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a newsletter for
advocates & multi-disciplinary teams
to foster change, accountability, & healing in our personal &
professional communities

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Upcoming Events Click Below for Info

MARCH - APRIL 2022

Living in Madness: Decolonization,
Creation & Healing Conference

Defending Self-Defense from
Survived & Punished - RECORDING

23 March

Push Back on
the Racial Wealth Gap

4 April

The Effects of Climate Change
on Gender Based Violence &
Indigenous Communities

7 April

Mad Mapping: Creating an
Emotional Safety Plan

7-9 April

Centering Resistance:
Imaginings of a
New Feminist Future

APRIL 2022

SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH

Check in with local programs!

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, multi-disciplinary 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

Local Voices

2022 Support Group Series

GRACE:

Growing Resilience
Among the Circle of
Empowerment

Providing a safe,
non-judgmental
space for WI adults
to be with others
who've experienced
the loss of a loved
one due to domestic
violence homicide.



Details

Free & Virtual

Monthly, 2nd Thursday
7pm-8:30pm

Register:
bit.ly/dvhsupport22reg

Additional Info:
bit.ly/dvhsupport22info

Meet the GRACE Facilitators



Nailah Johnson | she/they

Nailah is a wellness facilitator passionate about guiding people through their own wellness journey. Nailah believes healing comes in many ways and values curating transformative experiences through various facilitation methods. They grew up on the north side of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and graduated from Marquette University in 2017. After graduating, she served a year in Public Allies Milwaukee. Nailah continued working in Milwaukee's nonprofit sector focusing on youth work, advocacy, supporting survivors and cultivating artists.

In 2021, Nailah became certified as a Creative Catalyst and launched their own wellness business, Creating Aliveness LLC, where they continue to do work with community and organizations to promote wellness through their services. Through Creating Aliveness LLC she has coordinated and facilitated virtual convenings in the midwest on creativity, space-holding and community-building. Nailah is currently studying full-time at the Ayurvedic Institute and part-time with Functional Nutrition Alliance. She blends both Eastern and Western thought and practices into her program design and facilitation, emphasizing the connection between the mind, body, and consciousness in our overall wellness. Nailah is honored to use their skills to work with End Abuse and serve as a co-facilitator of G.R.A.C.E. to support the healing journey of individuals whose loved ones have transitioned as a result of domestic homicide.

Meet the GRACE Facilitators



Rosanne Northwood | she/her

Rosanne Northwood lives in La Crosse, WI., with her partner, children, and grandchildren. The majority of her professional work has been focused on providing legal advocacy for individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual violence, and child abuse. She has vast experience working with nonprofits, serving in different capacities. She is a member of Bikers Against Child Abuse. In December 2015, she earned her Juris Doctor from Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, MN.

She currently serves as the RHYMES Shelter Director and works with local collaborative partners B.L.A.C.K. (Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge), Cia Siab, Inc, The Center, 7 Rivers LGBTQ Connection, and YWCA to provide safe shelter for runaway and homeless youth in the La Crosse area.

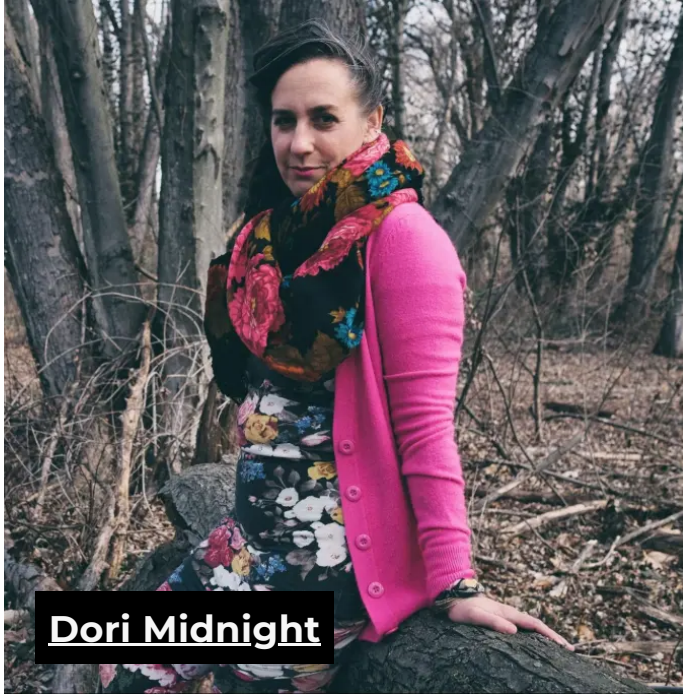
Rosanne developed a local support group for survivors of domestic violence homicide entitled Bittersweet in La Crosse, while working as an Outreach Advocate at the local shelter. She is honored to co-facilitate GRACE and help create a space for community, healing, and much needed support for survivors of domestic violence homicide. The important work of addressing the needs of survivors aligns with her belief in the inherent dignity of every individual.

