



NAMEN News

Sept. 3, 2020

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 Consultant.

What's up with NAMEN

The NAMEN Board continues to focus on planning for NAMEN's involvement and participation in the [Global Symposium](#) (Kick off set for Nov 11 and 12); and planning for a NAMEN specific male engagement symposium (Dates to be determined, but likely the week following).

The Global Secretariat is reviewing workshop submissions and is working on the plans for the Global Symposium kick off. NAMEN is working on the plans for the regional Symposium.

These two "kick off" events will launch a months-long series of events, programs and activities that will help build community and increase all of our knowledge and skills in our efforts to engage and mobilize men and boys to achieve gender equality. Stay tuned for more details...

Newsletter Updates

We're planning on making some adjustments to the Newsletter. We have a very positive response rate, with consistently more than 70% of you opening and reading the newsletter. Still, we'd like to explore ways that we can use this newsletter to be more interactive and engaging. We're going to begin adding a regular article in the newsletter related to our advocacy efforts, which will include, periodically, asking for your inputs in terms of advocacy priorities for NAMEN.

We'll also be looking, in the coming months for additional ways to be more engaging and interactive with this tool. Your feedback is always welcome! Please contact [Rus Funk](#), Program Consultant, with any suggestions or ideas you may have!

Advocacy Updates

This has been a busy summer for the NAMEN Policy Advocacy Committee (PAC). Most recently, the USAID released their draft 2020 policy on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment for comment. The NAMEN Policy Advocacy Committee worked with the Global MenEngage Alliance to craft our feedback on this policy. You can review [our comments here](#). (NOTE: These comments may be a bit out of context since I can't share the draft policy from USAID).

The NAMEN PAC has joined the Committee created by the International Center for Research on Women to help advocate for the US to adopt a [Feminist Foreign Policy](#).

Finally, the NAMEN PAC assisted in crafting recommendations for the next administration's first 100 days to combat gender-based violence. At press time, this is in final review, but once finalized, this document will be shared with both campaigns on or near Labor Day.

All of this was going on in the context of continuing to develop the Draft Advocacy Strategy for NAMEN. The Committee is just finishing up this strategy, with the intention of submitting it to the Board for their review and (hopeful) approval at their Sept 15 Board meeting.

If you are interested in joining the Policy Advocacy Committee, or learning more about our efforts, contact [Rus Funk](#), Chair.

Membership Committee

The fall member-meet ups have been planned. These bi-monthly gatherings allow for members to meet each other, learn from each other and deepen relationships both with other colleagues and with NAMEN. The fall-winter schedule is:

- September 24 from 3 - 4:30 Eastern time and will focus on "Methodologies of Story

Telling”[Register here](#).

- November 19 from 3 - 4:30 Eastern time (Topic TBD)
- January 28 from 3-4:30 Eastern time (Topic TBD)

If you are interested in joining the Membership Committee, Contact [Craig Norberg-Bohm](#), Chair.

News from the Field

Job Openings

The DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence is [seeking an Executive Director](#).

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence is seeking a full-time Coordinator for their 10-Men Initiative. See [more info here](#).

New Initiative Launched

The New York Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV) recently launched the [“Because We’re Dads: Reaching and Mobilizing Fathers to Promote Gender Equality.”](#) This exciting new initiative is focusing on developing and sharing tools, resources and knowledge-sharing to develop the capacities of preventionists across New York to meaningfully engage fathers in efforts to promote gender equality, including a soon to be released: *Back to School Toolkit for Dads* in support of their children who are going back to school (focusing on children who are transitioning between elementary and middle school/junior high, middle school/junior high and high school; and high school and college).

Updates

A Call to Men recently released their [2020 Mid Year Impact Report](#).

Resources

Articles/Reports

[“If you Care about Sexual Assault Prevention, then you should Care About Sex Ed”](#) (Seicus: Sex Ed for Social Change, 2020) 2-page Fact Sheet

[“The Men’s Rights Movement and Violence”](#) (July 2020, the Institute for Research on Male Supremacism)

[Respectful Relationships Education](#) This 2009 report (91 pps) from Victoria Australia provides an in-depth overview of effective dating violence school-based prevention education efforts. This report includes locating prevention education efforts in the context of school-policy and protocols; an overview of the “whole school approach” and examining the contextual and situational factors that help to determine the value of mixed gender vs gender specific educational efforts.

Safer Sooner: Toward a Global Binding Norm to End Violence Against Women and Girls(Every Woman Treaty, August, 2020)

This 144 page report provides an overview of a proposed Normative framework for treaties and legislation that advances efforts to respond to and prevent violence against women and girls. While this is a beneficial report, it has minimal mention of engaging men and boys.

Webinars/Vids

“Listen to the Voices of Children and Young Children Harmed by Fathers who Choose Violence” by the Safe and Together Institute.

“Consent, Sex Positivity and Pleasure: Filling the Gaps in Sex Education” (SEICUS: Sex Ed For Social Change)

September 17, 7 PM Eastern time

Featuring:

Dr. J. Dennis Fortenberry, Professor of Pediatrics at Indiana University School of Medicine;

Brooke Faught, NDP, WHNP-BC, NCMP, FAANP, IF, Clinical Director of the Women's Institute for Sexual Health;

Melissa Pintor Carnagey, Founder of Sex Positive Families; and

Diana Bruce, Founder of Collaborate with Diana Bruce and the former Director of Health and Wellness of the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Last Note

NAMEN is reliant on your support for our efforts and growth. Please invite your friends, colleagues and others to [join NAMEN](#), and consider making an additional [donation](#) to support NAMEN as we continue to grow in our efforts and effectiveness.

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