


Working with Latin@ Communities to
Prevent Teen Dating Violence: Strategies
for engagement and creative
interventions

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ROOTS OF VIOLENCE PRESENT IN LATINO/HISPANIC COMMUNITIES

- Hyper-masculinity
- Sexism
- Patriarchy
- Heterosexism
- Able-bodyism
- Machismo



UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP TACTICS

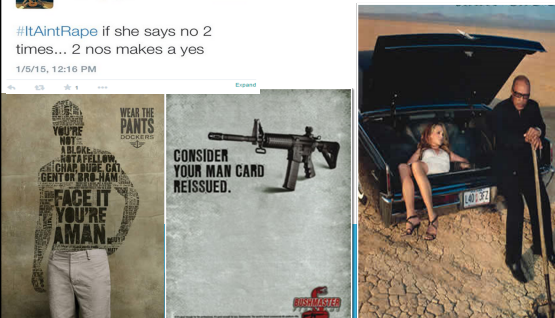
- Extreme jealousy
- Constant put downs
- Telling you what you can and can't do
- Controlling behavior
- Keeping you from seeing or talking with family and friends
- Explosive temper
- History of abusive behavior
- Making false accusations

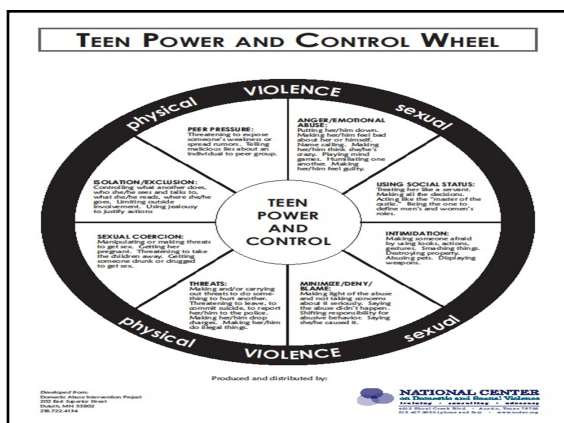
LETS KEEP IN MIND EXPOSURE OF TEENS

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#ItAintRape if she says no 2 times... 2 nos makes a yes

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The Work of Caminar Latino in Relation to Teen Dating Violence

Presented by Jessica Nunan

About Caminar Latino

- Working with the Latin@ community of Georgia for over 25 years
- Working with youth for 23 years
- Direct Services
- Community Capacity Building

Our Approach


- Resiliency
- Strengths based approach
- Working in partnership



Approach with Young Adults and Teenagers

Characteristics:

- Teenagers Group(12 to 16 yeas old)
- Young Adults Group(17 a 25 years old)
- Safe Space
- Facilitators
- Healthy vs. Unhealthy vs. Abusive relationships
- Active participation/leadership



La Voz Juvenil de Caminar Latino

- Participatory action research
- Conferences presentations
- Local police force trainings
- Immigration and domestic violence



In Summary

- Concurrent Programming
- Safe Space
- Partnership




Supervision

Youth Program Supervision

- Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes
- Team approach

Team Supervision

- Thursday mornings at CL's office
- Team approach
 - Every team member brings up participants in crisis/need discussion
 - Team suggestions
 - Participants are referred as needed
- Adherence to CL principles
- Provide support vs. rescue

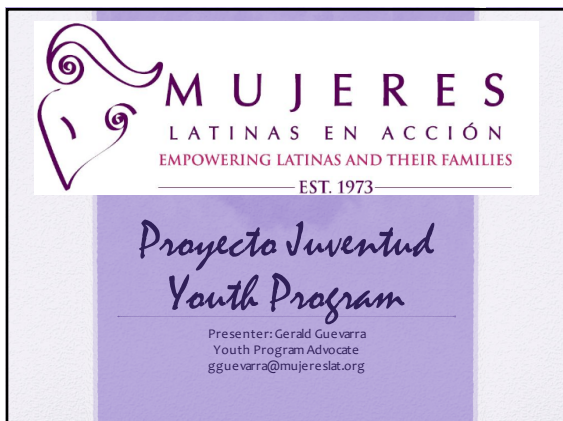




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Healing Families,
Ending Violence.

Thank you!

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Mujeres Latinas Mission

- “MLEA empowers Latinas through providing services that reflect their values and culture and being an advocate on the issues that make a difference in their lives.”
- Culturally-based
- Community-oriented/Family-oriented
- Holistic approach to combating gender-based violence

Mujeres Latinas en Accion Overview

- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention
- Latina Leadership
- Empresarias del Futuro
- Parent Support
- Proyecto Juventud

Proyecto Juventud (History)

- Origins as a teen runaway center
 - A place of refuge
- Evolved as teen pregnancy prevention program
 - Exclusively female program
- 2014: Evolved as co-ed program
- Current: Co-ed STEM-based program concentrated on intersection of culture & identity as tools of empowerment

PJ Teens & Teen Dating Violence

- 80% of our youth exposed to some form of violence (i.e. physical, emotional, sexual, etc)
- Referred to Proyecto Juventud by other MLEA departments working in crisis intervention
- PJ as a preventive initiative against violence
- Potential for teens who've experienced or witnessed violence vulnerable to being victims and/or perpetrators of violence