Learn more about GRACE

Register for a GRACE group

TRANSFORMATIVE healers

Click their names to find out more about their healing paradigms & practices!



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spaces

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!

JUNE 12-14TH

2022 TEEN SUMMIT

REVOLUTIONARY ACTS

FEATURED KEYNOTES



LINDA SARSOOR



MELISSA DENIZARD



NALO ZIDAN

REGISTER: [BIT.LY/TEENSUMMIT2022](https://bit.ly/teensummit2022)

2022 Teen Summit Registration is Live!

Like our [Facebook page](#) and visit bit.ly/teensummit22 to get information on the amazing keynotes, workshops, and more!

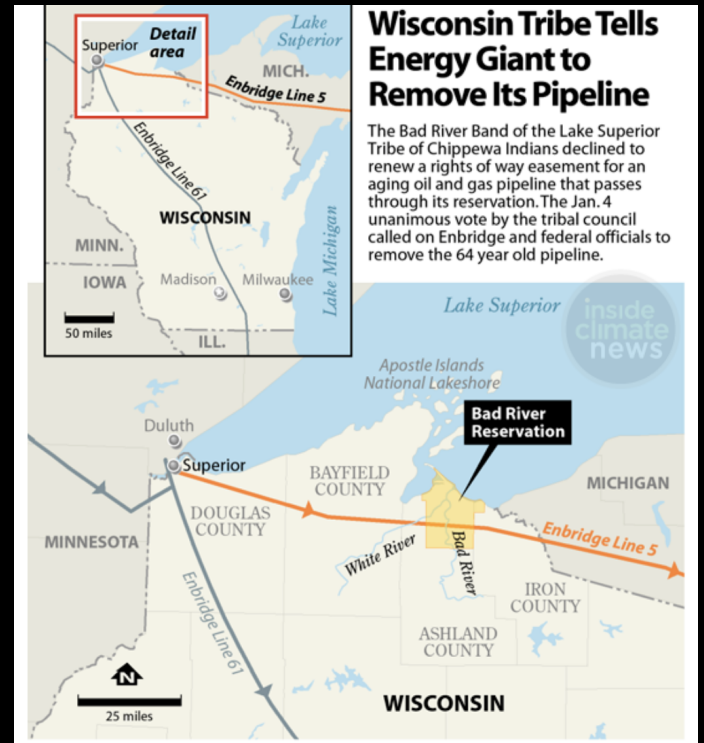
For all other questions please contact: teensummit@endabusewi.org.

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Advocacy in Action



TELL THE WI DNR to STOP LINE 5
COMMENT DEADLINE MARCH 18



Wisconsin Tribe Tells Energy Giant to Remove Its Pipeline

The Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians declined to renew a rights of way easement for an aging oil and gas pipeline that passes through its reservation. The Jan. 4 unanimous vote by the tribal council called on Enbridge and federal officials to remove the 64 year old pipeline.

Environmental Exploitation & Gender-Based Violence are connected

A Line 5 expansion would damage delicate ecosystems, poison water systems, exacerbate climate change, and run through Bad River tribal lands that should be protected by treaty rights. Lake Superior is one of the largest hubs for human trafficking in North America, and Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit relatives are disproportionately victimized. **This pipeline would further endanger the lives of relatives who are vulnerable to domestic, sexual, and trafficking violence.**

The WI DNR draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) doesn't fully recognize the environmental harm or tribal treaty rights. Enbridge has also proven they are neither able nor willing to mitigate the violence their pipeline projects do to the peoples of Indigenous communities.

