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Webinar Training
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“Community Assessment”

▪ What?
▪ Why?
▪ Who?
▪ How?
▪ Your Questions
What is Community Assessment?

- A systematic method of analyzing how specific features (e.g., safety & accountability) are or are not incorporated into daily work routines
- An inquiry into institutional response NOT assessment of individuals

Why use Community Assessment?

In examining institutional response to violence against women:

- See where, how, and if practices ensure safety, well-being, and accountability
- Provide a blueprint for change where needed

Foundations

1. How experience becomes a “case”
   - From the standpoint of people
   - Locating the gap between what people need and what institutions provide
2. How practitioners are organized and coordinated to do their work
3. Complexity of life experience, safety, well-being and victim engagement
Foundation 1: How experience becomes a case

Sonya’s Story

Law Enforcement Response

Investigation
CA looks at how any one of these systems enhance or diminish:
- Safety & well-being of victims
- Perpetrator accountability

Foundation 2:
How practitioners are organized & coordinated
Foundation 3:
Complexity of life experience, safety, well-being and victim engagement

- Immediate circumstances
  - Influence the nature, availability, and impact of intervention.

- Aspects of culture
  - Can increase well-being but can also increase vulnerability.

Institutional Response
- Can result in unintended consequences

Offender
- Intervention-generated risks can reinforce offenders goals.

Community Assessment: Tools for ongoing evaluation & problem-solving

Who does the work in Community Assessment?

- Practitioner-community partnership
- Interagency team, anchored in community-based advocacy
How does Community Assessment happen?
The team focuses on...

- Coordination
- Interagency agreements
- Training

The team collects data

- **Lived Experience**
  - Interviews
    - Individuals
    - Exit interviews
    - Survivor surveys
  - Focus groups
  - Observations

- **How the work is structured**
  - Interviews
  - Practitioners
  - Observations
  - Map case processing
  - Case file/document analysis

The team analyzes data

- Analyze data: search for gaps
- Generate & articulate findings: recommend change
- Implement solutions

Praxis International – Technical assistance on analyzing institutional responses to violence against women
Options

Use the complete range of CA methods

- Mapping
- Focus groups
- Interviews and surveys
- Observations
- Case file/document analysis

Next steps...

- Review the tools, resources, and examples at praxisinternational.org
  - Go to Our Programs, then Institutional Analysis/Community Assessment
  - Under Resources you will find a CA report from Duluth on sexual assault
- Sexual Violence Justice Institute (SVJI)
  - http://mncasa.org/svji
- Community Assessment Institute, May 12-15, 2015 in Saint Paul, MN

- Contact Praxis staff for individualized consultation

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