

# The Connected Summer, 2008 'Enough Is Enough'

Mission Statement: The Mission of Crisis Connection Inc. is to work in partnership with communities to empower victims, survivors & persons affected by domestic & sexual violence through confidential crisis intervention, education and advocacy in Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry and Spencer Counties.

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## 'Enough Is Enough' NEWSLETTER CONTENTS:

- Crisis Connection 'For Males Only' Website Information
  - Crisis Connection Website Links
- 'Coaching Boys Into Men Playbook' – Attached & Hard Copy Available
  - "Does Sexual Assault Hurt Men?" Article by Todd Paddock
    - "Well-Meaning Men" Article by Tony Porter
- "Silence Is Not Always Golden" Editorial by Becky Dunlap – Attached

CRISIS CONNECTION'S WEBSITE ([WWW.CRISISCONNECTIONINC.ORG](http://WWW.CRISISCONNECTIONINC.ORG)) HAS AN ENTIRE SECTION DEVOTED TO MALE LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT ENTITLED, 'JUST FOR MEN'. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT THE SITE, LEARN MORE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

- What is Domestic Violence?
- 10 Things Men Can Do To Stop Gender Violence
- What Can Men Do To Help Stop Domestic Violence?
- Men's Pledge To End Sexual Violence
- Jackson Katz Newsletter
- What is Men's Batterer's Intervention?
- Power & Control Wheel
- Equality Wheel
- The Generational Cycle of Violence
- Positive Discipline
- Got Consent?
- ALCOHOL
- Rules for "Fair" Fighting
- Frequently Asked Questions

### ADDITIONAL READING:

**The Macho Paradox:  
Why Some Men Hurt  
Women and How All Men  
Can Help**  
*By: Jackson Katz*

**Why Does He Do That?:  
Inside the Minds of  
Angry and Controlling  
Men**  
*By: Lundy Bancroft*

ANOTHER SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE LISTS THE TRUE COSTS & BURDEN OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AS WELL AS THE REALITY OF THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS OUR AGENCY HAS SERVED – THOSE STATISTICS ARE ALSO POSTED ONLINE FOR YOUR REVIEW.

## OUR WEBSITE HAS LINKS TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO AID YOU IN TAKING ACTION:

- ~Strength Campaign: Ads and Posters (Men Can Stop Rape Website)
- ~Men Against Violence Webring Men Against Violence Against Women
- ~Men's Action Committee to End Violence Against Women
- ~Men Against Sexual Violence Against Men and Women
- ~Stop Violence: Men Against Violence
- ~(The) Center for Nonviolent Alternatives
- ~Men Stopping Violence
- ~National Organization of Men Against Sexism
- ~Interactive Theatre
- ~Jackson Katz
- ~The National Men's Resource
- ~Men's Initiative for Jane Doe
- ~Domestic Abuse Project
- ~Daniel Sonkin-DV Resources
- ~ Emerge
- ~ Man Alive
- ~ A Call to Men
- ~ White Ribbon Campaign
- ~ Men Stopping Rape
- ~ Men Against Sexual Violence
- ~ The Non-Violence Alliance
- ~ Founding Fathers
- ~ Family Violence Prevention Fund
- ~ Common Purpose
- ~ C.H.O.I.C.E.S

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## COACHING BOYS INTO MEN TOOL AVAILABLE

Dear Coaches and Male Leaders:

Many people judge our athletic accomplishments by counting wins and losses, but to us, our legacies are much more personal. Our legacies are defined by the number of lives we are able to impact.

Winning games is important to every coach. However, it shouldn't be our only goal. A big part of the job is helping to develop solid, responsible athletes who are able to become upstanding citizens. When we, as coaches, can teach a group of individuals to care as much about each other as they do about themselves, we have truly created a winning team.

Athletics has always been at the forefront of social change. Playing sports has helped our country break down barriers of segregation and racism; it brings the world together during times of war and provides inspiration and optimism when the public needs it most. Today, you are being called upon to address a major societal problem: violence against women. Nearly one third of the women in this country will experience physical or sexual abuse in their lifetimes. One in five teenage girls admits to having experienced dating violence. Domestic and sexual violence is clearly a pervasive problem affecting your athletes, as well as people in all walks of society.

Demaneing, disrespectful and violent attitudes toward women are underlying causes of other major societal ills such as school violence, community violence and crime.

