



Through a visioning session and initial conversation on October 25, 2022, we envision the following as the purpose of the Outreach Team at API DVRP. This is an initial document, we hope to build on this and have a formal strategy for outreach by January 2023. The following three areas have overlaps and intersect in many ways, however by having these categories we hope we can be intentional with our work:



Fostering Connection & Building Community ~

We believe that our role as a team is that of a convener and community builder. We hope to bring together folks: be it individual survivors who are facing isolation or providers who are working in silos. The following are the areas in which the outreach team hopes to foster connections and build community:

★ **For clients who work with DVRP:**

○ **Forming Webs of Care & Interdependence:**

- We hope to hold space to intentionally build community between DVRP clients. We hope to do this by collaborating with the SSP team and understanding our clients better to build webs of interdependence.

★ **With DV/SA Orgs:**

○ **Nurture Existing Connections:**

- We hope to nurture the connections that we have already as a starting point for building community: spaces like the Person Center and APALA come to mind.

○ **Building with Abolitionist Organizations:**

- We also would like to build community with other DV/SA orgs who are fostering abolitionist futures. Our intention is to learn from their work and understand how their programming aligns with us for collaborative events or even just consultations on building DVRP.

★ **With API Orgs:**

- **Resource Hub Around Gender & Power-Based Violence:**
 - We believe that it is our duty to be providing care through resources to the larger API community around gender & power-based violence.
- **Be Present, Show Up:**
 - Our goal is to be visible and present in spaces so that the organizations and the folks who are present within the organization know that we are here to support them if/when they need it.

As of October 25, Next Steps for this Purpose Area:

- For Connections: Create a spreadsheet about the organizations we can connect with, type of organization, type of connection we hope to foster.
- For External Collaborations: Create a rubric on the values we hope to see other organizations espouse if we collaborate with them on projects
- Collaboration with SSP: Set up a time to talk to the SSP team about our idea of creating webs of interdependence for clients. Have a list of questions to ask the SSP team to understand our client needs and demographics better.

Destigmatizing Difficult Conversations & Facilitating Ongoing Political Education~

We believe that our role as a team is that of holding space for conversations which our larger society is determined to sweep under the rug. In holding this space we hope that we start destigmatizing these difficult or “taboo” conversations. Additionally, we believe that it is our duty to continue to learn new ways of being and unlearn what hasn’t been serving us; thus we hope to facilitate and partake in ongoing political education. We are rooted in the understanding that education is power, and the power of knowledge can drastically change perspectives and ways of living; thus, education is a form of healing in our communities. The following are the areas in which we hope to embody this purpose:

★ **Internally Within DVRP:**

- **Within the Outreach:**
 - Continually attend workshops hosted by the larger community members
 - Have bi-weekly article and resource discussions to inform our work, personal & professional development
- **With All Staff:**
 - Continually having staff co-learning sessions and political education for all staff
 - Continually having alignment conversations around values [such as the use of police, working with sex workers, etc.]

★ **Externally:**

- **Creating Resources Specific For Our Communities:**
 - Collaborating with SSP to understand what kind of resources our clients need and how our clients like information shared with them
 - Resources Include:
 - Creating a core curriculum

- Creating a facilitator's guide
- Creating an accessibility guide

As of October 25, Next Steps for this Purpose Area:

- Finding a time to flesh out this purpose area to:
 - Create a timeline/schedule to have these conversations internally (both within outreach and the whole organization)
- Having a conversation with SSP for:
 - Sharing our vision for political education
 - Understanding what topics they would like to co-learn on
 - Understanding our clients needs for educational resources better

Disrupting Systems of Oppression & Nurturing Healing~

Guided by our organizational values of collective liberation and healing, our work as the outreach team is rooted in those values. We believe that disrupting systems of oppression is a form of healing for our communities. The following are ways in which we hope to embody this:

- **Understanding Intersecting Systems of Oppression:**
 - We hope to look at how GBV and power-based violence intersect with different forms of oppression and explore how DVRP specifically can show up in the disruption of these systems.
- **Understanding What Healing Means for Our Community:**
 - We hope to truly understand what healing means for our community and host intentional spaces of care and healing which celebrate our cultural wealth.
 - Our hope is for these spaces to be welcoming for an intergenerational audience and for folks who typically wouldn't seek out such spaces.
- **Arts-Based Disruption:**
 - Art is such an expansive and versatile tool. Historically, art has been used by DVRP as a modality for healing. Healing is a form of disruption. As we heal we are actively going against the systems that have been created to oppress us. Furthermore, art is a phenomenal vehicle to utilize in having conversations which are challenging. Thus, we hope to:
 - Deepen our arts-based program by:
 - Expanding the types of arts we engage with
 - Connect with artist collectives
 - Build an artist-in-residence program (long-term)

As of October 25, Next Steps for this Purpose Area:

- Identifying and naming systems of oppression that impact our work as an API DV organization
 - Schedule a meeting to flesh this out
- Start preliminary research conversations and information gathering art for healing and starting artist-in-residence programs
 - Schedule a meeting to create an action plan for this

