



NAMEN News

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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.

RIP Ruth Bader Ginsburg

As you all know, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died on Sept. 18. NAMEN joins so much of the country and the world in mourning her loss, and celebrating her legacy. She was a lion of legal scholarship, and made groundbreaking achievements towards the goals of gender equality and justice. [“Ruth Bader Ginsburg has died. She leaves a Behind a Vital Legacy for Women -- and Men.”](#) (*Time*, Sept., 2020)

What's up with NAMEN

The MenEngage Symposium

NAMEN continues to focus on planning for the upcoming NAMEN MenEngage Symposium Kick off (Nov. 30 and Dec. 2). The content is beginning to take shape (we'll have more details in the next issue of *NAMEN News*) and a website specific to the Symposium is being developed.

The NAMEN Symposium is in coordination with the [Global Symposium](#), and the full Symposium will occur between Nov 2020 and June 2021. So look for a wide array of

events and programs in the coming months!

Email Traffic

We have heard from some of our members a concern about the amount of email traffic you receive from NAMEN. As you all may recall, by becoming members, you automatically also become members of the Global Alliance. As such, you receive not only email communications from NAMEN, but also from the Alliance. NAMEN is working to streamline and limit the amount of email you are receiving from us. We are also working to provide you with some information about how you can take control of the amount of email you receive from the Alliance.

We recognize there can be some confusion between NAMEN and the Global Alliance, and will continue to work to provide you with meaningful information as well as to hear and respond to your feedback and input!

Advocacy Updates

The NAMEN Policy Advocacy Committee, as a part of the Gender Based Violence Coalition, crafted "[The First Hundred Days and Ending Gender Based Violence Globally](#)". This was sent to both major presidential campaigns to guide them in their efforts to counter gender-based violence during the first 100 days of the next administration. Once the election is over, this coalition will be developing a further advocacy strategy to work with whoever is elected in order to implement these recommendations.

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

Programming

As we reported in the last issue of *NAMEN News*, the Program Committee has submitted the *State of the Field* Report to the NAMEN Board. The NAMEN Program Committee is planning an event during the NAMEN Symposium Kick Off (Dec 2) to facilitate a robust discussion about this report, the key findings, and implications for the future steps of NAMEN and the movement in this region as a whole.

News from the Field

The Global MenEngage Alliance hosted a webinar on "[Inner Work and Self-Care](#)". The purpose of this workshop was to begin a conversation within MenEngage about focusing on how we care for ourselves and each other in this work, and grounding our work on our the development of our inner selves. The webinar was a first step, look for more efforts in this regard from both the Global Alliance and NAMEN in the coming weeks and months.

[World Vision](#), in celebration of the International Day of the Girl, is hosting a screening of the Short Film [Messania's Story](#) about a Kenyan woman, Messania, and her journey to become an advocate against FGM/C. This screening is on Oct. 9, 12:30 - 1:30 EST. [Go here to RSVP](#).

ResourcesArticles/Reports

[Accessing Safe Abortion Services Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) by the Journal *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters* examines the ways the pandemic has exacerbated access to abortion services and ways that countries, communities and health care systems are addressing these additional barriers in order to continue to provide access to abortion.

[The Future of Masculinity](#) (on-line Zine) (Next Gen Men, Aug, 2020).

Explores the dimensions of our modern, gender-informed lives including self, health, peers, culture and relationships. It's the zine on how reimagining a plural, positive and progressive vision of masculinity can help each of us where we need it most -- at home, at work, in our relationships, in our heads, and in how we engage in the turbulent world around us.

[“Gender harassment and institutional betrayal in high school take toll on mental health”](#) (Science Daily, Sept., 2020)

This short report details the short and long-term toll that is experienced by adolescents as a result of gender harassment.

[Making Connections for Mental Health and Well Being Amongst Men and Boys in the US](#) (2014, Prevention Institute)

This 56 page report explores the dynamics of mental health and wellness in the US, implications for men and boys, and treatment/intervention recommendations. Data from the World Health Organization (2007), finds that the US had the highest rate of Mental Illness in the world. A number of factors relate to this statistic, but social norms and pressures of masculinity exacerbate this issue with men, and men and boys of color may experience higher rates of mental illness due to intergenerational and persistent trauma and oppression.. The mental health system, by and large, is still ill equipped to identify and support men in meaningful ways to address these mental health challenges.

[Masculinities and COVID-Making the Connections](#) (Promundo, Sept, 2020)

This 68 page report explores the key issues in relation to men, masculinities, and COVID-19, the impact of COVID-19 on men and women in different social groups and sets out principles and recommendations for policymakers and other decision-makers to take masculinities into account to create effective responses to the crisis.

[“Police Unions and the Obstacles they Pose”](#) is a new 32 page report published by the [Community Resource Hub for Safety and Accountability](#) explores the hazards of police unions and provides some recommendations on ways that communities can respond to and address the power of police unions.

[Unequal Partners: Teaching about Power, Consent and Healthy Relationships](#) 4th Edition (Center for Sexuality Education, July 2020; \$99).

This, the 4th edition, of *Unequal Partners* is laid out in two volumes: Volume 1, for young and middle adolescents and Volume 2 for college students. Both volumes include 50

lessons that are age and developmentally appropriate and which help young people examine various aspects of healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Webinars/Vids

[Sojourners](#) and the Interfaith Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence is hosting a four-part series on Domestic Violence during Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (October). This series occurs Every Wed at 1 PM Eastern, and focuses on the ways racism and sexism impact on survivors' ability to seek safety and justice.

[Register for free here.](#)

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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