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SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

July Issue: Intersectionality

If someone is a member of more than one marginalized group they may experience multiple layers of intersecting oppressions.

Kimberlé Crenshaw: What is Intersectionality?

WHAT IS INTERSECTIONALITY?

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Kimberle Crenshaw
explain Intersectionality

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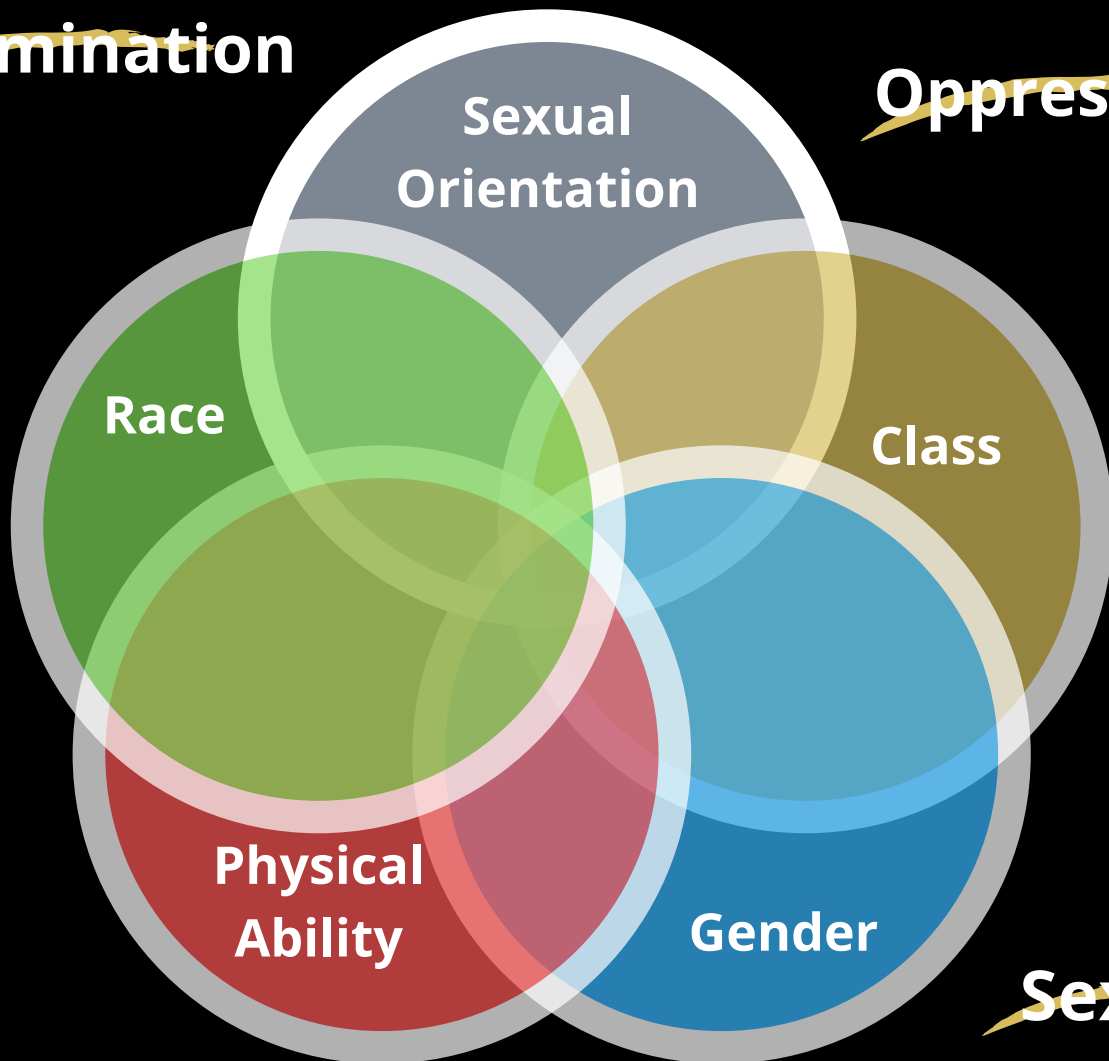
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Intersectionality and Sexual Violence

The word intersectionality was introduced by scholar and activist Kimberlé Crenshaw to describe how systems of power interact to oppress people with multiple marginalized identities, specifically black women.

Discrimination

Oppression



Sexism

Racism

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A victims'/survivors' position within society – their identity, background or situation – can impact how a person experiences sexual violence.



It can also impact their ability to access support, as well as how other people will interpret and respond to a disclosure.

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Impacts of Intersectionality

For example, people with disabilities are often dehumanized, denied agency, or viewed as not being sexual or desirable. Because sexual violence is often (falsely) equated with desire, people with disabilities may not be believed when they disclose. If a person with a disability is assaulted by a care provider, they may fear that reporting the violence will mean losing an essential support.



During the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade, slave owners justified violence by promoting the idea that Black people were always ready for sex and therefore could not be violated. These ideas and mentalities have created policies and stereotypes that act as barriers for Black people to feel comfortable in accessing supports and services.



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