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Session Descriptions | Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Morning Keynote | 8:45am – 10:45am

Mobilizing Communities to Create Change | Lisa Fujie Parks, Prevention Institute
Prevention programming has historically focused on individual skills building and behavior change, but it is community who is the true catalyst for broad social change. This keynote session emphasizes the value of mobilizing communities to develop and lead their own community-level prevention strategies and create bold, comprehensive, and impactful social change.

11:00am – 11:45am

Understanding Barriers to Safety | Abbi Swatsworth, Out Nebraska

Join this session to gain insight into the barriers that LGBTQIA+ people face when seeking services for domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Session will include small group discussion, experiential activities, and key terminology.

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Confronting and overcoming systemic and individual barriers to sexual and reproductive health care in the DV/SA context | Meg Mikolaiczuk, Planned Parenthood

Objectives:

- Level set of SRH services that should be available to all individuals in the state of Nebraska
 - Discuss potential systems barriers: religious refusals, lack of coverage, lack of providers, laws impeding access, laws impacting minors
 - What are conference attendees experiencing when they do the work? What systems erect the biggest barriers and what changes could we pursue to make access easier for survivors?
- Discuss potential individual barriers: sexual coercion, confidentiality concerns, mandatory reporting concerns, lack of/bad information, system involved youth, foster family impact, religious influence, etc.
 - What are conference attendees experiencing in this contact in the field? What are ways we can help individuals better navigate systemic barriers and recognize individual barriers to better help survivors access care?

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1:45pm – 2:30pm

Discrimination Against Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence | Marna Munn & Mindy Rush Chipman, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights

Domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of gender-based violence deprive women of their fundamental ability to live with dignity, and survivors often face discrimination in housing, employment, and in other matters because of the abuse they have experienced. Discrimination against survivors is a form of sex discrimination, which is prohibited under federal, state and local laws. The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission (NEOC) and Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) are Nebraska agencies that work to prevent and respond to discrimination in our communities, including discrimination faced by survivors. This presentation will provide an overview of how the agencies' process discrimination cases, as well as how anti-discrimination laws can be a powerful tool for advocacy on behalf of survivors.

2:45pm – 4:15pm

It's Complicated | Centers for Survivors Revolution

Revolution is a group of 46 high school students who are selected for the group based on positive character attributes, leadership skills, and their abilities to be role models for their peers. Revolution travels to schools in the Center for Survivors' six-county region and provides peer to peer education on topics such as dating violence, sexual assault, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention. All Revolution members provide outreach in their communities and facilitate classroom presentations on various topics. One of the highlights of Revolution is our theater presentation that we present to high schools all over the state. We know that kids will reach out to their peers before adults when something traumatic occurs in their lives. Revolution members are trained on the basics of dating violence and sexual assault, and they are given the tools to respond to crisis, along with appropriate referral sources. Our goal is to reach adolescent victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, along with providing tools for young people to respond to victims and to those who perpetrate. Today's presentation is titled, "It's Complicated".