This is not to say that athletes are more prone to violence than nonathletes, but as powerful leaders in schools and society, athletes can help affect change by understanding and representing core values of respect.

Every coach is in a position that allows him to directly influence the attitudes of his athletes and to help eliminate the disrespectful perceptions of women and girls that are at the heart of this tragic problem. The purpose of this Playbook is to provide you with coaching tips, advice and useful anecdotes from great coaches and players to help you take this issue head on.

By coaching boys into men, you will help lay a solid foundation for your players' lives that will be remembered far longer than any win column.

Sincerely,  
Joe Torre, M.L. Carr, & Pete Carroll

**Crisis Connection has hard copies of the Family Violence Prevention Funds' program, "Coaching Boys Into Men" available for the asking (\*An online copy is attached). We also have speakers available to present on the subject and would be glad to help any group implement the program.**

### **Coach's Goals**

*The Coaches Corner and the Coaching Boys into Men Playbook are designed to help you instruct the next generation of men about the attitudes and behaviors that can lead to violence against women and to prevent violence before it begins. Check them out at: [www.endabuse.org](http://www.endabuse.org) or [www.coaches-corner.org](http://www.coaches-corner.org).*

### **Players' Goals:**

*This season communicate that your players' goals will include:*

- 1) Learning to treat women with honor and respect*
- 2) Understanding that violence never equals strength*
- 3) Using this knowledge to become role models*



## Does Sexual Assault Hurt Men?

by Todd Paddock, Stop Campus Rape

For five years, I've made presentations aimed at reducing sexual assault. As a member of a volunteer student group, I've presented to classes, residence hall floors, fraternities, sororities, and other groups. And I've seen it dozens of times--as soon as it becomes clear the topic is sexual assault, the faces of a portion of the audience change.

Some are women and some are men. With those men whose faces change, what I usually notice is their blocking out my words, their becoming defensive and even angry. It took me a long time to understand why--and that was my own fault.

But I think I do now understand, and I don't blame them. It's like this. Although the great majority of perpetrators of sexual assault are men, only a small fraction of men ever commit sexual assault. Yet there the good men are, sitting in the audience, listening to people like me describe sexual assault as a horrible crime men commit. They're men, so they're the bad guys. What does the presentation offer them, except a chance to accept their collective guilt or resist it? Not much. No wonder they tune out, feel defensive, or get angry.

I realized something important was missing. Most women felt they had a clear reason to listen--their own protection--but why would men want to help reduce sexual assault? Does sexual assault hurt men? Well the answer is easy: Yes, sexual assault hurts men. Here's how.

First, some men are sexually assaulted. In fact, recent anonymous surveys of men indicate about one in 10 are sexually assaulted. Most of these men are assaulted as boys, by an adult they know--a relative, neighbor, coach, friend of the family, or someone else. But men are also sexually assaulted as adults, typically by other men. The great majority of assaults, contrary to popular belief, occur outside of prison. Men are also sexually assaulted by women. Yes, really. And it's not funny.

Sometimes this involves brute force, often not--the boy or man might comply because the woman is older, an authority figure, a boss, or other. Maybe the victim is incapacitated by alcohol or some other drug.

But is sex even possible under these conditions, you might ask? Again, yes. Sexual assault is sex against the will of one person--and that includes a broad definition of sex.

Second, sexual assault hurts men because, whether you are a good man or not, others have reason not to trust you. The great majority of sexual assaults are committed by men, about 80 percent of sexual assaults involve acquaintances according to the Department of Justice, and the more intimately connected a person is to you, *the more likely it is he will assault you*, including family members, close friends, and partners.

So it is impossible to distinguish dangerous men from men who are safe. As a result, all men might be viewed by others with fear and distrust.

It's horrible, isn't it? Because sexual assault is so common, not only does the anonymous woman you meet on the sidewalk at night have reason to fear you because you are a man, but so do the people you care about the most.

Third, sexual assault hurts men because it hurts people we care about--our sisters, our brothers, our mothers, our fathers, our partners, our spouses, and our friends. Sexual assault is so common that we all know someone who has survived it. And the consequences for the survivor are terrible.

**Yes, sexual assault hurts men.**

We do have something at stake.

And it's time for more men to take part in efforts to reduce sexual assault.



