

Reviving the Movement: Voices of Advocates

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REVIVE

Restore to life or
consciousness, regain
life, give new struggle or
energy to

MOVEMENT

- An act of changing physical location or position
- Group of people working together to advance shared political, social or artistic ideas

TRADITIONAL ROLE OF WOMEN

- Sisterhood
- Nurturer
- Healer
- Mentor
- Enforcer
- Models for equality

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOVEMENT

- Timelines
 - of mainstream movement
 - of native women's movement and involvement in mainstream movement
- Funding/grant development—
impact on tribal communities

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOVEMENT

- Timeline of Native Women
- Intersections with mainstream movement

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOVEMENT

- FVPSA
- VOCA
- VAWA

STATUS OF NATIVE WOMEN

- Stats
- What do they mean?

LIMITATIONS AND CHALLENGES OF ADVOCACY AND ADVOCATES

- Compartmentalization of role
- Community understanding of trauma
- Victim-blaming
- Creating safe space
- Creating shared foundation, approach
- Disconnect between advocates/advocacy and other professionals/professions

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY: LIMITATIONS AND CHALLENGES

- Advocates required to navigate multiple jurisdictions
- Educating policymakers on tribal, state and federal level
- Encompasses many different perspectives and circumstances (various historical experiences and perspectives)

PARTICIPATING

- Know your community
- Ask for help/training
- Share knowledge
- Discussion in your own family
- Opportunities in your own program
- Build relationships
- Networking

INTERNALIZED OPPRESSION

- Personal growth
- Most of us have experienced trauma.
- How does trauma affect who we are
- How does trauma affect how we operate in the world
- How does trauma affect how we are with other women, men, and children experiencing violence?

BEYOND SHELTER DOORS

Tillie Black Bear (video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhaDKI4uMMA>

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PARTICIPATE IN REVIVING THE MOVEMENT?

- Be a good relative
- Learn from your community
- Education and challenge your family and yourself
- Build relationships on local, state and national level
- Network
- Get involved
- Increase cultural knowledge

REVIVING THE MOVEMENT

- Cultural and spiritual values
- Sisterhood
- compassion

REVIVE

“As women of the movement we play many roles. One is to understand and reform those laws, policies, lack of resources, and so much more that continues to separate us as Native women. Another is to restore the sovereignty and protections that are original to our Indian tribes...I am proud of our women who went beyond the shelter doors.” ~Tillie Black Bear

Q&A

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