

BUILDING COMMUNITY AWARENESS & MOBILIZING COMMUNITY ACTION

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**Males and Violence: Engaging Men and Boys as
Survivors, Advocates and Change Agents**

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“
A DECISION TO AND FOR CHANGE
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POWERFUL THAN ONE BORN OF
LOGIC AND CIRCUMSTANCE”

- Doug Tinder

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Social



Economic



Health
and Safety

Reasons for Change – All Personal

MAKING CHANGE

Social

PA – Catholic Church

ME TOO

Harvey Weinstein

Penn State- Sandusky

Bill Cosby

Larry Nasser

Spotlight - Boston

Economics

- Intimate Partner Violence costs exceeded **\$8.3 billion**, which included \$460 million for rape, \$6.2 billion for physical assault, \$461 million for stalking, and \$1.2 billion in the value of lost lives.^(CDC)
- In 2008, violence and abuse constituted up to **37.5% of total health care costs**, or up to \$750 billion (Dolezal, McCollum, & Callahan, 2009)
- The CDC estimates depression to cause **200 million lost workdays** each year at a cost to employers of \$17 to \$44 billion
- Seventy one percent of Employee Assistance Providers have reported an employee being stalked at work and another **83% have assisted an employee with a restraining order** (<https://www.peocompare.com/domestic-violence-can-become-your-business-problem/>)

Health and Safety

Victims of sexual assault are:

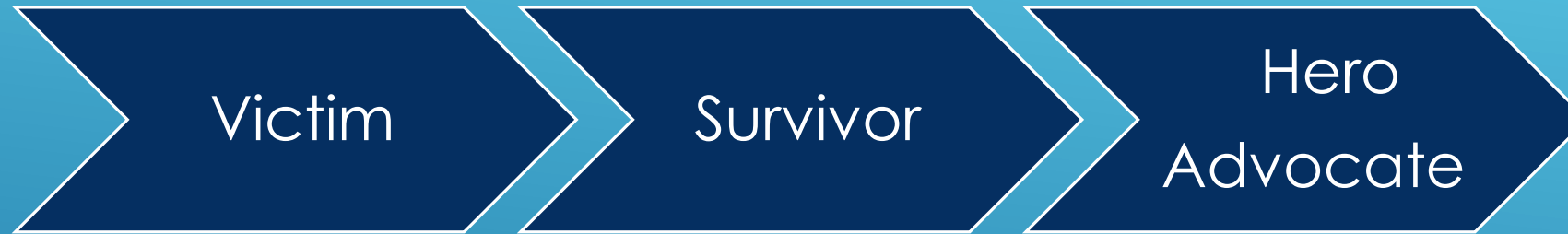
- 3 times more likely to suffer from depression
- 6 times more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder
- 26 more times likely to abuse drugs and
- 4 times more likely to contemplate suicide (World Health Organization 2010)

IT HAS BEEN FORTY TO THREE YEARS

A Personal Journey to Becoming
a Change Agent-Advocate



Individual Evolution to Change



A person harmed, injured, or killed as a result of a crime, accident, or other event or action; a person who is tricked or duped

A person who copes well with difficulties

A person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy

The Model for Change Breaking the Silence



- ▶ **1 in 6 men** aged 18 and older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.^(CDC)
- ▶ Over the course of their lifetime, 28% of U.S. youth ages 14 to 17 had been sexually victimized;
- ▶ Only about 38% of child victims disclose the fact that they have been sexually abused.^{5,6} Some never disclose.^{7,8}
- ▶ 90% of men will not report (malesurvivor.org) It takes on average 20 years before men will disclose
- ▶ About 90% of children who are victims of sexual abuse know their abuser
- ▶ 44% of rapes with penetration occur to children under age 18.
- ▶ Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) 1 in 8 have 4 or more.
 - ▶ Scientific research on the impact
 - ▶ Changes brain development
 - ▶ Impact behaviors

THE NUMBERS – CREATING AWARENESS

“He made is family the center of his world...no arm-chair Christian, ‘he’ lived his faith....he took Jesus’s teaching – that whatever you did for least of my brothers, you also did for me-as a marching order.”

DIALOGUE AND CONNECTION

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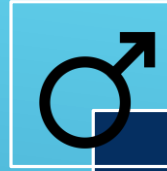
Champions

- Non-profits
- Religious groups
- Community Action
- Social Services
- Mental Health Associations
- United Way
- Chamber of Commerce
- Economic Council
- Rotary
- Local Business
- Colleges



Challenges

- Funding of Programs
- Openness in Community
- Venues to Create Dialogue
- Reaching the Market
- Uncomfortable
- It's Hard/Effort



Male Dynamics

- Engagement
- Expectations
- Fear
- Trust
- Acceptance
- Community

Mobilization

► Program Development

► Social

► Economic

► Health and Safety

DEFINE THE ACTION

- Community Action
- Raise Money
- Conduct Training
- Recovery Services
- Extend Awareness
- Outreach – Support Services

- ▶ Program growth
- ▶ Number of individuals using the resources
- ▶ Ease of funds gathered – recurring funding stream
- ▶ Increase in volunteerism – advocates
- ▶ Campaign events

MEASUREMENT OF SUCCESS



QUESTIONS