

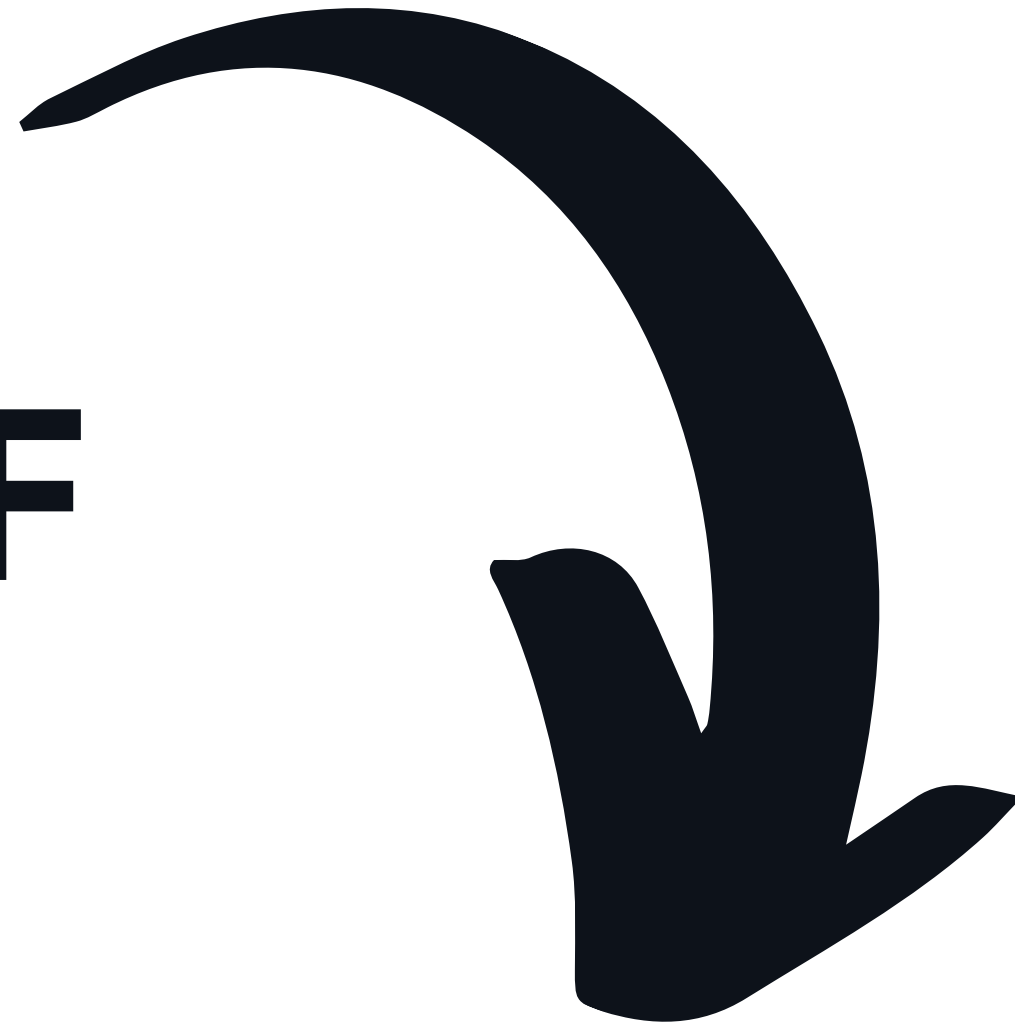
Sexual Violence is Not Race Neutral

**Analyzing the Co-option of
Sexual Violence as a Tool of
White Supremacy**



**CAN YOU IMAGINE A
WORLD WITHOUT
SEXUAL VIOLENCE?**

**CENTER
YOURSELF**



CENTER YOURSELF



""Song/prayer/meditation to heal personal and societal grief. For ordinary grief, extraordinary grief, the unbearable kind and the unseen kind and the enduring kind, in service of exhales and letting go of what is ours and not ours, of compassion, lightness, & becoming who we are after and through it all." - Aly Halpert

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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I am a settler - occupying stolen land from the Lenape People



Educator on Sexual Violence Prevention and Anti-Racism

SHE/HER PRONOUNS



not ending
racism today
(obvi)

on
tolerance
and

Anti-racism

SHE/HER PRONOUNS

The goal of sexual violence prevention work is to end violence.

If we choose to see solutions of gender-based violence ending in state & racial violence - we have prevented nothing.

