

Forum on Male Victimization: How Do We Build a Service for Men?

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“Male-Inclusion” Is Possible!

- Male inclusion adds additional energy to the dynamic and evolutionary changes already underway in the field
- Socio-economics, geography, increasing ethno-cultural diversity, disability, LGBTQ . . . current SA service providers have already been expanding their understanding of the diverse needs of clients

Patterns of Male Victimization

- Inappropriate sexual play of children and siblings left unchecked
- Clerical/Religious sexual abuse of boys
- Sexual exploitation of gay and questioning boys
- Too-early introduction to sex by older peers, babysitters
- Sexualized bullying among teen boys
- Hazing and “frat boy” sexualized violence
- Prison and institutionalized sexual violence
- Sexual assault by intimate partners

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Matthews' Four Propositions

- Inclusivity must
 - Articulate diverse male-centred points of view
 - Support male victims as they search for balance in their struggle to heal
 - Honour and protect female victims' gains and women's leadership in breaking the silence about violence and abuse
 - Envision the empowerment of all stories into a coherent and inclusive perspective that we can collectively and respectfully own and use in the struggle to reduce and eliminate interpersonal violence.
 - cf., Fred Matthews - TheInvisibleBoy: Revisioning the Victimization of Male Children and Teens
 - http://canadiancrc.com/PDFs/The_Invisible_Boy_Report.pdf

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Assessing Readiness

- What are you seeing in **society** that suggests the need for services to men?
- What are you seeing in **your community** that suggests the need for services to men?
- What are you seeing in **your personal and professional interactions** that suggests the need for services to men?
- Discuss in small groups. Prepare for report back

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