

## National Prevention Town Hall

Breakout Session 2B – *Youth Defined Prevention Strategies*

Public Chat



Denmark Diaz (he/they): They know what's best for themselves since they are the experts of their own lived experiences.

Laura Chaney: Because they care and are craving the knowledge so many adults shy away from giving them

Kayla DeCant: I am wanting to start a youth council in my new position

Celeste Hurley: We don't know what they know. I learn a lot from my youth!

Kye Campbell-Fox (he/him), HAVEN: Adults won't know what's effective for youth without asking

Mary Beth Finch: Because they are developing lifelong patterns

Jamie Fairfield: It helps me meet them where they are.

Kayla DeCant: I want to bring youth voices in the movement to ensure that our prevention activities are led and centered by youth

Michelle Hayes: Huge percentage of DV involved youth....

Latasha Humphrey: Young people should be able to use their voice and share what they feel.

Jenna McCann: My answer is 2 part. First of all, youth voice matters! Second, asking those you serve what they want and need is the center of DEI!

Lee Twyman: They have new ways of seeing old problems that we have not been able to fix yet. So they may have the answers.

Randy Randolph (she/her): Because they are the experts in knowing what issues people their age are facing and how best to get those messages out

Natalie Watson: They have a lot of intuitive knowledge

Brintha Jeyalingam (she/her/hers) - My Sisters' Place: Their voices are important in having conversations about relationships and violence

Mae Healy: Creating a better future starts with our youth and how they feel they will learn best about DV.

Janell Stanton: Their voices are important

Margaret Moyes: Young people are creative, when we are involved with systems or issues for a long period of time it gets hard to think outside of the box. Ask young people!

Michelle Hayes: they want to know how to help their friends

Kye Campbell-Fox (he/him), HAVEN: All perspectives are important; my perspective is not the same as someone else's

Danielle Oliver: it's good to learn from youth to help them and better understand what they need and how we can help

Denmark Diaz (he/they): Youth are so much more innovative than us

Valeria Andersen: youth are the future and we must know how to understand to move forward

Celeste Hurley: The understand social media!

Sara Johnson: Young people are so teachable and are motivated to impact their friends

Latasha Humphrey: Why not?

Elena Martinez Fernandez: Knowledge is prevention

Kye Campbell-Fox (he/him), HAVEN: No one deserves violence

Natalie Watson: For our survival as a civilization

\*Timike Jones, ICADV, (she, her, hers): because what surrounds us shapes us!

Denmark Diaz (he/they): because this strengths-based approach/fostering the strengths of the community is what ultimately prevents violence

Celeste Hurley: Reduction of ACEs

Michelle Hayes: a person cannot focus on learning, growing without that kind of foundation

Sara Johnson: We need each other. We need people, our community, to be a healthy, whole individual

Brintha Jeyalingam (she/her/hers) - My Sisters' Place: If youth feel safe, stable and nurtured, it will allow them to have confidence to have safe, stable and nurturing relationships

LaWanda Gibson: youth are our future leaders

Elizabeth Teixeira: It creates a ripple effect around the world. It has to start small within our own communities.

\*Timike Jones, ICADV, (she, her, hers): love that quote

Michelle Hayes: strong nuclear families

Mae Healy: I think "equitable"

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Jamie Fairfield: Stable communities value and promote equity for all members.

Mary Beth Finch: I think of economic security

Mae Healy: Comfort

Latasha Humphrey: "It takes a village"

Michelle Hayes: accessibility

Kye Campbell-Fox (he/him), HAVEN: Communities having autonomy and can control their own resources - not some outside source/philanthropy

Sara Johnson: Knowing your neighbors. Accessible resources for all (healthcare, jobs, food, housing). Strong support system bound by shared beliefs and foundations

Jamie Fairfield: Schools that are supported.

Celeste Hurley: Support for families. Connectedness to our community supports help fill in the gaps for families in crisis or on the verge of crisis

Jenna McCann: affordable housing! How can you feel like you're a part of a safe, stable and nurturing community if you always have to be on the move?

Brintha Jeyalingam (she/her/hers) - My Sisters' Place: Recognizing that "safety" means different things to different people - especially when it comes to race, gender and sexuality, and ability

Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams: housing markets are not driven solely by timeline of local universities

Amy Hawthorne: Stable communities are connected with a collective approach to all families.

Danielle Oliver: trust within the community.

Morgan Macholeth: One where individuals can be themselves without oppression and persecution. Everyone is empowered and supported. Equity is enforced and the norm

Michelle Hayes: inter-reliance

Natalie Watson: support homeownership, affordable housing & rent control, diverse community with mixed incomes together, well-designed, accessible public spaces, agencies coordinating services

LaWanda Gibson: it creates a watch tower for the future

Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams: mutual aid networks outside health insurance

**Colleen Yeakle:** sending love to my colleague, Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams for coordinating this project with youth councils in Indiana!

\*Justine Robillard, NRCDV (she/her/hers): Ah I love this graphic!

Sara Johnson: Will this graphic/presentation be available after?

**Colleen Yeakle:** you can have it! just email me, and I can mail one to you: [cyeakle@icadvinc.org](mailto:cyeakle@icadvinc.org)

Michelle Hayes: would love copies of the slides...and this graphic, especially!

Rus Funk (Z, Zis/he, his): This seems particularly relevant as we consider coming back from the pandemic -- and "build back better"

\*Justine Robillard, NRCDV (she/her/hers): Here's the graphic:

<https://www.in.gov/children/files/ICADV%20violence%20prevention%20map.pdf>

\*Shay Upadhyay, ICADV (she/her/hers): I can email the slides! [slupadhy@iu.edu](mailto:supadhy@iu.edu)

\*Justine Robillard, NRCDV (she/her/hers): Is this the correct treasure map? Just wanted to make sure...

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Kye Campbell-Fox (he/him), HAVEN: I'm doing research on a similar topic for grad school! Another barrier was that for LGBTQ kids, their parents were not having the "right" talk with them - the relevant information was being missed entirely due to assumptions about what relationships their kids would be having.

Denmark Diaz (he/they): thanks so much, Colleen and Shay, for the in-depth answers!

Amanda Callahan: I think you hit on the main problem we face too! FUNDING! What's the future of funding for youth programs? We have such a difficult time finding appropriate grant/funding to compensate youth.

Denmark Diaz (he/they): Echoing Amanda^

Amanda Callahan: YES Kathryn - adultism runs rampant particularly in funding! We haven't figured out a way around this...

Kathryn Strangolagalli (she/her/hers): Yes!! I am so thankful for funding that is creative and open, and hope you're able to find a way around this Amanda!

Michelle Hayes: Creating a safe space where youth and adults can tell their stories is huge

Amanda Callahan: We aren't...YET.

Kathryn Strangolagalli (she/her/hers): This resource and theory really gave me vision for how we ought to work with youth in our programs to develop youth led and informed programs and opportunities for ultimate impact! [http://actforyouth.net/youth\\_development/](http://actforyouth.net/youth_development/)

Tonjie Reese: Thank you!

Natalie Watson: Thank you so much!

Brintha Jeyalingam (she/her/hers) - My Sisters' Place: Thank you Shay and Colleen!

Mae Healy: Thank you!! Such great information!

\*Justine Robillard, NRCDV (she/her/hers): Amazing job!