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Welcome to the  
North American MenEngage Network

Boys and Men for Gender Equality



## July 2023 Edition

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## Welcome!

**NAMEN - The North American MenEngage Network, Inc. is a regional network of organizations and individuals working with men and boys to achieve gender equality, end violence, and promote health for men, women and children.**

**We focus on membership in the US and Canada**

Please invite your friends, colleagues and others to [join NAMEN](#), and consider making an additional [donation](#) to support NAMEN as we continue to grow in our efforts and effectiveness.

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## Canadian Member Meet-Up - May 25th In Case You Missed It!



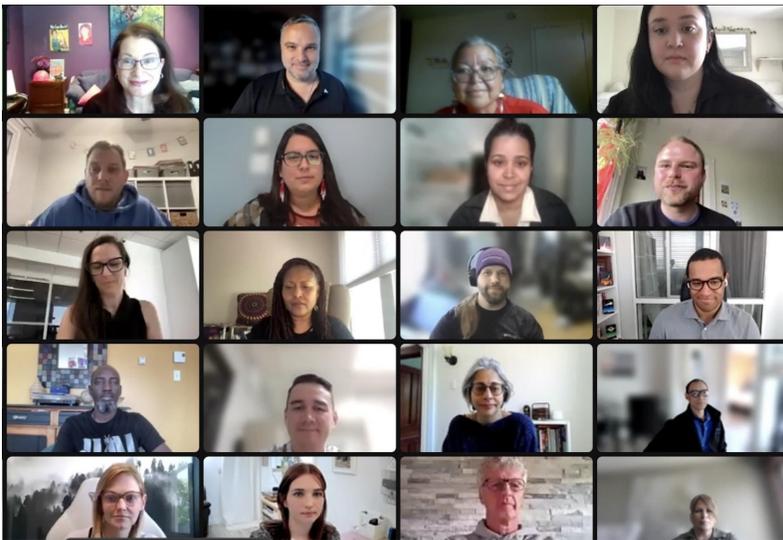
The banner features a QR code on the left, a map of Canada, and the following text: "Canadian Member Meetup Thursday, May 25th 1-3 PM ET Via Zoom Register - <https://bit.ly/NAMEN-Canadian-MeetUp>". Below this is the title "Engaging Men in the Calls for Justice (Canada): Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit, Transgender and Gender-diverse people". On the right side, there are logos for "Native Women's Association of Canada / L'Association des femmes autochtones du Canada", "white ribbon", and "NORTH AMERICAN MenEngage".

### **NAMEN Canadian Member Meet-up - Ending the MMIWG2S+ Genocide**

**Engaging Men in the Calls for Justice (Canada): Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit, Transgender and Gender-diverse people.**

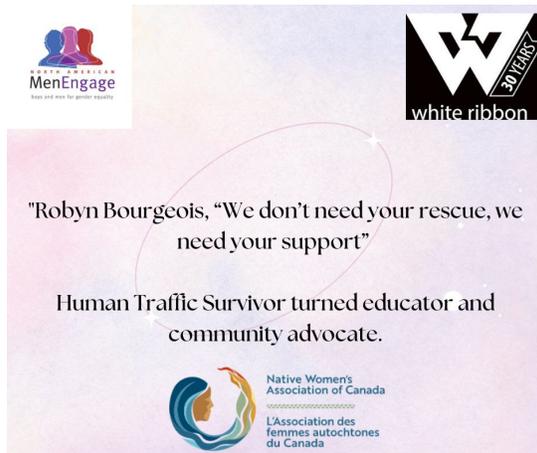
Sponsored by NAMEN and [White Ribbon Campaign](#), featuring [NWAC, the Native Women's Association of Canada](#).

(Click Image Below to Watch the Recording)



## Takeaways From the Meet-up

 <p>MenEngage Keep men and boys for gender equality</p>	 <p>white ribbon 30 YEARS</p>
<p>“The first act of violence that patriarchy demands of males is not violence toward women. Instead patriarchy demands of all males that they engage in acts of psychic self-mutilation, that they kill off the emotional parts of themselves. If an individual is not successful in emotionally crippling himself, he can count on patriarchal men to enact rituals of power that will assault his self esteem.”</p>  <p>Native Women's Association of Canada L'Association des femmes autochtones du Canada</p>	<p>Will Shelling</p> <p>“How do we engage other non indigenous Canadian groups to support the mission? Step back and look at who is not at the table.”</p>  <p>Native Women's Association of Canada L'Association des femmes autochtones du Canada</p>



## What People Said About the Meet-up



“I wanted to send gratitude to all of the speakers and organizers. This has been an incredibly impactful conversation for me – as a person who is endeavouring to support my partner as she reacquaints herself with her culture while navigating the world as human that has had masculine privilege handed to me after 30 years, so many powerful thoughts and takeaways for this journey I am on. All the gratitude.



