

NATIONAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE TOOLKIT



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White Ribbon
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Program Locations and Timeframe

The National COP initiative met virtually via webconference on a quarterly basis. Site visits occurred with all members of the COP in Alberta, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Yukon. The National community of practice project started in October 2013 and ends in October 2016.

Overview

In October 2013, White Ribbon began coordinating a National Community of Practice composed of organizations with projects funded by Status of Women Canada’s “Working Together: Engaging Communities to End Violence Against Women and Girls”. Together we have built a National Community of Practice focused on sharing lessons learned, challenges and enabling factors in engaging men and boys for gender-based violence prevention.

Core Objectives

- To foster innovation, provide a space for learning and sharing promising practice, challenges, identifying gaps and potential entry points to effectively engage men and boys for violence prevention
- The collaborative development of an evaluation framework, and Online Toolkit for Engaging Boys and Men in Gender-Based Violence Programming
- To respond to specific capacity building needs of agencies for developing, implementing and evaluating GBV programming with boys and men
- To provide a space to profile and highlight innovative elements of each organization’s programming work with men and boys
- Encourage broad dissemination of our collaborative work

Together we created an evaluation framework which explores sample indicators across eight outcome areas which assess changes in men and boys, arising from GBV prevention programming. You can access the framework here: http://whiteribbon.ca/pdfs/NEF_CoP.pdf

Upon the completion of all nine male engagement projects, a promising practices report was created based on the findings arising from the multi-year initiatives. Some promising practices arising from the community of practice project are the following:

- Ensure collaborative efforts are adequately funded to allow for active and meaningful participation
- Adopt a shared leadership model with all partners, and encourage everyone's active participation
- Be flexible and adaptable to changing needs of different participating organizations and partners

Key Results

- Facilitation of 10 national knowledge exchange/web conferences to share programmatic lessons learned and key challenges towards engaging men and boys for GBV prevention
- Creation of the National Evaluation Framework, a framework that provides guidance on assessing changes in men and boys arising from GBV prevention programming
- Two rounds of nation-wide travel to meet with CoP partners and explore best practices in male engagement, gain feedback on the national evaluation framework, and learn more about the initiative
- Creation of male engagement training (exploring key approaches, programs, evaluation approaches)
- Development of a promising practices report – based on key findings nation-wide
- National community of practice toolkit- featuring case studies, tools and activities utilized by all COP members

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