TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE IN ANTI-SEXUAL ASSAULT INITIATIVES

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Background & Overview

Transformative justice grew out of the histories of indigenous and black feminist organizing and now has become a prominent organizing model in both radical and social movements. In contrast to more mainstream frameworks, such as retributive justice, transformative justice goes beyond the idealized surface/preparation relationship and seeks to address the structural causes of conflict, building on the premise that there is a link between individual and structural levels. In addition, transformative justice works across the process/issue spectrum, putting it in the realm of social justice and human rights. In these ways, transformative justice is about deepening our understanding of power. In structurally oppressed communities, community members have used it to address sexual assault without resorting to the police and criminal justice system. This research project investigated how transformative justice frameworks are being integrated into new sexual assault organizations. Membership looking at primary research during the current year. Overall, such frameworks, such as education, workshops, healing circles, and safety planning, are effective ways to educate people about issues of sexual assault. The questions we were left feeling are too cruel and run counter to the harm and to be transformative just, and how they want to address the needs of marginalized communities.

What Does It Mean To Be Survivor-Centered?

All too often, the organizations evolve, or transformational justice is defined by either: survivors must do in order to have a sense of responsibility. The media’s portrayal of sexual assault. As pharmaceutical and investment money is spent on sexual assault, there is a growing move towards a sense of community accountability. Lastly, it is about balancing the needs of survivors with the needs of justice and empowerment for the survivor.

Accountability as a Process and Long-Term Goal

Putting Transformative Justice Into Practice

- Community discussions, speeches, forums
- Produce unique challenges faced by marginalized groups
- Develop action-oriented resources for marginalized groups and transform communities to address their needs
- Develop a community-by-community process and lose trust in the perpetrator
- How you live your life and make your decisions
- Build your own lives
- Build and sustain relationships that include and are led by survivors and the community
- Networking with other social justice movements

- Live art and cultural work to organize around anti-violence principles
- Everyday safety discussions, support systems, and community mobilization and relationships
- Mediation services, preparation, and community’s emotional responses to violence
- Media work and self-organized local and long-term support systems
- Integrate family of survivor/psychology into learning process
- Promote holistic healing (body, medicine, spirit, and relationships)

- Community workshops as the dynamic of violence, safety while interacting with the arts, healing from trauma, and cultural understanding.
- Integrate anti-violence education throughout school curricula
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