Strategies of Engagement w/ Teens

- Groups dedicated to exploring culture & identity
 - Boys: "Jovenes con Palabra" Circulos
 - Girls: "Entre Mujeres" Circulos
 - Theme: What does it mean to be a Latin@? How does it connect with different aspects of your lives?
- Platform for exploration
- Opportunity to guide teens in how they wish to define themselves

Topics of Exploration

- Family Cultural Background
 - What has it thought you?
- Societal Perceptions of Latin@s
- Exploration of their Latin@ heritage/history
- Definition of “being a man/woman”
- Teen pregnancy & partner relationships
- Sexual violence and gender-based violence

Learn more/Resources

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- [Mujeres Latinas en Accion Website](http://www.mujereslatinasenaccion.org)
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The No Más Campaign:

Reaching the Latin@ Community

Pierre R. Berastáin, M.Div.

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Our Mission



Mobilize Latinas and
Latin@ communities to
end domestic violence.

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The National Latin@ Network

- The National Latin@ Network is a project of Casa de Esperanza that is working to end domestic violence and promote the health and well-being of Latin@ communities around the country.

- The main goals of the National Latin@ Network are:
 - Education and awareness
 - Advocacy
 - Capacity building
 - Accountability and training



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Our Bilingual Toolkits...



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Our Training and Technical Assistance Team

We believe that every Latin@-serving agency should have access to first-rate training and consultations, so that all Latin@s, their families and communities receive the advocacy and supports they deserve to lead full and fruitful lives.

With whom have we worked?

- Nonprofit organizations
- Law enforcement professionals
- Child protection agencies
- Courts

- Government Centers
- County and other government systems
- Domestic violence organizations

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Training and TA Topics

- Working with Latin@ youth
- Our Latina Advocacy Framework
- Understanding domestic violence
- Latin@ families and domestic violence
- Working with immigrant Latinas
- Children and domestic violence
- Community engagement
- Leadership development for Latin@s
- Peer education and youth development
- Organizational development

Training and TA Topics

- Engaging men in violence prevention
- LGBTQ realities and intimate partner violence
- Fund development and grant writing
- Budgeting
- Communications and marketing for nonprofits
- Evaluation
- Strategic planning
- Social media for non-profit: best practices, organizing campaigns, and measuring impact

Our Public Policy Work

Our goal is to advocate for meaningful public policy changes that improve prevention and intervention efforts in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault.



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Research Material





Latin@ Youth Witnesses of Domestic Violence
 A Factsheet from the National Latin@ Research Center on Family and Social Change
 Alvina Rosales, M.A. & Lillie Macias, M.A.

Our Blog

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Introducing the Language Access Toolkit

We are pleased to announce the release of a new toolkit for the field: "Making Sexual and Domestic Violence Services Accessible to Individuals with Limited English Proficiency: A Planning Tool for Advocacy Organizations" bridges the gap between the laws, rules, and standards of service, and the effort necessary - community assessment, program policy, staff training, etc.

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Increasing Language Access in the Courts

Are you curious about how your local court decides which print materials to translate?



Doing the Work...in Churches

By Sandra Arguero Enrique




Meet the Team: JJ Lara

This week, we feature JJ Lara, national trainer for the National Latin@ Network. Where are you from? He is a native "Spino" living in Austin, originally from

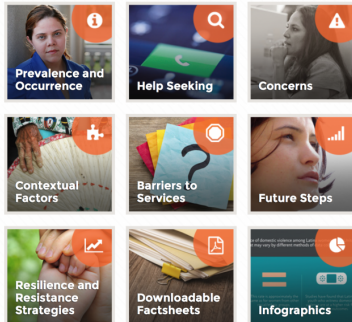
Anti-violence Materials for Children

- Bilingual children books
- Check out our store on the National Latin@ Network website nationallatinonetwork.org





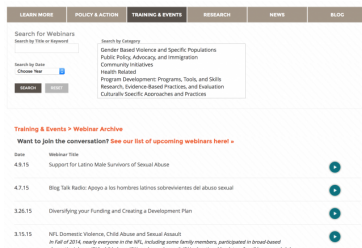
Free Fact Sheets and Infographics



Download infographics and fact sheets on domestic violence in the Latin@ community.

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Free Webinars: nationallatinonetwork.org



- Learn about gender based violence, culturally specific practices, and public policy matters.

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From the Beginning...



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TOGETHER WE CAN END
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT



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A LA VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA Y AL ABUSO SEXUAL

Partner Organizations



The NO MÁS Study & Congressional Briefing

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Save the Date!

Capitol Hill Briefing
The NO MÁS Study: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault in the U.S. Latin@ Community

April 21, 2015
10:30 AM - 12 PM
Capitol Hill (room TBD)
Light refreshments will be served.

The Avon Foundation for Women, Casa de Esperanza, National Latin@ Network and NO MORE will announce the findings of an in-depth, groundbreaking study and a new, national public awareness and engagement initiative, sponsored by Verizon, to address domestic violence and sexual assault in the Latin@ community.