Thank you so much for the session! Thank you for sharing of yourselves and your experiences. I learned a lot and leave with much to reflect upon



# Honoring Past Holidays!

**VETERANS DAY**

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**THANK YOU**

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MEN AND WOMEN WHO SWRVE AND HAVE  
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**MAY**  
is:  
Mental Health Awareness  
Asian Pacific American Heritage  
Jewish Heritage  
Month

## June was Pride Month! NAMEN's Statement on Pride Month

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June LGBTQ + **Pride**

It is with never ending resolve that the North American MenEngage Network whole heartedly acknowledges LGBT Pride Month and the unifying message of equality it promotes.

As NAMEN is committed to elevating the consciousness of the Nation in this basic human right to choose ones own sexual orientation without fear of reprisal, we are reminded of the Declaration of Independence whereby 'We hold these truths to be self evident, all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.'

## Namen's Statement for Father's Day



HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day



As we approach a wonderful day of relevance, appreciation and love for fathers whom understand the raising of his family is his blessing and not to be taken lightly, we salute you this Father's Day!

Your nurturing spirit and unwavering courage have proven to be the stabilizing force in the children's lives, allowing them to feel free and dream.

## **Namen's Statement on Juneteenth**



# Juneteenth

Today NAMEN celebrates with the Nation Juneteenth, as an acknowledgment of the fortitude, sacrifice and unwavering determination exhibited by former slaves, June 19th, 1865.

This day, the news of emancipation granted all slaves January 1st, 1863 by President Lincoln was officially ordered in Galveston Texas by General Gordon Granger, as the United States took a step towards ending this scourge on humanity, that all men are free and equal.



3 BLACK HEALTHCARE  
PROFESSIONALS TO HOST  
CONFERENCE THAT CENTERS  
BLACK MALE MENTAL WELLNESS



**To Read more click on the image above.**

Clinicians of Color® is proud to announce its upcoming online conference, [No More Hiding Behind Masks: Embracing Authenticity in Black Male Mental Wellness](#), on June 4th at noon to 2 pm EST. This conference will focus on the [importance](#) of [Black men](#)'s mental health and embracing authenticity in mental wellness.

The conference features a panel discussion led by three renowned mental health professionals – David Archer, MSW, MFT, Dr. Steven Kniffley, and Dr. Broderick Sawyer. The panelists will discuss various aspects of mental health, including the stigma surrounding mental health in the Black community, the importance of seeking help, and the significance of embracing one's authentic self. David Archer, MSW, MFT, is an anti-racist psychotherapist from Montreal, Canada, who acknowledges that the original name of this unceded territory is "Tio'tià:ke."

EDUCATION

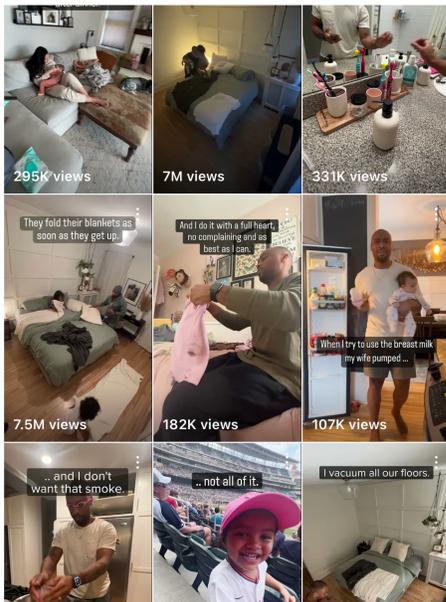
# SINGLE DAD EARNS MASTER'S DEGREE WHILE WORKING 3 JOBS TO CARE FOR HIS SON

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<https://www.blackenterprise.com/single-dayd-earns-masters-degree-while-working-3-jobs-to-care-for-his-son/>

Click on Image to Read More.



## Football Player to Involved Father

"This is my documented journey of redefining my identity as a professional football player into the world of fatherhood"

Ced Thompson

Click Image to See his YouTube Shorts showcasing his fatherhood deeds!

