

WHAT IS STOP?

The StoryTelling & Organizing Project (STOP) is a community project collecting and sharing stories about everyday people taking action to end interpersonal violence.

Many people have been developing community-based interventions to interpersonal violence. By that we mean:

- Actions taken to stop, address or prevent interpersonal violence
- Community-based or collective action — involving family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, community members
- Actions that do not rely on social services, police or child protective services

While many of us support the idea of community-based responses to violence, some of us have difficulty even imagining what this could look like.

What we found is that people have many stories about things they did to stop violence. Some are small things, some spontaneous, and some are big or involve lots of planning and lots of people.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM STORIES?

We can learn a lot about what works and what doesn't. We can find out what helped survivors feel supported or what helped people change to stop their violence. We can get good ideas about how family, friends, neighbors, and community members can create safety and accountability among ourselves.

We can build healthy, self-determined communities.