

## Enhancing Services to Male-Identified Survivors Series Part 3: Gender Neutral Advocacy / Mejorando los Servicios para Sobrevivientes Autoidentificados como Hombres: La Intersesoria Genero Neutral

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**Ivonne Ortiz**: Hello Hola! Welcome/Bienvenides

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**Shannon Sullivan**: Shannon Sullivan (she/her), VVA, Shaw Air Force Base, SC

**Shannon Snapp**: Shannon (she/her) Kennewick WA

**Coleen Maye Tabdi**: Hey everyone! Coleen Tabdi, Sapr VA, Moody AFB

**Brittany Kennedy**: Brittany Kennedy (She/Her), Victim Advocate from Family Centered Services of CT, New Haven CT

**Kiera Coriell**: Greetings, Kiera Coriell, VVA, Moody AFB

**Morgan Dewey**: Morgan Dewey here from NRCDV, and based in Portland, OR! We’ll be live tweeting some highlights from today using #NRCDVlive. We’d love to hear your thoughts. Use the hashtag and we’ll retweet you!

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**Ellen Ballentine**: Ellen (she/her), VVA, Moody AFB

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Mojdeh Hojjati (Interpreter): PARA INTERPRETACIÓN: Seleccione su canal de idioma haciendo clic en el botón de "Interpretation" abajo a la derecha, en el globito si usa una computadora o en los tres puntitos si está conectadx por teléfono. Seleccione Español y luego pícarle en "Finalizar (Done)".

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Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): You can find parts 1 and 2 of the Enhancing Services to Male Survivors series on VAWnet.org:

Part 1: Changing the Narrative <https://vawnet.org/material/webinar-enhancing-services-male-survivors-series-part-i-changing-narrative>

Part 2: Voices from the Field <https://vawnet.org/material/webinar-enhancing-services-male-survivors-part-ii-voices-field>

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Latoya Cole: Good Afternoon!

Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): Share here in the chat - what have you been noticing around this topic?

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Tamara Thompson: Most men do not file charges

Victoria Placencia: assuming that the physically smaller person must be the perpetrator

Tamara Thompson: Abuse against men is not recognized by the police

Aisha Denis: While working I've noticed that the majority of survivors who identify as male are worried they won't be taken seriously or believed

Alexandrea Saldivar: It's a lot more difficult for male identified survivors to recognize abuse because of their identity

Amber Cole: There tends to be biases towards male survivors. Survivor or aggressor

Joshua Jewell: I think we all still see it a lot that the perpetrator is always a man- and on top of that that men just cannot be assaulted period

Lindsay Wright: I work mostly with male-identifying college students, in an environment that perpetuates toxic masculinity, and I see how it creates barriers for them to honor their own boundaries with consent, or seek support when they are harmed

Johanna Rodriguez: Men hesitate to seek help because they don't know it's there and because they don't want to lose access to their children

Angela DeCristofano: Male survivors feeling unwelcomed by women's centers and other names and messaging by victim services providers

Tamara Thompson: Few resources for men and their children

Ellen Ballentine: I think having these conversations and providing examples of male survivors/their experiences is important in order to break these stereotypes. I think many males are likely afraid to share or don't know who to tell as well

Robert Mason: I see much denial or minimization by offenders but can't get access to the usual female victim. Often though is situation of mutual abuse.

Cherry Price: Will we receive these slides and a certificate of attendance?

Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): Hi Cherry, yes! The webinar recording, slides, and additional resources will be available here on VAWnet: <https://vawnet.org/material/webinar-enhancing-services-male-identified-survivors-series-gender-neutral-advocacy>

Amber Cole: Male members of LGBTQI+ not contacting hotlines because of lack of knowledge/understanding of subculture

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Tamara Thompson: Can you define collective feminist analyst?

Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): Great question, Tamara! We'll share that with the presenters to respond to

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Latoya Cole: You are doing great!

Latoya Cole: No questions from me so far

Amy Chronis: Not a question but I've never heard of abuse being defined as when one of use believes that we have more value than another person and find that to be really poignant, so thank you for that

Victoria Placencia: wow thank you!! Right on the nose

Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): Be sure to share any questions that do come up in the Q&A pod!

Ellen Ballentine: I agree - I thought the value piece was different but can see how it might apply to assumed power and resources

Alexandrea Saldivar: How do we be mindful of the safe space moniker if a survivor associates the violence with the gender? How would you suggest keeping those kinds of biases out of the safe space while also being mindful of triggers?

Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): Great question! We'll share that with the presenters

Tamara Thompson: how would a shelter adopt this model-most shelters support women

Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): Thanks for your question, Tamara! We'll share with the presenters

Sara Rosenblatt: Thank you for making this very complex and nuanced info so easily understandable and digestible!

Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): Check out this TA Question of the Month to learn more!

<https://vawnet.org/news/what-do-domestic-violence-programs-need-know-order-welcome-and-support-male-identified-and>

Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): The book was "Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism" by Suzanne Pharr

Amber Cole: Meet them where they are

Lacy Hensley: Just be present

Angela Seguin: Deep breathing is the best

Sara Rosenblatt: get them to a safer location if possible

Lacy Hensley: Grounding activities

Rose Murphy: Offer a break, water, to step out and talk it through with someone

Chase Saunders: I think having a conversation about the triggers and self-soothing coping skills that can be used when they come up. Or an emotional safety plan

Rachael Huddleston: Safety is priority one

LaTasha Banks: validate what they are feeling or their experience

Amber Cole: I keep a lime on my desk for quick grounding

Latoya Cole: Be empathetic but not sympathetic. My SARC/superior in the program can usually either relate/help me navigate through the situation if I'm unsure.

Torey Carter: keep an even tone, open body language, calm affect

Angela Seguin: I've had the 5-4-3-2-1 activity helpful for some and triggering for others

Victoria Placencia: thinking about trying to go a step further and reminding them that this person in front of them is not the person who caused harm to them

Rose Murphy: What is the 5-4-3-2-1 activity?

Amber Cole: It is the 5 Senses to Grounding Technique. Concentrate on 5 Things you see, 4 things you feel, 3 things you hear, 2 smell and 1 taste

Rose Murphy: I've heard aiming for a "brave space" vs "safe space" since it's impossible to guarantee safe spaces and anticipate all possible triggers. Acknowledge triggers may happen and what resources are available when if/when they do

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Victoria Placencia: if we continue to try to turn away male-identified survivors from support groups... I believe we are continuing to enhance the binary and biases of who are survivors and who are "abusers"

Rachael Huddleston: ^^^

Ellen Ballentine: I like the idea of "leaning towards our discomforts"

Megan Bush: Your time and your compassion conveyed from both of you in communications. This is wonderful, thank you!!!

Victoria Placencia: we need more help with not modeling performative activism

Breckan Winters, NRCDV (she/her): Thank you so much for joining us today, everyone!

Tamara Thompson: Thank you

Ellen Ballentine: Thank you!

Rachael Huddleston: Thank you so much!!!

Joshua Jewell: Thank you for doing this!!!

LaTasha Banks: Thank you.

Angela Seguin: Thank you!

Torey Carter: Thank you!

Andrea Fenoglio: Thank you so much!

Kaylee Kapatots: Thank you!

Alexandrea Saldivar: This was awesome! Thank you!!

Carlen Davis: Thank you!