Please support the Indigenous-led movement to stop the Line 5 expansion in Wisconsin.

Submit a comment to the WI DNR before MARCH 18th.

What can I do?

**advocate
with your
elected officials**

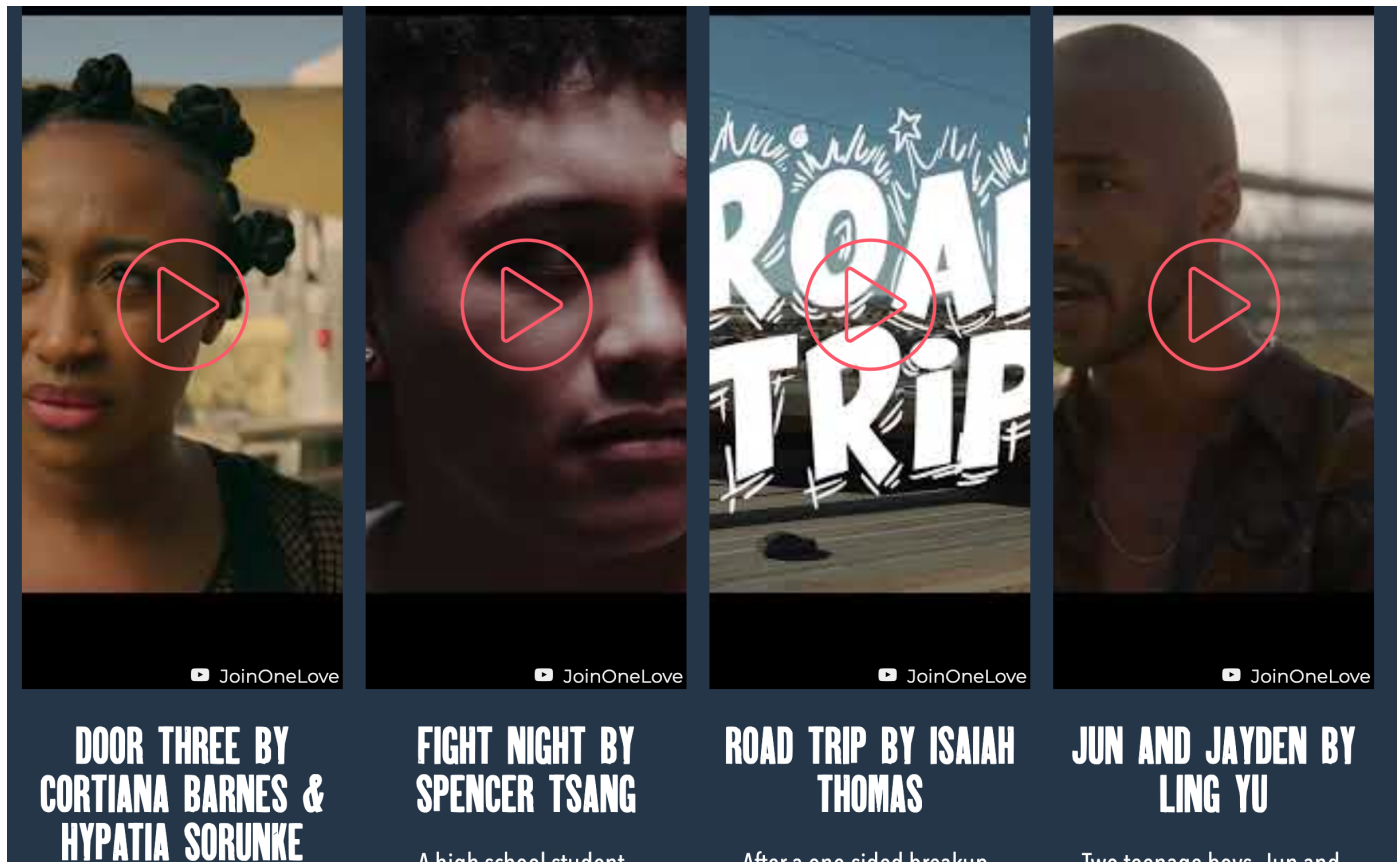
**elevate
Indigenous voices**

**learn more about
MMIWG2S
violence**

**Visit our website here for more information
about public policy and advocacy.**

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Listen/Watch:

