



NAMEN News

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Welcome to *NAMEN News*, the communication with NAMEN Members. We (the board and staff of NAMEN) use this to update you on NAMEN activities and efforts, new resources, and other news from the field of "engaging men and boys."

We welcome your thoughts in inputs on the content and information we share. If you have comments, suggestions or concerns, please contact [Rus Funk](#), Program Coordinator.

What's up with NAMEN

The purpose of *NAMEN News* is to provide NAMEN members with consistent communication, and meaningful tools and resources related to what's happening in Engaging Men efforts. We're continuing to develop and improve this newsletter as well as other strategies and efforts to connect and learn from our members.

This week's issue is full of resources including more resources related to COVID 19, and some rich resources from Canada and our sister organization Prevent IPV.

NAMEN is developing a work-plan that will guide our efforts over the coming years focusing on growing the network and expanding our services, resources and programming in support of male engagement efforts in Canada and the US. As a part of this planning, NAMEN is in the midst of a region-wide *State of the Field* review. This review (the first of

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News from the Field

Canadian Efforts

Canada is currently exploring the feasibility and impact of creating a national network of efforts to engage men and boys. This exciting opportunity will help us as a region to not only offer country-specific networking and resource-development opportunities, but will deeply enhance our ability to engage in cross-country collaborating.

Beijing +25

As many of you know, 2020 marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Call to Action for gender equality. The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meetings in March were supposed to be an opportunity to highlight the advances made in the past 25 years, and outline strategies for ongoing progress. With the CSW cancelled as a result of COVID 19, efforts are continuing by the Global Advocacy community to identify strategies to highlight these lessons learned and outline strategies moving forward. NAMEN, through the Global MenEngage Alliance, is actively following these efforts, and engaged as we are able.

Most recent updates are that the civil society organizing is focusing on the 2021 meetings of CSW to hold the actions and efforts that were originally planned to occur this past year.

COVID 19

COVID 19 continues to be a major disruption and focus in terms of engaging men efforts. As with most phenomenon, there are gender aspects to COVID 19, many of which are going unnoticed and unexamined. In the US, for example, while there is regular and growing attention to the racial and economic disparities of the impact of this pandemic, there has been almost no notice of or attention to the gender disparities. NAMEN is working closely with the Global MenEngage Alliance to share resources about the impact of COVID 19 on gender equality and the work to engage men and boys.

See this article: [“Coronavirus reveals just how deep macho stereotypes run through society”](#) for an interesting gender analysis regarding COVID 19. (in Spanish and English).

The Global MenEngage Alliance, tracking the rise of men’s violence in the home and unequitable policies and practices more broadly during this pandemic, has launched a new website noting the campaigns, actions and efforts: [Digital Activism for Engaging Men during COVID-19](#)

Resources

Campaigns

HeForShe has a new campaign and resources to encourage men to help break down gender inequities at home: [HeForSheatHome](#)



Articles and Reports

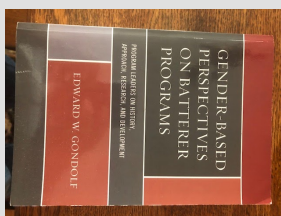
During the Summer of 2019, Status of Women Canada travelled across Canada engaging more than 200 activists and advocates in in-depth conversations about engaging men and boys in Canada to achieve gender equality. The result is *Calling Men and Boys In: What We Heard - Report from the Roundtables on Engaging Men and Boys to Advance Gender Equality*. This report outlines the collective feedback received during these roundtables and is seen as the beginning of Canada taking steps towards a national strategy for engaging men and boys. (Canada already has a country-wide [national strategy to address and prevent gender based violence](#)).

NOTE: The Canadian national government has been a leading voice both within Canada itself and globally, advocating efforts to engage men and boys. The Canadian government made an investment of \$1.8 Million (Canadian) for 2018 - 2020 to develop an engagement strategy for men and boys that promotes equality and pilots innovative approaches.

[DELTA FOCUS](#), a program of the US Centers for Disease Control, provides funding to ten state domestic violence coalitions to build their capacity to engage in prevention. In 2018, through [Prevent IPV](#), they published *Engaging Men as Allies: Lessons from the Field*. This report compiles the experience of Alaska, Ohio and Rhode Island of engaging men to prevent intimate partner violence. This report explores how these three state-wide efforts are working to engage men and boys in their states, their strategies for engaging men, and some of the lessons they're learning.

NOTE: [Prevent IPV](#) is an independent project supported and housed by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. NAMEN serves on the National Council of Prevent IPV which represents a unified national effort committed to enhancing the capacity of state/territory domestic violence coalitions and community-based programs to advance a comprehensive national prevention agenda.

Books



Gender-Based Perspectives on Batterer Programs: Program Leaders on History, Approach, Research and Development Ed Gondolf (2015, Lexington Books)

This book provides a review of some the key models for working with men who have used domestic violence in the US.

Calls/Opportunities

[Resolution 1325: Women, Peace and Security](#) was passed in 2000 to address the impact of armed conflict on women and girls. Below is an announcement about an international essay competition. You are encouraged to consider submitting an essay based on your experience and expertise. If NAMEN can be of support to you submitting your essay, please contact [Rus Funk](#), Program Coordinator, directly.



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International Essay Competition

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