



YWCA Great Pittsburgh Center for Race and Gender Equity

ACTION CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

October 20, 2021

Male Allies and White Accomplices

This discussion observed YWCA Week Without Violence and focused on how men and white people can contribute to the elimination of racial and gender-based violence.

Missed October's Action Conversation?

You can find recordings of all our previous Action Conversations at youtube.com/ywcapgh.

Panelists

Nick Silveri-Hiller

Senior Prevention Specialist, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Chris McAneny

Teen Program Manager, Homeless Children's Education Fund

Michael Cadaret, PhD

Assistant Professor, Graduate Psychology, Chatham University

Moderator

Rhonda L. Fleming

Chief of Prevention, Intervention, and Outreach, Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

Support groups that centralize anti-racist perspectives and include men in gender-based violence prevention:

- [Futures Without Violence](#) is a health and social justice nonprofit that has been working to end violence against women and children around the world for more than 30 years. Their multi-faceted [Engaging Men](#) platform offers several different programs for men and boys. [Coaching Boys into Men](#) is their very popular program for sports coaches who are uniquely influential in the lives of young men.
- Consider taking an online training by [Men Can Stop Rape](#). We recommend their highly interactive [Healthy Masculinity Training Institute](#), which provides participants with a framework to positively construct masculinity and to motivate men's engagement in the primary prevention of violence against girls and women.

Educate yourself about healthy masculinities and intersectional approaches to violence prevention:

- Check out this [roundup of amazing sources on being a white ally](#) that includes a powerful [video](#) about the difference between being an ally, accomplice, and co-conspirator.
- Nick Silveri-Hiller, one of our panelists, cited Angela Y. Davis' *Women, Race, and Class* as a must-read for intersectionality. Take special note of Chapter 11: "Rape, Racism, and the Myth of the Black Rapist." Find a free copy of the book [here](#). Or watch Davis' iconic talk "The History of Rape" [here](#). Historically important work, and yet still relevant.
- [Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice](#) by Paul Kivel is a book that has informed some of the [trainings offered by the Center for Race and Gender Equity](#). Kivel explains, "It's meant to be a tool kit for white people with lots of information and resources, exercises and questions to look at how racism works and what the history is." Buy from [The Tiny Bookstore](#), a black-owned and in the Pittsburgh area.
- Moderator Rhonda Y. Fleming referenced Tony Porter's violence prevention work. He has been a leader in shaping our collective understanding of healthy masculinity. Porter's brief and very popular TED Talk "[A Call to Men](#)" outlines his theory of the "man box."

Advocate for policies that prevent gender-based violence and support survivors:

- The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021 (H.R. 1620) is critical and lifesaving legislation that maintains safety protections important to all survivors, particularly women of color and other marginalized communities. Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act is long overdue. [This electronic form makes telling your Senator to pass the bipartisan VAWA simple.](#)
- Since its passage in 1984, the Family Violence Prevention Services Act has served over 1.3 million domestic violence victims and their children by providing housing, emergency shelter, transportation, childcare, and medical and legal counseling. [It couldn't be easier to ask your Congress member to vote yes and reauthorize FVPSA](#) (S. 1275/H.R. 2119).

**Please join us from 12-1 on Wednesday, November 17
for a panel discussion of Black Trans Lives Matter.**

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