[One Love Film Fest: Door Three, First Night, Road Trip & Jun and Jayden](#)

To end Teen Dating Violence, we must center the stories of young QTBIPOC folx. One Love Foundation is a national non-profit organization with the goal of ending relationship abuse that empowers young people with the tools and resources they need to see the signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships and bring life-saving prevention education to their communities. This TDV Awareness Month, they released four short films that can help young people and the communities who love them talk about how to cultivate healthy, safe, and loving relationships.

As you listen to/watch the films, consider:

How can we center **2SLGBTQIA+ and BIPOC** young people in primary prevention efforts?

How does **anti-Critical Race Theory** and **anti-Trans legislation** make our young people more vulnerable to domestic and sexual violence?

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INTERSECTIONS OF DISABILITY JUSTICE & TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE

Listen/Watch:

[Intersections of Disability Justice & Transformative Justice](#)

[Moving at the Speed of Trust: Disability Justice & Transformative Justice](#)

Barnard Center for Research on Women 2020

Safety, healing, and agency are primary advocacy goals for the survivors we serve, but so often our systems perpetuate harm and trauma for those most marginalized, including those with disabilities. According to [the SURJ \(Showing Up For Racial Justice\) Disability Justice caucus](#), "when we speak of disability, we are celebrating the brilliance and vitality of a vast community of peoples with non-normative bodies and minds, whether a disability is visible or not. This includes though is not limited to folks who identify as disabled, chronically ill, Deaf, mad, neurodivergent, and more."

As you listen to/watch the videos, consider:

How do **systems** of healing & care **perpetuate institutional violence** in your communities?

How do we **center the needs** of **QTBIPOC folx** in our healing paradigms?

How do we **foster communities** where survivors and their loved ones have **safe, transformative resources** for care?

