



Child Sexual Abuse Innovations Program

NEWS, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victim Services
R1 2016-2017
\$50,000

NEWS, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services in Napa, CA partnered with On The Move to create the Childhood Sexual Abuse Innovations Project. The project was a year-long, survivor-driven leadership cohort of survivors and their organizational allies with the goal of increasing healing opportunities beyond the criminal justice option, increasing awareness, community connections, and enhancing quality and availability of services.

Communities

Adults
Communities of color
Men
Survivors
Women

Products

Artwork: The Narrative:
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System:

Advocacy/rape crisis
Therapeutic/mental health

Level:

Local



Enhance Partnerships

Partnered with On The Move and other social service representatives including the NEWS Rape Crisis Program and NEWS staff.



Build Champions

The cohort has expressed interest in continuing to develop a support group and incorporate alternative healing such as art and movement activities, though they have not been able to find funding to continue the project.



Educate & Train

Supported a survivor-created space and leadership via the cohort.



Provide Resources

A 7-member cohort completed the year-long program (12 started the cohort). Cohort meetings were held 9 hours per month.

Through this project, NEWS and other community partners continue to build capacity to better address the needs of trauma survivors. A supportive supervision curriculum is in development for allies and service providers.



Learning Circles

Presentation of culminating project (The Narrative) and arts activities was held on July 26, 2017 with 50 attendees.

What's next:

Members of the SCSA cohort and a licensed mental health clinician offer on-going support to the survivor group. NEWS provides support for organizational providers who work with survivors of childhood sexual abuse to have access and utilize clinical supervision.

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