FOUNDATIONS IN THIS SPACE

We all may make mistakes - we will respond w/ accountability

“You stepping into your discomfort allows others to step into more ease”

Priority will be given to BIPOC - specially those who are women, queer, nonbinary, and trans

No emotional violence

White Exceptionalism

White Fragility

White Solidarity

No coded language - we do not live apolitical lives

Rachel Ricketts

BREATHE DEEPLY
& COMMIT
TO THESE FOUNDATIONS

Outline

Where Are We Now

Race Neutrality

Abolition

Accountability



**I invite you to name a
person or community who
holds you accountable**

GOALS TODAY

Name 1 reason why sexual violence prevention work is deeply tied to abolition work

Name 1 personal reason why you are committed to anti-racism work while working in the field of sexual violence prevention

Define community accountability through a race conscious, anti-racist lens

Where Are We Now



SURVIVORS & PERPETRATORS

ahistorical and acultural
individuals in distinct
dichotomy

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

defined as individual trauma

PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

never contextualized regarding
current cultural distinctions and
sociocultural histories

Where Are We Now



ABOLITION AWARENESS AT LARGE

On the labor of Black and
Indigenous women



RETHINKING COMMUNITY & COMMUNITY SPACES



DOMESTIC TERRORISM & WHITE SUPREMACY



To what extent do professionals in sexual violence prevention have a responsibility to develop their racial consciousness?



**What have you done, specifically,
to develop your racial consciousness?**



**a form of racism that claims
"to identify race is to be racist"**

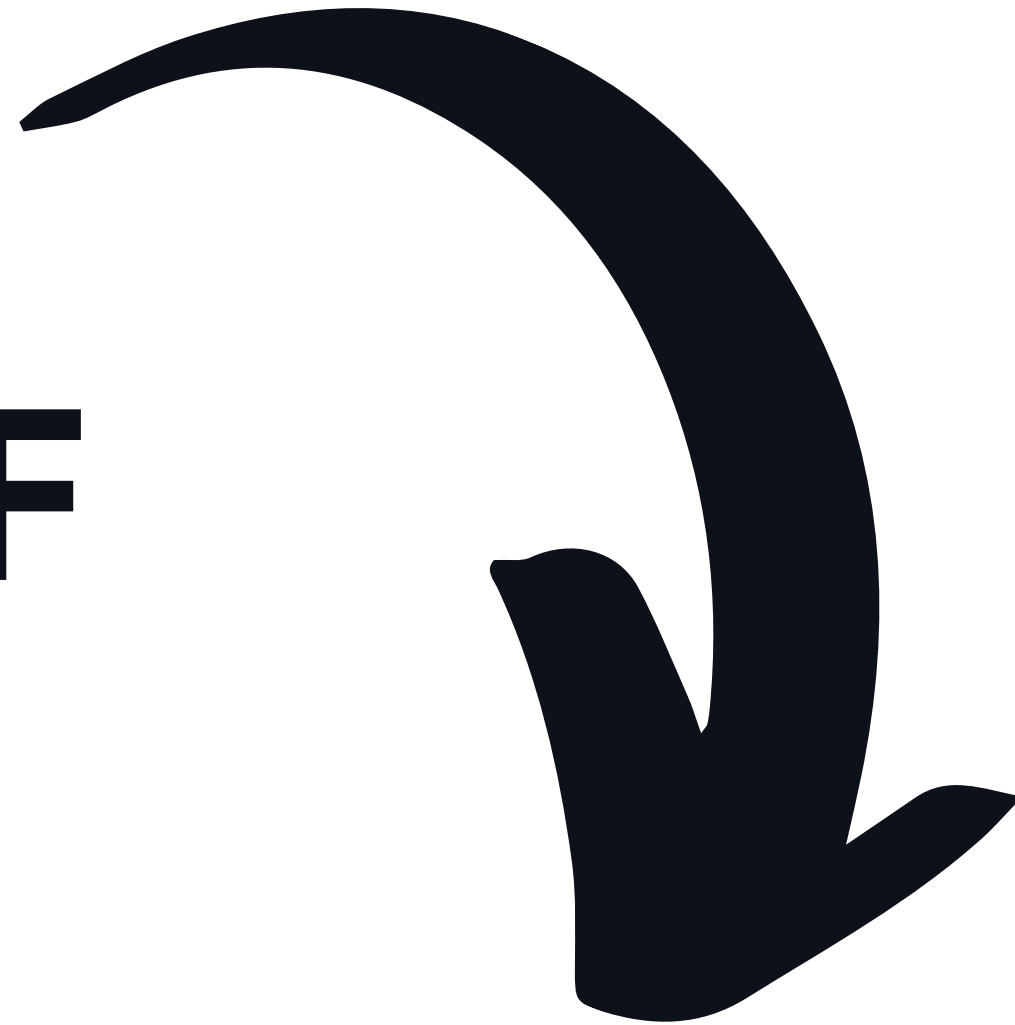
RACE NEUTRALITY



We have a moral imperative to de-center Whiteness and provide prevention programming that is race-conscious.

**RACE CONSCIOUSNESS
RESPONSE WOULD BE TO
NAME THE CALLS OF
BLACK-LED ABOLITION**

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**what does your body need
right now?**

what barriers are you imagining?