RSVP: SFleming@casadeesperanza.org

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The NO MÁS Study

Did you know?

More than 4 in 5 Latin@s (83%) are willing to talk to children in their lives about healthy relationships

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Did you know?

Nearly 2 in 3 Latin@s (60%) are willing to get involved in efforts to address domestic and sexual violence

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Did you know?

More than 1 in 3 Latin@s (35%) say nothing would stop them from helping a survivor they knew

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Message themes tested

How convincing a reason to get personally involved in this issue in your community

[Start young] Because we love our children we must break the cycle of violence. Prevention starts with children through education, through the cultural values that we pass along to them, and the conversations we have with them. We must show them by example that violence is never acceptable.

[Better life] We have all made sacrifices so that our children have a better life, but domestic violence and sexual assault can destroy this dream for our children. Don't let that happen. We have to talk about these tough issues with our children.

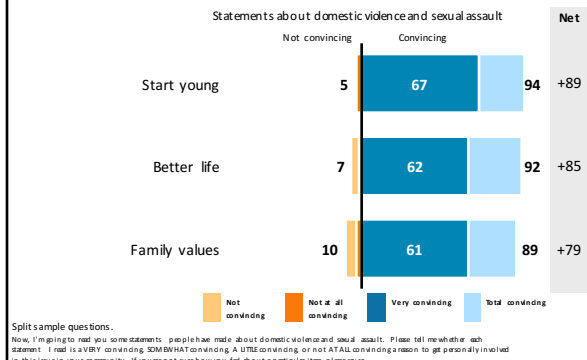
[Family values] Our family values are strong and because we care about our families, it is time to end domestic violence and sexual assault. We should take the lead in addressing this violence in our community and say NO MÁS to domestic violence and sexual assault.

[Community] We have a responsibility to address the problems of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community, but we need to start talking about these problems. While we can end this violence, we need help and support to start these conversations.

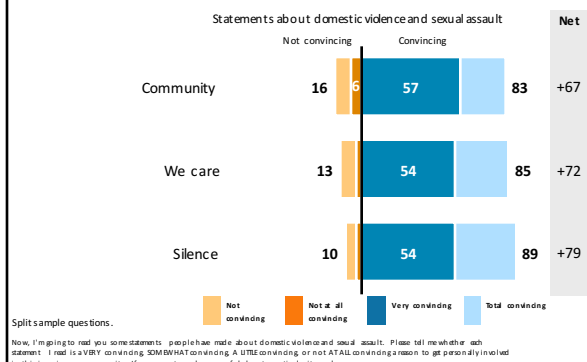
[We care] This is our culture, our faith, our family. In the Latin@ community we stick together and together we can end domestic violence and sexual assault. We must take the lead in addressing this violence in our community because if we don't do it, who will?

[Silence] It's time to say NO MORE to domestic violence and sexual assault and to talk about these problems. Silence can hide the truth of what is happening in our communities. We cannot be silent any longer. Speaking up can be our tool to end violence.

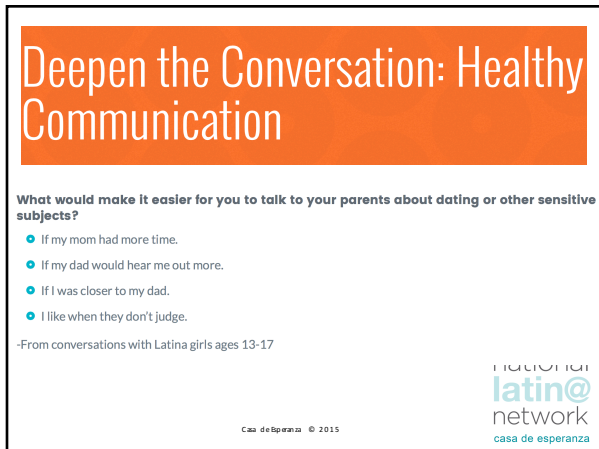
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In a lower tier, but still strongly convincing, are themes focused more on community, culture and faith, and ending the silence.









DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE LATIN@ COMMUNITY

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1 in 4 More than 1 in 4 Latin@s (28%) know a victim of sexual assault.

2 in 3 Nearly two-thirds of Latin@s who know a victim of domestic violence (60%) and sexual assault (60%) say that they intervened and did something for the victim.

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION

Nearly two-thirds of Latin@s (60%) are willing to get involved in efforts to address domestic violence and sexual assault.

+ More than 4 in 5 Latin@s (83%) are willing to talk to their children and the children in their lives about healthy relationships.

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VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA Y AGRESIÓN SEXUAL EN LA COMUNIDAD LATIN@

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ESTÁN PREPARANDO A LA SIGUIENTE GENERACIÓN

Casi dos tercios de las Latin@s (60%) están dispuestas a involucrarse en los esfuerzos para responder a la violencia doméstica y sexual.

+ Más de cuatro de cada cinco Latin@s (83%) están dispuestas a hablar con sus hijos y con los niños en sus vidas sobre relaciones saludables.

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Online TA Request Form:
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