***what he becomes depends on what you teach him***

## **ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN** By: Anthony Porter **A Call to Men: It's Time To Become Part Of The Solution**

It's time for those of us who are well-meaning men to start acknowledging the role male privilege and socialization plays in sexual assault, domestic violence as well as all forms of violence against women..

As well-meaning men, we must begin to acknowledge and own our responsibility to be part of the solution to ending violence against women.

### What is a well-meaning man?

A well-meaning man is a man who believes women should be respected. A well-meaning man would not assault a woman. A well-meaning man, on the surface, at least, believes in equality for women. A well-meaning man believes in women's rights. A well-meaning man honors the women in his life. A well-meaning man, for all practical purposes, is a nice guy, a good man.

It is with this understanding that our work, our vision, is not to beat up on well-meaning men, but instead to help us understand through a process of re-education and accountability, that with all our goodness, we have still been socialized to maintain a system of domination, dehumanization and oppression over women.

There are three key aspects of male socialization that have created, maintained and normalized violence against women:

- \* **Men viewing women as less than.**
- \* **Men treating women as property**
- \* **Men seeing women as objects**

All three are major contributors to violence against women, perpetuated consciously or unconsciously by all men, including well-meaning men. As well-meaning men, we must begin to examine the ways in which male socialization fosters violence against women. We must examine the ways in which we keep women in marginalized roles throughout every aspect of society that enforces and maintains our male dominance.

As well-meaning men, we must explore and challenge that ways in which we continue to perpetuate the myth that women are the property of their husbands and intimate partners. One of the principle reasons that domestic violence continues to be seen in many of our communities as a private issue is our belief as men that .she belongs to him.. While we know that it's not true, nevertheless, that myth is deeply embedded in our socialization.

As well-meaning men, we must unearth the roots of objectifying women. In a male-dominated society, where men value women less and see them as property, an environment is created which overwhelmingly supports men's objectification of women. Whether it's the music and entertainment industry, corporate America, communities of faith, or even on a street corner, women are treated by men as objects throughout every stratum of our society. We must acknowledge, own, and struggle with the change required to end this reality.

As well-meaning men, we must begin to examine the ways we separate ourselves from men who commit crimes of sexual violence and men who batter, while simultaneously giving them permission to do so. We make monsters out of them as a means of supporting our position that we are different from them. We pathologize their violence, blaming chemical dependency, mental illness, anger management, to name a few. While in most cases, these are not the reasons they commit these assaults, we still remain focused on fixing them. As well-meaning men, we put a great deal of energy and resources into fixing bad guys. The more attention we focus on them, the more we are able to maintain and strengthen our status as good guys. Remaining focused on maintaining our good-guy status. does not allow for the space needed to understand and acknowledge that violence against women is a manifestation of sexism. And once we admit that violence against women is a manifestation of sexism, we must also acknowledge that all men are part of the problem. You see, the bad guys operate in the same realm of sexism and violence as we good guys. The only difference between them and us is that, at a certain point, we stop, they continue and cross the line to what well-meaning men define as illegal.

So, what is required for well-meaning men to become part of the solution to ending sexual and domestic violence?

First, we must begin the process of getting re-educated. Socialization is what we have been taught.

1. **We need to be re-socialized.**
2. **We have to examine and challenge our own sexism.**
3. **We have to stop colluding with other men, get out of our defined roles in society, and take a stance.**
4. **We must remember that silence is affirming: when we choose not to speak out, we support the behavior.**
5. **We must educate and re-educate our sons and other young men.**
6. **We must challenge our homophobia, which serves to get in the way and stop us from actively getting involved in the fight to end sexism.**
7. **We must accept our responsibility that sexual and domestic violence won't end until well meaning men become part of the solution. While a criminal justice response to violence is necessary, cultural and social shifts are also required.**
8. **As well-meaning men, we must accept leadership from women; we must accept that, left to our own devices, our sexism will continue to surface, consciously or unconsciously. Owning and accepting our sexism and our role in ending violence against women also means taking direction from those who understand it best, women.**

And lastly, we need to be reminded that living in the United States of America means living in a construct that was purposely designed as a race, sex, and class-based system of domination. So, when speaking of ending sexual and domestic violence, we must all, men and women both, accept and own the reality that we are not doing the best work we can until the voices of women of color inform us that we are.

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