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End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin:
The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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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.
LGBT Books to Prisoners

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 U.S.

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.
2025 Legislation to Consider: Tenant Protection Package

We know Housing is Homicide Prevention, especially in context of a statewide housing crisis where survivors with the most barriers to support and economic security find it increasingly impossible to find a safe place to call home.

In the 2024 session, legislators introduced a tenant protection package of bills. They didn’t pass, but we advocate they try again in 2025.

How would these protections impact survivors?

Highlight: Proposed Protections

- Preventing discrimination based on immigration status, eviction history
- Funding for eviction legal services
- Extending eviction cure period & timeframe for emergency assistance
- Automatic CCAP record clean-up
- Repealing the eviction moratorium prohibition

What can I do?

- advocate with your elected officials
- infuse Transformative Justice frameworks into your advocacy
- learn more about the Social Ecological Model

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

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?
Listen/Discuss: “Greening & Growing” Strategies to Create Protective Environments and Prevent Sexual & Domestic Violence

Join PreventConnect, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence, & GreenHouse 17 as they explore the connections between healthy environments and healthy communities.

Public health and violence prevention practitioners are increasingly recognizing the critical role that the natural environment plays in shaping relationships and human and environmental health, safety, and wellbeing. In this web conference we will explore how we can improve safety and wellbeing and reduce violence through “greening and growing” strategies.

- Describe how the natural environment can shape relationships and safety.
- Explore how creating protective environments and strengthening social connection by increasing green spaces in rural areas builds protective factors to prevent sexual and domestic violence.
- Learn about how therapeutic farming can support survivors and build protective factors to prevent sexual and domestic violence.

Make sure you don’t miss Part Two!
Read & Discuss:

Greening: Place-Based Violence Prevention Strategy

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How has *spending time* in connection with the non-human world impacted your *mental or physical well-being*? Where are your favorite places to do so?

What *barriers* of access to “greening & growing” strategies exist *in your communities*? What role did white supremacy historically play, and how does it still?

What is *one protective factor* that you can promote in your networks today?
How are issues of environmental activism and gender-based violence connected?

Watch: the documentary film Bad River

Bad River, the powerful new documentary film written and directed by award-winning filmmaker, Mary Mazzio (I Am Jane Doe, A Most Beautiful Thing) and narrated by Indigenous activist and model Quannah ChasingHorse and award-winning actor Edward Norton (Primal Fear, American History X, Birdman), chronicles the Wisconsin-based Bad River Band and its ongoing fight for sovereignty, a story which unfolds in a groundbreaking way through a series of shocking revelations, devastating losses, and a powerful legacy of defiance and resilience. This inspiring project brings us through an epic sweep of history into the present, with a David vs. Goliath battle to save Lake Superior, the largest freshwater resource in America. As Eldred Corbine, a Bad River Tribal Elder declares: “We gotta protect it... die for it, if we have to.”
Join PreventConnect, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and storytelling experts across the anti-sexual violence field and cross cutting movements, for a panel discussion about how to engage communities in thoughtful, collaborative prevention work.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Clearly define messaging, storytelling & audience engagement for sexual violence prevention.
- Identify strengths, challenges & opportunities to counter mis-information & collaborate with community partners
- Develop toolbox of skills to create prevention stories that resonate with stakeholders, partners & adversaries.

**Watch/Listen:**

**Connect & Educate around social justice issues**

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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?
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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?
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**

Solidarity economy movements are people-powered forces to protect what matters most. They draw on tools and traditions within many lineages, making them accessible to any community, anywhere. Join us to explore what a solidarity economy movement is, how it works, and ways we can stay oriented to movement-building even as we navigate against the tides of capitalism and oppression.
Transformative Resources

Read

Spectral Evidence
Poems
GREGORY PARDOLO
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author of Jacist

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WISCONSIN RESIDENTS REALLY HATE THEIR LANDLORDS
Wisconsin lawmakers keep making pro-landlord changes to tenant laws. Residents’ #1 complaint last year? Landlords.

PerfectUnion

Watch

HANNAH GADSBY’S GENDER AGENDA
A NETFLIX COMEDY SPECIAL

Listen

throughline
Out here, there’s a bowing even the trees are doing.
Winter’s icy hand at the back of all of us.
Black bark, slick yellow leaves, a kind of stillness that feels
so mute it’s almost in another year.
I am a hearth of spiders these days: a nest of trying.
We point out the stars that make Orion as we take out
the trash, the rolling containers a song of suburban thunder.
It’s almost romantic as we adjust the waxy blue
recycling bin until you say, Man, we should really learn
some new constellations.
And it’s true. We keep forgetting about Antlia, Centaurus,
Draco, Lacerta, Hydra, Lyra, Lynx.
But mostly we’re forgetting we’re dead stars too, my mouth is full
of dust and I wish to reclaim the rising—
to lean in the spotlight of streetlight with you, toward
what’s larger within us, toward how we were born.
Look, we are not unspectacular things.
We’ve come this far, survived this much. What
would happen if we decided to survive more? To love harder?
What if we stood up with our synapses and flesh and said, No.
No, to the rising tides.
Stood for the many mute mouths of the sea, of the land?
What would happen if we used our bodies to bargain
for the safety of others, for earth,
if we declared a clean night, if we stopped being terrified,
if we launched our demands into the sky, made ourselves so big
people could point to us with the arrows they make in their minds,
rolling their trash bins out, after all of this is over?

Click to listen to the poet read
adalimon.net
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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