North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault

EDUCATION & ADVOCACY & LEGISLATION

June SADI Corner

In this month's SADI Corner we introduce the Circle Of Trust. Why Circle of Trust? Simple. This is a space to get really authentic about the way we think about serving survivors of sexual violence, and how we show up in our organization. In order to show up as our authentic selves and be able to share in a candid way, we must trust each other and create sacred spaces in which we can do that. We should be able to acknowledge who we are, where we are, and where it is we want to be, with honesty and without judgements.

This virtual space will be where staff at local rape crisis centers and dual agencies, have the opportunity to examine the lessons learned from the National SADI Project, and consider strategies to ensure the voices of sexual assault survivors are heard and respected, as well acknowledge the experiences of many of the staff who are survivor advocates. Participants are challenged to consider how to bring this to fruition. The Circle of Trust will provide direction, wisdom, connections, and influence.

There will be two separate offerings of Circle of Trust. **Circle of Trust for Advocates** will primarily focus on the needs and discussions of front line staff/advocates. Beginning in June, Circle of Trust for Advocates will meet on the last Tuesday of every month from 1pm- 2p via Zoom. If and when appropriate, leadership will be invited in. Click here if you are a front line staff/advocate who would like to participate. **Circle of Trust for Mid-Management** will be open to mid-managers only and will occur on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month from 10-11 am via Zoom beginning in July. Click here if you are a mid-manager who would like to participate.

We expect all to share their expertise in anti-sexual violence, healing, and social change work. We intend to have a topic question each offering to give you a chance to get deeper in thought and get help to inform, strengthen, and enrich our work.

Circle of Trust for Advocates June question: The inundation of negative imagery 24 hours a day can take a measurable toll on emotional health. What needs are we prioritizing in caring for our peers with multiple identities right now? What does solidarity mean to you and is it the same as how people of color see solidarity?

Circle of Trust for Mid-Management July question: The inundation of negative imagery 24 hours a day can take a measurable toll on emotional health. What needs are we prioritizing for our staff with multiple identities right now? What does solidarity mean to you and is it the same as how people of color see solidarity?