



SADI Corner – May Post

Welcome everyone! I am so excited to be working with you all and sharing resources in our very own little SADI corner. The SADI Corner is a new addition that will occur monthly in the member mailing. The purpose is to share tools, resources and information that have come out of the SADI project, as well as generate buzz around the exciting things to come for NC! A little about the project- The Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative is the first large scale project to address the challenges dual/ multi- service programs face in reaching sexual assault survivors, by dedicating resources, support and replicable tools tailored specifically to the needs of those programs. The SADI developed a range of innovative outreach tools, service models, and agency structures to discover best practices and actions needed in reaching more sexual assault survivors with comprehensive, quality care.

There are 8 key lessons that have come out of the SADI initial project that we intend to address in our implementation of the initiative across the state of NC. These are:

1. Strong programs are built on an anti- racism and anti- oppression framework.
2. Strong programs have a clear organizational identity,
3. Strong programs are supported by good policy and procedures.
4. Strong programs have stable and empowering leadership.
5. Strong programs support and care for their staff.
6. Strong programs prioritize sexual violence specific training.
7. Strong programs have services that meet the needs of sexual violence survivors.
8. Strong programs bravely embrace change and growth.

In this space, what we hope to accomplish is to give all our our member agencies some tools to help everyone become better in their service to sexual assault survivors. Remembering our “why” brings up for me the power of purpose. The power of purpose is similar to the energy of light focused through a magnifying glass. Diffused light has little use, but when its energy is concentrated—as through a magnifying glass—that same light can set fire to paper. Our skills and expertise in this field, our talents, our values, and our passion for advocating for survivors of sexual violence are all the light we need to concentrate, to set fire to a new revolution. One in which we are able to serve survivors in a new dynamic way that helps to meet not only their immediate needs, but care for them in the long haul.

“Always remember, you have within you the strength, patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” - Harriet Tubman