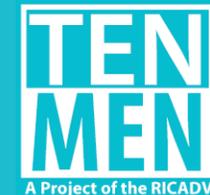
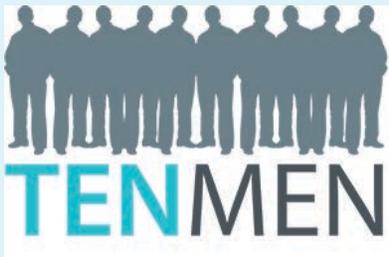


WHY ENGAGE MEN?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), intimate partner violence is preventable. Men are key partners in prevention.

- Studies show that only a small percentage of men are violent; however, the majority of partner violence is perpetrated by men against women. We need nonviolent men to take a stand.
- Most men do not commit or condone violence against women, and many want to help but do not know how. They need education and peer support to mobilize for change.
- Men and boys are socialized with certain ideas and expectations about what it means to “be a man.” Definitions of manhood that promote violence and devalue women are harmful. Work with men and boys can offer new models of masculinity that reject violence and build respect for women and girls.
- Men listen and look to other men. We need men to lead conversations with their peers and the boys in their lives about healthy masculinity, respect, consent, and prevention.
- Many men hold positions of power as decision makers and leaders in our communities. We need them to engage others within their spheres of influence and take a strong, visible stance against both abuse and the culture that perpetuates it.



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TEN MEN

Engage. Educate. Mobilize.



Ten Men is made up of Rhode Island men from diverse walks of life who share a common vision—a world without domestic violence. While most men do not and would never use violence in their relationships, many remain silent in the face of other men's violence because they do not know what to do or how to help. **Ten Men is committed to breaking that silence.**





ABOUT TEN MEN

Ten Men is a statewide initiative of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) that mobilizes male community leaders to prevent intimate partner violence.

Ten Men members gather at monthly meetings, annual retreats, and networking events to strengthen their relationships and build peer support in order to create social change.

Through the work of Ten Men, members deepen their knowledge and awareness about healthy masculinity and men's violence against women, expand their professional and community networks, and become the public faces of men engaged in domestic violence prevention in RI.



MOBILIZING THE COMMUNITY

- ANNUAL TEN MEN SUMMIT**
 Each year, Ten Men hosts a statewide summit for local men who want to help prevent violence. Ten Men members facilitate conversations about challenging the harmful gender norms that perpetuate men's violence against women in order to create the cultural shift needed to end it.
- COMMUNITY EVENTS**
 Ten Men members host events within their own spheres of influence, support the RICADV's legislative activities, and respond to community requests, including tabling, panels, and workshops.



RAISING THE VISIBILITY

- COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES**
 Ten Men uses communications methods to bring visibility to the RI men engaged in prevention and to invite other men to get involved. Strategies include media interviews, digital stories, and public awareness campaigns. Members have been seen and heard on local TV and radio stations, RIPTA buses, Pandora, social media, and more!
- NATIONAL RECOGNITION**
 Ten Men is being lifted up as a national model for others looking to engage men in domestic violence prevention, receiving recognition from national partners such as the CDC, a primary funder of the project.



BECOME A MEMBER

- Do you embrace gender equality, nonviolence, and have a passion for social justice? We want to hear from you!**

 As a male community leader in Rhode Island, you are well positioned to reach others and make a difference in our state. Your voice matters, and we need you to play your part. *Contact us to inquire about joining Ten Men!*