



Elevate|Uplift aims to strengthen services for survivors of sexual assault. We believe survivors of sexual violence deserve the care and support to heal and that community-based organizations have the power to support survivors on this path. When rooted in a deep understanding of sexual violence and using a framework of trauma-informed and healing-centered care, organizations can make a difference in the lives of survivors.

Our work is to help organizations do just that.



Sexual violence and anti-racism work are interconnected. We are collectively committed to doing this work with deep integrity and maintain grounding in our guiding principles. We believe that processes are as meaningful as outcomes and recognize that working in partnership leads to good advocacy work. We stand committed to each other and ourselves.

HOW WE CAN HELP

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



Aimed at creating a safe space to discuss issues, share perspectives and improve practices.

SUPPORT FOR EVOLVING PROGRAMS



Assistance focusing on growth of programs & organizations. Exploration of capacity, organizational trauma, health, and anti-oppression.

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



TTA on organizational and staff capacity to provide comprehensive and trauma informed sexual assault services.



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

- The sexual violence field has historically centered some survivors and not others, and we challenge organizations to expand their vision to the entire diversity of survivors of sexual violence.
- We cannot address sexual violence without addressing how racism and other forms of oppression contribute to sexual violence.
- In order to end sexual violence, we need to interrupt racism and other forms of oppression.
- Healing includes not only the individual but also our communities. Meaningful work to support survivors in healing does not separate the two.
- Individual and community healing also includes healing from historical trauma because Tribal and Communities of Color carry histories of colonialism, imperialism, slavery, displacement, and other forms of violence.
- We center the practices of Tribal and Communities of Color in working with survivors of sexual violence.

Supported by a collective of national organizations leading anti-sexual violence work, **Elevate|Uplift** is built on the foundation of lessons learned from the **Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative**, a multi-year national project that helped community-based organizations strengthen services for survivors of sexual violence. **Elevate|Uplift** deepens and broadens that work by offering survivor-serving organizations the opportunity to explore these lessons learned with us.

Elevate|Uplift is led by the *Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC)* in partnership with *Mujeres Latina en Acción (Mujeres)*, the *National Organization of Asians And Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV)*, the *National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)*, and the *Resource Sharing Project (RSP) of the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault*.