ABOLITION



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**The survivorship of White women—
stemming from systemic and
community failure—is co-opted by
White supremacist and carceral
agendas.**

The survivorship of Black women and women of Color—stemming from systemic and community failure yet sacrificed to the public in order to gain justice—is co-opted by performative White initiatives.

**JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS
DOES NOT COME FROM THE
CARCERAL STATE**

**White women who felt
defunding or disbanding the
police meant jeopardizing
their own protection from
sexual violence.**

MAEVE BARRY

This fear comes from the idea that the police are a tool for White women to use for their own protection.

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**Policing protects
Whiteness.**

**Policing perpetrates
sexual and state violence**

"We know that the world being built through Black-led abolitionist struggle is one in which our younger selves would have been safer, where we would have gotten the support we needed to thrive."

- Showing Up For Racial Justice

White Women Organizers & Comrades

**We can no longer view
survivorship as ahistorical
and acultural**

**To view me as separate from
my identities and ancestors
is inherently violent**

We cannot end violence with violence.

We must end violence with accountability

**We must start with our own
accountability & harm**

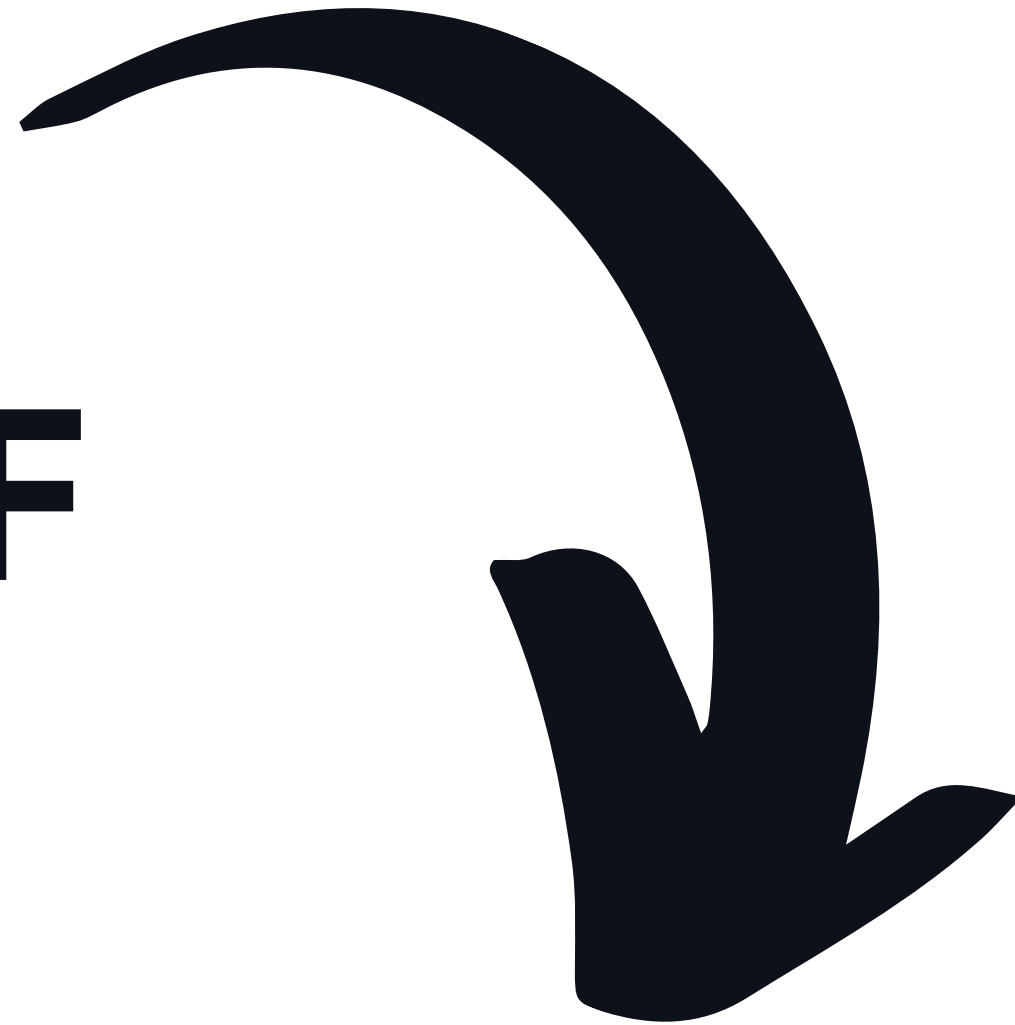
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WORLD WITHOUT
SEXUAL VIOLENCE?**

**CAN YOU IMAGINE A
WORLD IN WHICH
SEXUAL VIOLENCE WAS
MET WITH JUSTICE?**

**We must name justice that is
race conscious.**



**CENTER
YOURSELF**



Moving to Action

**How do we do the work that
not only protects our
humanity but restores it?**





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