

**Community Resilience, Social Connection, and Healthy Neighborhoods Peer Exchange Session**  
**October 21, 2020**  
**2:00-3:00 pm**

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**Presentation Slides:**

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**Participants:**

- [Susannah Abbate](#) (Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden)
- [Brian Archie](#) (Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative)
- [Al-tabar Hudgins](#) (The RISE Project)
- [Fareen Islam](#) (ArtBridge)
- [Duane Kinnon](#) (Friends of Brownsville Parks)
- [Quardean Lewis-Allen](#) (Youth Design Center)
- [Siobhan Ollivierre](#) (GirlTrek)
- [Amanda Prenoveau](#) (Clinton County Health Department)
- [Ashley Rivera](#) and [Leah Russell](#) (Near Westside Peacemaking Project)
- [Lisa Turner](#) (Clinton County Health Department)
- [Amy Shire](#) (NYU Langone/Department of Population Health)
- [Tamara Greenfield](#) and [Tara Singh](#) (Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety, Building Healthy Communities)
- [Nupur Chaudhury](#) and [Bronwyn Starr](#) (New York State Health Foundation)
- [Casey Allred](#) and [Phil Bors](#) (Healthy Places by Design)

**Recording:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/uSLuv3p2sgR-x7l4-4q85Lp7PKXXBCwjlm8GI5LLa2fng7X20pz65lfKBLp3XbaP.zf2qJOVXFXAfwRVf>  
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**Agenda:**

**I. Welcome, Overview, and Intros**

Al-tabar Hudgins, from the [RISE Project \(Reimagining Intimacy through Social Engagement\)](#)

**II. Discussion: Community Resilience, Social Connection, and Healthy Neighborhoods**

Al-tabar Hudgins, from the [RISE Project \(Reimagining Intimacy through Social Engagement\)](#)

Al-tabar shared an overview of Project RISE and their work with intimate partner violence. Domestic violence is the umbrella term that includes both intimate partner violence and family violence. Family violence involves anyone in the home (i.e. between siblings, parent to child, child to grandparent, etc.). Intimate partner violence occurs between romantic partners, individuals that are dating or have previously dated, on/off again partners, married/separated/divorced, have children in common, or living together or apart. The definition of intimate partner violence is a range of coercive and abusive behaviors used to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate partner, creating a fixed imbalance of power with the overall effect being one partner having control over the other partner.

RISE uses common language that is not judgement or shameful when addressing intimate partner violence.

- Victim or Survivor – RISE prefers person who experienced harm.
- Abuser or Batterer – RISE prefers person who causes harm.

RISE originated from community surveys administered in Bed Stuy and Crown Heights and found that while there is an intersection between intimate partner violence and gun violence there is a gap in the services. In addition, the surveys found that there were very few non-mandated services for people who cause harm. As a result of the study, the Center for Court Innovation hired a team of six to work with CMS programs throughout the city.

RISE believes in order to end gun violence they must end all forms of gun violence and to end cycles of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) they must work with people who cause harm to build accountability and create change. RISE partners with CMS to raise awareness, work with people causing harm, provide workshops, train staff, and run community events.

This work is important to have conversations in the community about healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationships. Healthy relationships are based on equity, respect, and trust. Unhealthy relationships are when one or more are exhibiting unhealthy behaviors not founded in mutual respect. In an abusive relationship, one person is making all the decisions, or has all the power and control. These conversations lead to discussions about making change and accountability rather than the court mandated method. RISE wants to create meaningful change.

Types of Intimate Partner Violence include:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Financial
- Technological
- Sexual
- Intimidation Threats

Community Resources include:

- Family Justice Center
- NYC's Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline
- Safe Horizon
- Violence Prevention Program
- Barrier Free Living Domestic Violence Victim Disability

### **III. Group Conversation**

Attendees were invited to follow up and ask questions.

- How does RISE show up for community in consistent ways to reach people before services are needed and to build the network of relationships?

RISE uses their connection with CMS to have events within the community to build buy-in and foster relationships with participants at the CMS sites. The end goal is if anyone has experienced harm they will reach out to RISE for assistance.

- Building off today's theme, can you reflect on how the project is either creating resiliency or building off existing resiliency?  
When in community conversations RISE asks what's missing and wanted to build healthy relationships and connect to various services.
- If people are experiencing violence within your reach are they developing social connection with one another?  
When in community, the connectivity grows due to a sense of group accountability.
- Can you share about how RISE fits into the larger ecosystem of the Center for Court Innovation, how it fits in on what's happening on the ground, and how it's integrated beyond the connection of CURE Violence?  
The Center for Court Innovation is modeled after changing the ways that people interact with the justice system overall. RISE creates space for people who cause harm to be able to get a service that is necessary well before a court may be introduced. RISE is in community by connecting with CMS sites, including on the ground and in constant contact with members. The Center for Court Innovation has three main areas of work including, research, direct operating programs, and training and technical assistance. The direct operation programs are the projects that take place on the ground and are the lifeblood of CCI. The operating programs are mini laboratories of practices that work and are used to replicate in other project areas and places.
- Leah shared that, at the Peacemaking Project (in Syracuse), they have been thinking about is how to translate ritual and ceremony into a virtual setting. Healing from trauma comes about from being together. What strategies, approaches, or challenges have others encountered to address community trauma and the impact on community resiliency?  
Tamara offered this (free) session next Wednesday as part of the ArtPlace Summit, led by her colleague, Emanuel Oni addressing healing trauma in place. Emanuel will co-facilitate and offer ideas and creative prompts:

[ArtPlace Virtual Summit](https://artplacesummit.org/) (<https://artplacesummit.org/>)

October 26-30, 2:00 – 6:00 pm each day

Wed Oct 28, 3:15-4:15 - Workshop: Beyond Memorial: Healing Community Trauma through Creative Placemaking with Emanuel Oni and Tianyi Qi

Register [here](https://artplacesummit.org/register/registration/form) - <https://artplacesummit.org/register/registration/form>

Please access the recording for additional conversation.

#### IV. Next Steps

There was interest in continuing monthly peer exchange sessions. Additional information will be forthcoming. Please email Phil and Casey to suggest new topics.