

Core Strategies to Reduce Systemic Inequities for ALL Survivors in Rural Communities

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Today's Learning Objectives



Overview of systemic inequities



Tools and strategies for identifying the communities most impacted



Collaborative approaches that promote equitable interventions



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Defining & Understanding Systemic Inequity

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Advocacy on Behalf of Battered Women



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Difficult Realities

- (1) The deep and pervasive harm of violence against women,
- (2) The deep and pervasive harm of mass incarceration and its impact on marginalized communities, and
- (3) The ways in which survivors of battering are routinely caught up in the criminal legal system.



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Unintended Consequences

Reforms to institutional policy and practice that are **meant to increase safety and well-being** for survivors of battering, that **instead jeopardize** safety and well-being and **contribute to disparity of impact**.



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Disparity of Impact

Exists when the proportion of a **specific group** within the control of the criminal legal system is **greater than its proportion in the general population** or when the criminal legal system intervention has a **more negative impact on a specific group**.



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Start with:
Survivor's
Lived Experiences

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What communities are impacted the most by systemic inequity where you live?



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Preparing for an Equity Assessment



Develop a strong knowledge base



Form a team with Community-Based Experts



Learn from community impacted by inequity



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Meaningful Partnership with Community



2-Way Street



Follow-through



Offer a range of involvement



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Learning from Community

- Survivors & Community-Based Experts
- Groups, one-on-one, surveys, etc.
- Dialogue over data collection



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Assess the Criminal Legal System Response

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Duluth, MN: Response to Native women who report rape

**INFO
GATHERING
ACTIVITIES**


- Case process mapping
- Interviews:
 - Community-based advocacy organizations
 - Prosecutors
 - Law enforcement officers
 - Nurse manager at local ER
- Focus group with Native survivors
- Reviewed 35 police reports
- Police ride-alongs


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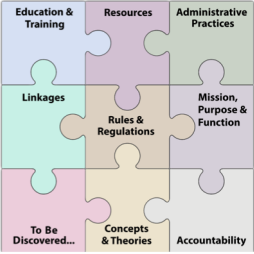
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OUTCOMES

- Hiring of Native advocates at rape crisis center
- Formal protocols for follow-up contact by investigators and prosecutors
- Supervisory review tools to strengthen investigation of sexual assault


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Analyze Findings & Make Change



How is language access for Deaf individuals built into criminal case processes of domestic violence crimes?



Reflections & Questions

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