



Monthly Wrap-up

news & updates

July 1, 2020 | Issue 15

We cannot end domestic & sexual violence without ending racism.

This past month we've seen protests erupt around the world to demand justice for George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. These protests have brought the Police and Prison Abolition Movement into the forefront. Demands to defund the police have been widespread, and companies have started to outwardly support the Black Lives Matter movement.

What does this mean for advocates of sexual and domestic violence?

This movement calls for advocates to show up in solidarity with the Black Community. We must learn how domestic and sexual violence impacts Black people at disproportional rates. It also requires us non-Black people to learn our privileges and ways that anti-Blackness exists in our cultures.

This new reality calls for those with the most racial privilege – white people – to step out of your comfort zone and step up as a Co-Conspirator to racial justice. Being an ally doesn't cut it anymore.

Exciting Program Update

I'm happy to announce that the volunteer & internship program will re-open starting July 13th! We are very grateful for your patience as we navigated this global pandemic. Volunteering and interning will look different at Safe Passage as we adjust our volume to the needs of our clients, but the need is still there.

As businesses and public life start to open up slowly, the demand for advocates will increase. Your passion and skills are needed now more than ever, and we are excited to be on the front lines for survivors that need our help!



Recommended Content

What Matters Podcast

Black Lives Matter has created a series titled What Matters. What Matters combines documentary narrative with interviews to illuminate specific, timely issues, aiming to create safe dialogue to promote freedom, justice and collective liberation. They speak with community organizers, explore how Coronavirus impacts the Black community, and

address police brutality as it relates to Black women.



[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN & LEARN MORE](#)

#CauseAScene Podcast

Hosted by Kim Crayton, known for her of coaching tech leaders in companies and in non-profits. This podcast focuses on anti-racism, racial discrimination, anti-blackness, white supremacy and systemic racism in the workplace. She interviews powerful BIPOC leaders in the tech industry to discuss their experience with racial equity while working in tech. Even though her focus is primarily in tech, this podcast is applicable to all workplaces when it comes to issues of racial inequity.



[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN & LEARN MORE](#)

The Problem with Reverse Racism

According to the Public Religion Research Institute, 58% of white millennials believe that discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against people of color. This phenomenon is called Reverse Racism, a framework that suggests that white people experience racism.

As domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, we must be clear and direct that reverse racism does not exist. An oppressed group (BIPOC) cannot be racist towards those in the dominant group (white people) because the oppressed group do not possess positions of power that would cause a white person to experience systemic racism. BIPOC do not have the power or authority to affect a white person's social, economic or political privilege. Manisha Krishnan does a great job explaining reverse racism in her article in Vice.

[CLICK HERE TO READ](#)

The Whiteness Project

The Whiteness Project is an interactive investigation into how Americans who identify as white, or partially white, understand and experience their race. Oftentimes, the discussion on race is only centered around BIPOC. BIPOC are comfortable speaking about race to one another because we constantly have to assess how our race will impact our day to day life. We are aware of how our race factors into our daily life. Race does not only impact BIPOC's life, it also impacts every aspect of a white person's life – and this conversation needs to happen every day in order to dismantle racism.



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH & LEARN MORE](#)

Tell us how we're doing!

Is your volunteer experience meeting your expectation? Are there ways your internship can improve? Take the anonymous survey below to let us know! Your feedback is highly appreciated and will help us improve our program so you get the most out of your experience!

[TAKE SURVEY](#)

Safe Passage

