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DISPATCH FROM THE COALITION

The Moment of Truth statement, embraced by End Abuse and supported by coalitions across the country, insists that mainstream anti-violence advocacy must fundamentally transform to end the personal and collective traumas our movement purports to fight.

To do so, we believe it necessary that individual advocates, multidisciplinary teams, and policies must transform in tandem; from strategies historically rooted in violence as response to violence, toward a paradigm that recognizes and honors the intersectional lives of survivors, the partners who use violence against them, and the communities in which they are both beloved.

This journal means to offer personal & professional tools, resources, and ideas for advocates across Wisconsin to embody; for the systems that survivors must navigate to explore and adopt; for communities to urge their leadership consider seriously.

This is neither fast nor easy work. It is not one-size-fits-all. Healing and accountability are messy, evolving, intangible. As are we.

Tegan Nia Swanson, Systems Change Coordinator
Diverse & Resilient is a statewide organization dedicated to achieving health equity and improving the safety and well-being of LGBTQIA+ people and communities in Wisconsin.

D&R focuses on direct community service, including anti-violence work, youth leadership, HIV healthcare, and organizational consulting.

In order to eliminate disparities for the LGBTQIA+ community in mental and sexual health, partner and community violence, and substance use, D&R strives to increase acceptance, end discrimination, and build leadership skills and confidence among LGBTQIA+ people.

**Diverse & Resilient Resources:**

- LGBTQ Competency Toolkit
- LGBTQ Passport to Health
- Safe Dates Toolkit
- Community Partners
- Trans Resource List

D&R’s Room to Be Safe is an anti-violence program serving survivors of intimate partner, sexual, hook-up, and hate violence.

Direct support for survivors, advocates, or loved ones is available via the Anti-Violence Resource Line (414) 856-LGBT (5428)

“AT DIVERSE & RESILIENT, WE SEE A FUTURE WHERE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER PEOPLE IN WISCONSIN THRIVE, LIVING HEALTHY, SATISFYING LIVES IN SAFE, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES.”

DIVERSEANDRESILIENT.ORG
CLICK THEIR PORTRAITS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE BRILLIANT 2SLGBTQIA+ HUMANS!

CANDI BRINGS PLENTY

ALOK VAID-MENON

PIDGEON PAGONIS

DONIKA KELLY

MEGAN RAPINOE

MIA MINGUS
AB 195/SB 323 and AB 196/SB 322 are transphobic, harmful pieces of legislation that would further endanger the health, safety, and happiness of Wisconsin’s beloved trans and non-binary children.

“One of our daughters is transgender and one of our daughters is cisgender. They both deserve to live in a world where neither faces discrimination or exclusion based on gender identity or biological sex. And this proposed bill is a shameful act of discrimination and exclusion: any attempt to exclude certain people is bullying. Those of you involved in the creation and proposal of this bill should be ashamed of yourselves. You are perpetuating violence against children.

To the trans youth and trans community, we say this: we will never stop fighting for your rights. We are tireless. We will not be stopped.”

– the Parents of Two Daughters

This testimony corrects the narrative that to oppose this legislation is sexist. This bill does not do anything to protect women and girls – it actively harms them.

Trans girls are girls. Trans women are women.

Some Wisconsin lawmakers are unfairly targeting transgender youth who deserve the same sports opportunities as anyone their age.

Put an end to this attack by taking supportive action today.

Tell your lawmaker to vote NO.

#LetKidsPlay

WHAT CAN I DO?

advocate with your elected officials

elevate trans and nonbinary voices in your communities

foster access for marginalized youth

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY
Kai Minosh Pyle (Mekadebinesikwe) is a Two-Spirit writer, Indigenous language learner and advocate, and researcher. Born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin, they have ancestral ties to the Red River Métis, Sault Ste. Marie Ojibwe, and the northeast Wisconsin Polish-American community. Currently they are a doctoral student in American Studies at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities on the occupied Dakota homelands of Bde Ota Othunwe (Minneapolis, Minnesota). Learn more about their work at http://mekadebinesikwe.com

As you listen to/watch Kai's workshop, consider some of the questions they asked the workshop participants:

Do you know whose land you are on? Do you know the history of how it was taken?

What colonized & gendered violence do you see in the photos of Woxie Haury and Tom Torlino?

How can you support Two-Spirit peoples in your communities today?
TRANSFORMATIVE RESOURCES

READ

IN THE DREAM HOUSE
CARMEN MARIA MACHADO

FOLLOW

#freekeithdavisjr
@GoldWomyn

here’s the thing about abolition - it begins at home. it is reflected in your relationships. in how you navigate conflicts. in how you maintain connections in your relationships. in how you show empathy and grace to those you love. it is the personal and then the political.

WATCH

Stonewall FOREVER

LISTEN

BLACK TRANS LIVES MATTER
In this episode, Prentis meets with Queer Black Troublemaker, Black Feminist Love Evangelist, and author of the book *Undrowned: Black Feminist Lessons from Marine Mammals*, Alexis Pauline Gumbs (she/her). Listen as Alexis moves us through time to relearn and remember the lessons of those who have brought us to now and the lineages from which we have come.

**How inclusive is your pride?**

**How can we dismantle systems of oppression from a 2SLGBTQIA+ lens?**

See Micah Bazant’s work here.
TRANSFORMATIVE IS INTERSECTIONAL

Stories of Our Collective Future
What is possible when we find real joy in ourselves?

ART BY CRISTY ROAD CARRERA

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End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin’s core philosophy of a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to domestic violence is that domestic violence is a community issue that requires engagement from the entire community to address.

Although many CCR teams begin their coordination efforts with the criminal process, this system represents only one piece of the larger community. Because the legal system is not a support all victims choose to engage, an effective CCR team will include members from schools, mental health and other healthcare agencies, neighborhood centers, faith communities, county extension agencies, culturally-specific organizations, and many other groups. CCR must go beyond the legal system to truly create a wide network of support for victims, which is especially important for communities of color, people with disabilities, older adults, and other survivors from marginalized communities.

Learn more about Community Coordinated Response here.

If you have a resource or a story to share, please contact tegans@endabusewi.org.