Transformative
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin

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End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin:
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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.
We do this because:

- We want to work against the oppressive functions of the prison system. Our project shifts some control back into incarcerated people’s hands.

- Incarcerated LGBTQ people behind bars have a particularly hard time finding resources that meet their needs & wants. We are in a position to gather and distribute these resources.

- We believe that our work affirms the dignity of all individuals by providing access to knowledge of their choosing, so that they can learn and grow as they desire.

- LGBTQ people behind bars face many hardships, including — but not limited to — isolation & physical violence. We want them to know they have a community on the outside that cares about their wellbeing.

We are a volunteer-led, trans-affirming, racial justice-focused, prison abolitionist project sending books to incarcerated LGBTQ-identified people across the United States.

Want to get involved? **Join us at our office in Madison!** Volunteer to match letters/requests with books, wrap packages, or restock our library. **Donate** books, dictionaries, or other LGBTQ resources. **Make a financial contribution**, which helps us buy postage and packing supplies.

**Contact Info**

See more at [lgbtbookstoprisoners.org](http://lgbtbookstoprisoners.org)
2023-2029 Long Range Plan
Addressing Sexual & Domestic Violence in Wisconsin

Wisconsin domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SA) programs reflected on historical trends, identified present needs, and engaged with emerging ideas and practices in order to determine the direction of future anti-violence work.

Priorities & Recommendations:

- Demand Intersectionality in Our Work
- Confront Racism & Oppression
- Center Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
- Embed Transformative Justice Principles into Systems Work
- Prioritize Sexual Assault Services
- Redefine the Role of Advocate

What can I do?

- advocate with your elected officials
- infuse Transformative Justice frameworks into your advocacy

Visit our website here for more information about public policy and advocacy.
Listen/Discuss:

Healing Justice Lineages

Join adrienne maree brown and Autumn Brown on their podcast How to Survive the End of the World as they dive into the new anthology Healing Justice Lineages.

In this anthology, Black Queer Feminist editors Cara Page and Erica Woodland guide readers through the history, legacies, and liberatory practices of healing justice—a political strategy of collective care and safety that intervenes on generational trauma from systemic violence and oppression. They call forth the ancestral medicines and healing practices that have sustained communities who have survived genocide and oppression, while radically imagining what comes next.

Anti-capitalist, Black feminist, and abolitionist, Healing Justice Lineages is a profound and urgent call to embrace community and survivor-led care strategies as models that push beyond commodified self-care, the policing of the medical industrial complex, and the surveillance of the public health system. Centering disability, reproductive, environmental, and transformative justice and harm reduction, this collection elevates and archives an ongoing tradition of liberation and survival—one that has been largely left out of our history books, but continues to this day.
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What are your healing lineages? Is this a framework you have considered before?

Who are the teachers, careworkers, ancestors, or other knowledgeable folks you look to for guidance?

How does individualized (self)care leave us hurting?

What is one area of your advocacy work that could use an infusion of Healing Justice? What do you need to make this a reality?
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(re)Exploring Emergent Strategy

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Analyze & Actualize

How do the Elements of Emergent Strategy shift your understanding of labor, productivity, and (inherent) worth?

If you could change one thing about how you do your work, what would it be?

Choose one of the Core Principles and apply it to a systems advocacy goal that you or your team have for your community. How does this change your perspective? What new possibilities can you imagine?

If not now, when?
This five-part virtual summit with frontline thinkers and doers from across New York City and around the country is presented by The WNET Group. Each week, we will gather with frontline thinkers and doers to examine the core topic through a specific lens: housing and economic justice, food sovereignty and security, homelessness and community, cultural displacement, and media narratives about housing.

Watch/Listen: 
**The Cost of Living: on Housing & Economic Justice**

Watch/Listen: 
**More Than Shelter: on Homelessness & Community**

Watch/Listen: 
**Circle Made of Soil: on Food Sovereignty & Security**
What will it mean for America if its vibrant cities and towns are remade as enclaves where only the wealthy can thrive? How do campaigns for housing equality amplify moral calls for racial and economic justice? How is housing activism today informed by ancestral wisdom about settler colonialism, anti-Blackness, xenophobia, and old-fashioned greed? What can organizers on the frontlines of those experiences teach people across the United States about empowering communities and disrupting historic inequality?

Watch/Listen:
**The Roots Run Deep: on Culture & Displacement**

Watch/Listen:
**The Bigger Picture: on Journalism & Housing Narratives**

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As you watch, consider:

How can **storytelling empower communities** threatened by **erasure**?

What **skills or information** from these conversations can you **share with survivors**? Your team? Your community partners?

How do we **meet the needs of all survivors** when we create, integrate, and practice healing advocacy that is not punitive?
How are issues of labor activism and gender-based violence connected?

Learn more about legendary activist Dolores Huerta.

"Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world."

- Dolores Huerta

Listen: Dolores Huerta on organizing, motherhood and 'sexual coercion' in her labor rights movement

She helped organize one of the largest labor movements in history, but her name is often left out of the narrative. As an organizer in the 1960s, Dolores Huerta says it was not always easy to assert her power.

"As a woman, I had to do something about the way the women were being treated," she told Art of Power's Aarti Shahani. Huerta explains how she raised 11 children in voluntary poverty while leading a nationwide civil rights battle (01:45). She dissects the mechanics of the famous 1965 Delano grape boycott, including how she allied with some of America's biggest leaders (13:50). And for the first time, she reveals how higher-ups within the organization handled an alleged case of what she calls "sexual coercion" less than gracefully (30:40).
Transforming systems of inequality requires partnering with many sectors to leverage influence and resources. Mobilizing communities and multi-sector partners can build long-term commitment to dismantling systems of oppression and ending violence.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Gain deeper understanding of health equity frameworks in sexual violence prevention.
- Translate concepts of health equity into practical on-the-ground program development and implementation.
- Create cross-cutting strategies and partnerships to address social determinants of health and prevent violence in local communities.

As you listen/watch, consider:

How are you inspired to think about prevention in more liberatory, communal, or expansive ways?

What **systems struggles** do you recognize from your own work? What lessons learned might you **carry forward**?

What is **one tangible step** you can take today? Next week? Next month?
Practices for Healing & Accountability

SOLIDARITY IS...

a verb, a practice & a strategy.

When we look to social change movement work past & present, we see the principles of transformative solidarity in action.

Centering
Connections
Commonalities
Co-Liberation
Co-Conspiratorship
Capacity

Learn more about solidarity and the Building Movement Project

Writing a
Solidarity Statement

Considerations and Process Questions

This could be beneficial for organizational staff who are responsible for cultivating partnerships, developing strategic communications, and engaging in rapid response.
Transformative Resources

Read

STRUGGLE MAKES US HUMAN
LEARNING FROM MOVEMENTS FOR SOCIALISM
VIJAY PRASHAD
EDITED BY FRANK BARAT

Follow

WMF Wisconsin

Watch

Listen

TRANS FUTURES

the Defenders
Transformative is
Grief is Hope is
Rage is Healing

“What if abolition isn’t a shattering thing, not a crashing thing, not a wrecking ball event? What if abolition is something that sprouts out of the wet places in our eyes, the broken places in our skin, the waiting places in our palms, the tremble holding in my mouth when I turn to you? What if abolition is something that grows? **What if abolishing the prison industrial complex is the fruit of our diligent gardening, building and deepening of a movement to respond to the violence of the state and the violence in our communities with sustainable, transformative love?**”

Alexis Pauline Gumbs
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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