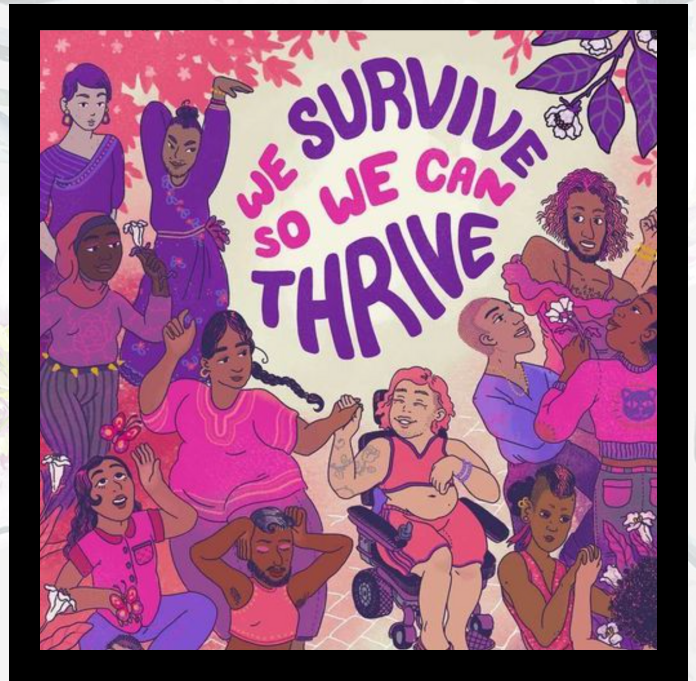
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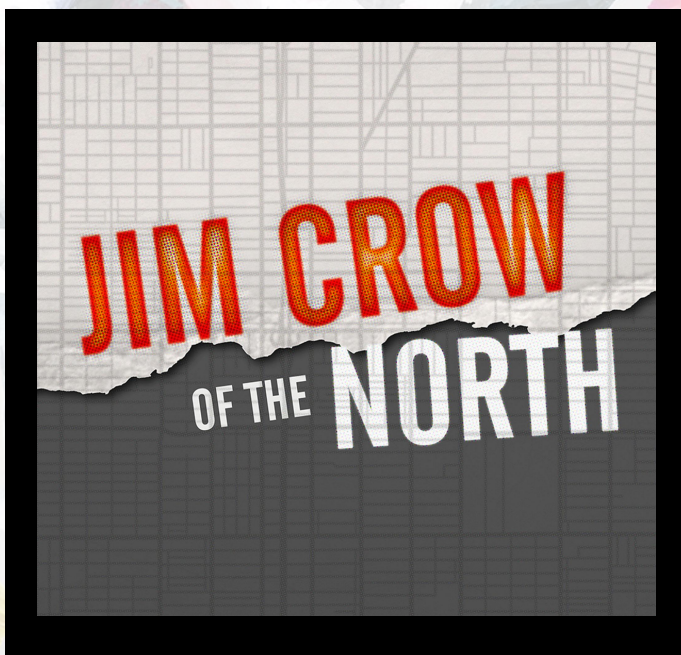
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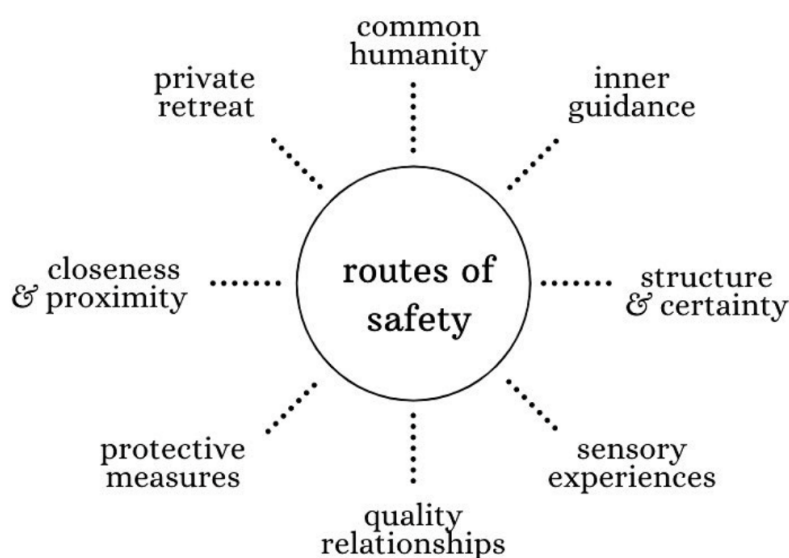
Practices for Healing & Accountability

Where to turn to find my place
of standing when it feels like
the world is on fire?

This public conversation with Pádraig Ó Tuama and Marilyn Nelson, two poet-contemplatives, is a pleasure and balm, and a reminder that the ruptures and unease and reckonings of what we call "this moment" were all before us before the pandemic.

Listen as they explore how generational trauma, shame, memory, and trust are all interconnected .

[Listen: Pádraig Ó Tuama & Marilyn Nelson](#)



@mswjake

What are your
Routes of
Safety?

Learn more about
how you can support
your body & mind

and
cultivate
internal,
interrelational,
&
communal
connection

with this trauma-
informed take on
love languages.

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Practices for Healing & Accountability



[@AccountabilityMapping](#) - [Learn Transformative Justice Skills Through the Body](#)

From the creator of ACCOUNTABILITY MAPPING:

In this sliding scale (and FREE for QTBIPOC) resource, you'll find:

- ☆☆ A model for understanding over, under, and centered accountability
- ☆☆ Somatic education to help you decode messages from your body & work with, rather than against, them
- ☆☆ Qi Gong practices to move through difficult emotions like grief, anger, frustration, fear and anxiety
- ☆☆ Support & guidance to help you take action in alignment
- ☆☆ All pre-recorded so you can go at your own pace & keep access forever!

Transformative is Intersectional



“Dominator culture has tried to keep us all afraid, to make us choose safety instead of risk, sameness instead of diversity. Moving through that fear, finding out what connects us, revelling in our differences; this is the process that brings us closer, that gives us a world of shared values, of meaningful community.”

— bell hooks
Teaching Community: A Pedagogy of Hope

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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**

