: Great information!!! Thank you so much...

Whitney Parker: Thank you, Thank you!!!
Ana Velazquez: Thank you so much for all the excellent information that was provided!
Cynthia Williams: Great Presentation!!!
Erica P Harris: I appreciate that. it did not diminish the message.
**Breckan Erdman:** Thank you so much for joining us, everyone! Feel free to share any questions here in the chat.
Margarita Aguila: thank you so much for sharing your life experiences and your knowledge
Cynthia Kahele: Thank you so much! I am excited to share this information with others in my agency.
Mary Jo Vasquez: Yes, indeed thank you for sharing your story!
Keith Burgess: Outstanding presentation. When I think my book is finished. This information adds value to my story of being a survivor of Adultification. Thank you thank you and thank you again.
Jacqueline Sills: Awesome job!!
**Breckan Erdman:** Wonderful!
**NRCDV Admin 2:** Please pose any questions you have here :)
Mary Jo Vasquez: Love to know more about equity, is there information that I can look up?
Mary Jo Vasquez: Equality vs Equity
Corina Klies: Thank you! I am excited to look at the website.
**Breckan Erdman:** Great question, Mary Jo! We'll ask Jacqueline for her thoughts.
Mary Jo Vasquez: Thank you
Salamawit Berhane: Thank you for a great presentation
Arlene Vassell: So very true!
Salamawit Berhane: I hope you can do this presentation in schools
Mary Jo Vasquez: Can you repeat that again
**NRCDV Admin:** the4thbox.org
Mary Jo Vasquez: Yes thank you
**Breckan Erdman:** Thanks for your great question, Mary Jo!
Mary Jo Vasquez: I have been bringing this topic up a lot in staff meetings
Mary Jo Vasquez: will be presenting on it in a few weeks
**Jacqueline:** Thanks, y'all!
Mary Jo Vasquez: Thank you
**Breckan Erdman:** Wonderful!
Tonjie Reese: I will definitely be using this information in some upcoming prevention workshops.
**Breckan Erdman:** That is great to hear, Tonjie!
Ana Velazquez: Thanks again for all the great information!!
**Breckan Erdman:** Thank you for joining today's session! Please be sure to respond to our brief survey upon logging out.

Mary Jo Vasquez: Thanks to everyone for being the facilitators for change

Margarita Aguila: thank you so much

NRCDV Admin 2: Link to the survey. Let us know what trainings you want in the future! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCSCXFH

Erica P Harris: thank you