Partnering for Survivors to Create Systems Change

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NASH's mission is to ensure that survivors of domestic and sexual violence have access to a full range of survivor-defined housing options, catalyzing a safe housing movement. Our vision is to create a world, centering racial equity, where safe housing is a right shared by everyone.

We advance our mission by changing systems and public policy, supporting and uplifting communities and partnerships, and creating a culture shift around programs and practices.

Systems Change – Where Do We Start

Survivors

Service Providers/ Advocates

Partnerships

- Bridging
the Sectors

Systems Change – Where Do We Go

Joint Coalition/

Taskforce Building Creating the Plan

Changing the Systems

NASH & DVHTAC Efforts

Systems Efforts & Examples – Every Community is Unique:

- -Miami Dade
- -New York City
- -Los Angeles

Food for Thought – Why Are We Here?

All change takes time, stakeholders have different interests, but almost always those at the table have a **common goal.** Identify it, nurture it, drive it.

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What if everyone had a fair shot at wellbeing?

Wellbeing: /',wel',bēiNG/ noun, the set of needs and experiences that are universally required in combination to weather challenges and have health and hope

We all need it.
We don't all have access to it.
Access to wellbeing improves health,
hope & resilience.
It is the promise of our country.





Assumptions matter

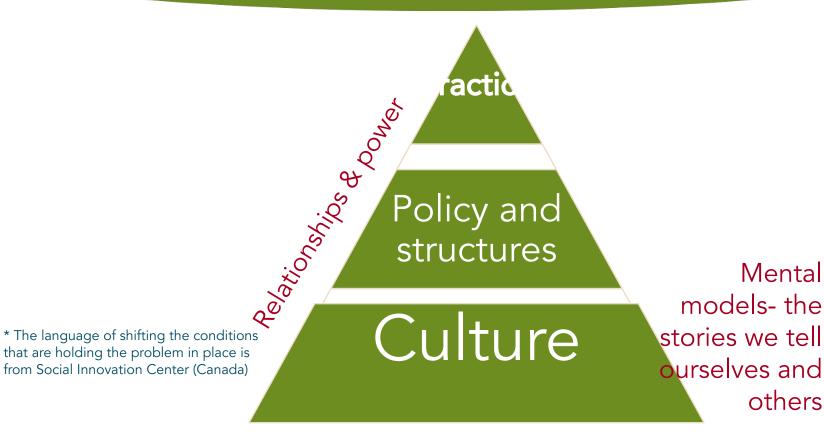
- People coping with significant challenges are different even deviant
- Issues and problems are discrete
- People in programs are pathologies wrapped in skin, and services fix them
- Change is additive
- Sustaining change is about willpower

- We're more alike than we're different
- Life is messy
- There's always something that's working
- Change can involve gains and losses
- There are structural forces that keep people from moving forward and structural forces that undermine progress for some people more than others

How do we get from problems and programs to people and possibilities?

By recognizing, legitimizing and building on our universal drive for wellbeing, the set of needs and experiences essential, in balance and combination, to weather challenges and have health and hope.

What's Holding the Problems in Place?*



Context and history

The role of relationships and power, and mental models as drivers of culture are described in Kania, Kramer and Senge,

The Water of Systems Change see fsq.org

Mental

others

Increasing access to wellbeing for survivors of domestic violence



"In Massachusetts, we have seen how something as simple as asking about 'tradeoffs' increases opportunities for housing stability for survivors of domestic violence, and honors their desire to remain safely in their communities."

Tammy Mello

Executive Director, Children's League of MA, former Executive Director, MA Governor's Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence



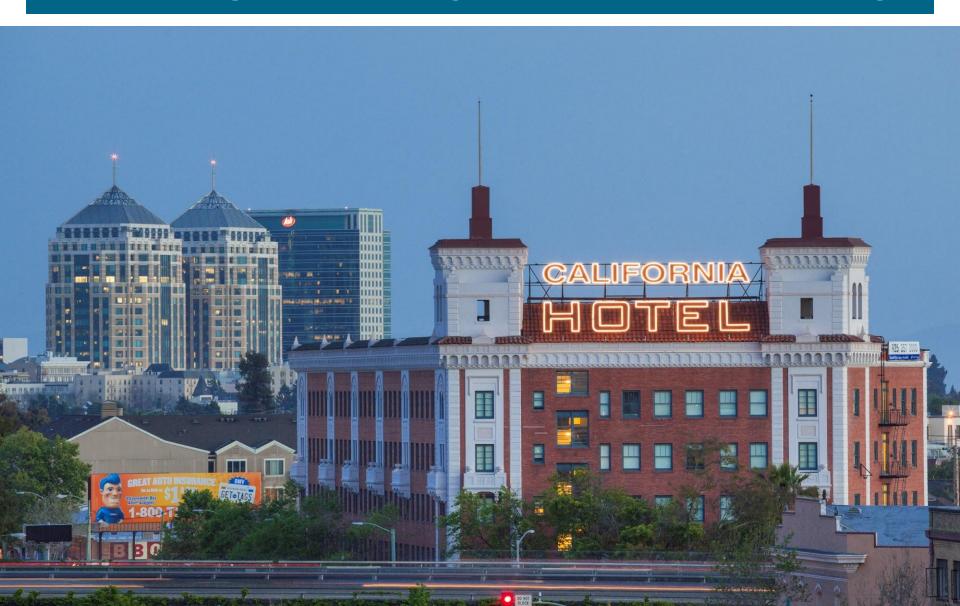


What can we do in housing environments to support safe relationships and families?

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Increase the quantity of affordable housing, including supportive housing



Conduct housing safety audits



Promote supportive housing design

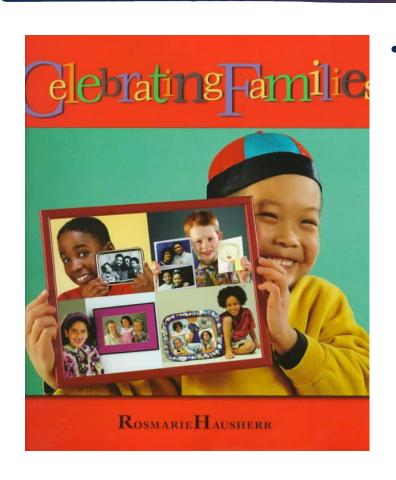
Decrease isolation, promote inclusion and cohesion,
 e.g., places to connect socially, community rooms, art,
 green spaces



Little Tokyo is a complete Living & Thriving 100 year old community

Little Tokyo is a Bridge to downtown communities.

Promote a supportive sociocultural



Promote a culture of support and engagement with families, including positive modeling of healthy norms, challenging unhealthy norms, proactive bystander engagement, education and skill building for healthy relationships, and appropriate community responses

Promote a supportive sociocultural environment

 Organize community health worker, and culturally rooted/social network approaches to healing and health, e.g., promotora, La Cultura Cura



Promote a supportive sociocultural environment

 Partner with community centers and family resource centers to offer programs onsite that support families and strengthen social networks, social inclusion, social-emotional development, mindfulness, etc.



Promote a supportive sociocultural environment

- Organize community organizing and peer leadership programs onsite
- Conduct resident surveys and track change over time on measures such as of "sense of belonging," adherence to norms associated with DV (e.g., "fighting between friends or within the family is nobody else's

business"), etc.





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