

Community-Identified Prevention Pathways

SEXUAL VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND SEX TRAFFICKING

In 2019, over 200 people participated in 10 community roundtables across Minnesota to identify strategies for preventing sexual violence, domestic violence, and sex trafficking. These roundtables were coordinated by the University of Minnesota Twin Cities- Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center and the Minnesota Department of Health Safe Harbor and Sexual Violence Prevention Programs.

Hosts

Dodge, Filmore, Olmsted
Counties Victim Services

Hope Coalition

NW Indian Community
Development Center

Program for Aid to Victims
of Sexual Assault

Someplace Safe

Southwest Crisis Center

Support within Reach

21st Century Academy

U of MN Morris- Center
for Small Towns

Process during roundtables

Context

Researchers shared findings from a recent study:

- Survival sex and its connection to sex trafficking, including social contexts and circumstances surrounding survival sex
- Intimate partner trafficking: different trajectories for those trafficked by an intimate partner, and the use of coercive control in intimate partner trafficking
- Family-based trafficking: contexts and circumstances

Discussion

Researchers, facilitators, and participants named root causes, conditions, and underlying factors influencing sexual violence, domestic violence, and sex trafficking.

Facilitated problem-solving process

Facilitators led participants through a five-step problem-solving process using a version of “design thinking” adapted by the University of Minnesota.

Collaborative visualization

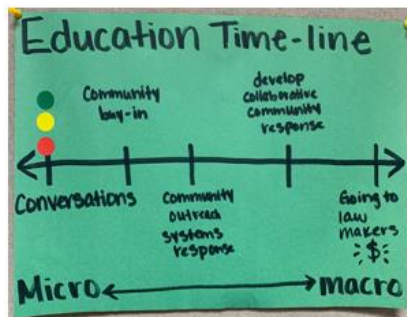
Participants identified strategies to prevent sexual violence, domestic violence, and sex trafficking. They then used art supplies to visualize potential pathways to prevention.

Community-identified root causes and solutions

Root causes

- Societal values and beliefs
- Structural inequities
- Intersectional oppressions, including racism
- Adverse life experiences and trauma
- Lack of community awareness and community response

Sample artwork of solutions



Solutions

- Eradication of oppressions
- Change social norms
- Basic needs, access to opportunity
- Community awareness and accountability
- Improved systems response
- Access to services and healing

How to accomplish solutions

- Legislation and funding
- Education of youth, adults, and families
- Programming and services
- Coalitions and task forces
- Changes to organizational practices and policies
- Training for systems professionals
- Awareness raising, campaigns
- Criminal justice approaches

References

A detailed report is available: [Community Conversations on Preventing Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence, and Sex Trafficking](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/svp/documents/svproundtable.pdf)
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