



## WHAT IS ELEVATE|UPLIFT?

We believe community-based organizations have the tools and expertise to successfully support survivors of sexual violence as they navigate their healing journey. Organizations that apply a trauma-informed and community specific framework grounded in a deep understanding of sexual violence, can help make a positive impact on the lives of victim-survivors, families, and community members.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE (SADI)

The Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative (SADI) was the first large scale project of its kind. Funded through the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), SADI was created to enhance sexual assault outreach, services, and community partnerships in dual/multi-service programs. Six sites across the nation engaged in a four-year process that helped community-based organizations strengthen services for sexual violence survivors while building organizational capacity.



**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS**



**SUPPORT FOR EVOLVING PROGRAMS**



**TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

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# CHANGING PRACTICES. SUPPORTING HEALING.

## Elevate | Uplift

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.

Elevate|Uplift deepens and broadens that work by offering survivor-serving organizations the opportunity to explore these lessons learned with us.

## WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

- The sexual violence field has historically centered some survivors and not others, and we challenge organizations to expand their vision to all survivors of sexual violence.
- The trauma of sexual violence is unique and must receive distinct responses from domestic violence.
- “We cannot address sexual violence without addressing how racism and other forms of oppression contribute to sexual violence.” SADI Lesson 1
- Healing includes not only the individual but also our communities. Meaningful work to support survivors in healing must include our communities’ practices.
- Individual and community healing also includes healing from historical and generational trauma.

## How We Do Our Work Matters

- Is this intentionally building what survivors of sexual violence, including:
  - *Humility*
  - *Bravery*
  - *Boldness*
  - *Active Listening*
  - *Holding space with survivors*
- Are we practicing an awareness of power and privilege in our work, actively naming and undoing our thoughts and practices that uphold these structures?
- Are we sharing knowledge and resources in a way that honors, respects, and embraces one another’s wisdom, experiences and voices, including those who have paved the way for us?
- Are we making spaces for the ways our own experiences with survivorship and suppression can inform our work, with a commitment to showing up as our full selves?
- Are we working in a way that acknowledges the many different experiences, people, and stories that must guide our work?

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## **BEAUTIFUL QUESTIONS:**

*How do we bring love to our work?*

*What does resilience mean to you?*

*What do you need to do this work?*

*Are you speaking your truth?*

*Is your work rooted in love and humility?*

*How do you practice your commitment to having difficult conversations?*

*How are you working from a place of abundance?*

*How can our field support survivors who do this work?*

*How do we reconnect with our roots as a survivor-led movement?*

*How do we honor, respect, and embrace each other's wisdom, experiences, and voices?*

*How do you welcome others into the movement?*

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