# Dads in Action on YouTube

[Explaining to my son why I have many accents. Subscribe to see more videos like this. #throwback #dadlife #dad #son #lesson #dadlesson #Malawi](#)

[Dad surprises daughters with new bikes... their reactions are priceless.](#) 🤔 😊 😭  
[#girldad #parenting\\_\(15 kB\)](#)

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## Fatherhood Meet-Up: June 8th

 NORTH AMERICAN  
**MenEngage**  
*PRESENTS:*

**June 8 TH, 2023**  
**1:00 pm EST**

## A FATHERS ROLE

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Supporting our daughters in becoming Super Woman
- Raising our boys to be strong men of integrity
- Discussing the idea "I AM THE PROVIDER"

**And More !**

Register Here  
<https://bit.ly/A-Fathers-Role>

★ *Featuring* ★

**COACH**  
Stevan Lynn

**Emiliano Diaz**  
de León

Gender Equality Advocacy • Member Technical Assistance  
Peer Review • Innovative Training • Regional Networking • Resource Hub

 [NAMEN.MENENGAGE.ORG](https://www.namen.org) 

**'A Fathers Role' Public Service Announcement featuring Coach Lynn training and advocacy provided by NAMEN and its seasoned members within the fields.**

**Stay tuned as the joint collaboration continues with ongoing dialogue, Fathers Role' in respect to caregiving with Coach leading the exercise by way of 'Deeds impactful fatherhood engagement initiatives with a focus on elevating the ideals of men and boys.**

**In addition, guests were provided hands on techniques in facilitating critical component in building a bridge of unity and collective purpose towards engaging background, theoretical applications and innovative engagement techniques, each a between the two movements, with information provided on the dual campaigns historical event, the participants were engaged in discussion highlighting the inherent synergies of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. (TASSA).**

**In this riveting outreach featuring internationally renowned Men's Engagement Specialist Emiliano Diaz de Leon event deemed 'A Fathers Role' hosted by Interim Executive Director Coach Lynn and global movement, NAMEN's coveted Member Meet Up series held a special topical methodology promoting the Gender Equality message as a mainstay in the growing.**

**On June 8th 2023, in the celebration of Responsible Fatherhood' best practices.**

**Watch Recording [here](#)**



## Takeaways From Meetup



### A Fathers Role Meetup June 8th 2023

#### Considerations when Engaging Fathers:

Challenge gender norms- explore and acknowledge their own lived experiences. Have honest and open conversations with them. Did they grow up with their father in their lives?



### A Fathers Role Meetup June 8th 2023

#### Fatherhood Meetup Takeaways:

Fatherhood is the connecting bond however most have deep rooted confusion an understanding of true masculinity based in non violence way of life. We must continue to lead by example.

## Sneak Peak at Guest Speaker Emiliano Diaz Presentation



## A Fathers Role Meetup June 8th 2023



## A Fathers Role Meetup June 8th 2023

### Engaging Fathers: Books



### Be a Role Model and Mentor

- Seek out mentors.
- Be a role model for your children and other fathers.
- Share your fathering successes and failures.
- Mentor other fathers.
- Find a community of fathers.



## NAMEN Member Writers Corner

### Dr. Christopher Miller

Journal of Boyhood Studies looking at the idea of Brotherhood in Catholic High Schools.



Dr. Chris Miller is a religious studies teacher at a Catholic High School in the San

Francisco Bay Area. He most recently worked for Catholic Charities Santa Clara County supporting the Community Action Poverty Simulation program as well as serving as the youth and young adult coordinator at a 5,000-family parish in San Jose, CA. Chris is currently enrolled in a post-master's Certificate in Spiritual Formation at Boston College and recently earned a master's degree in Clinical Psychology at Notre Dame de Namur University and a Graduate Diploma in Canon Law through Saint Paul University. In 2019, he graduated with a doctoral degree in education from the University of San Francisco, focusing research on the Kairos Retreat experience in Jesuit High Schools in the United States. A graduate of Santa Clara University, where he received a bachelors' degree in History, a California Teaching Credential, a master's degree in Education, and a master's degree in Pastoral Ministries, Chris is also an alum of Boston College where he completed a post-master's program in youth and young adult faith.

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## Social Media Moments!

### **We went LIVE on Facebook!**

Click image below to watch.

### **We discussed June 8th Meetup Topic:**

Bringing Responsible Fatherhood to The Gender Equity Movement.

Watch by clicking on the image below.



Stevan (Coach) Lynn  
ED



Jhoanny Perez  
Program Host

Monday, May 15th  
@11:30 AM ET

Topic: June 8th Meetup  
Fatherhood and the Gender Equality Movement.



Monday, June 5th  
@11:30 AM ET

June 8th Meetup Speaker  
Introduction - Responsible  
Fatherhood & Gender Equity

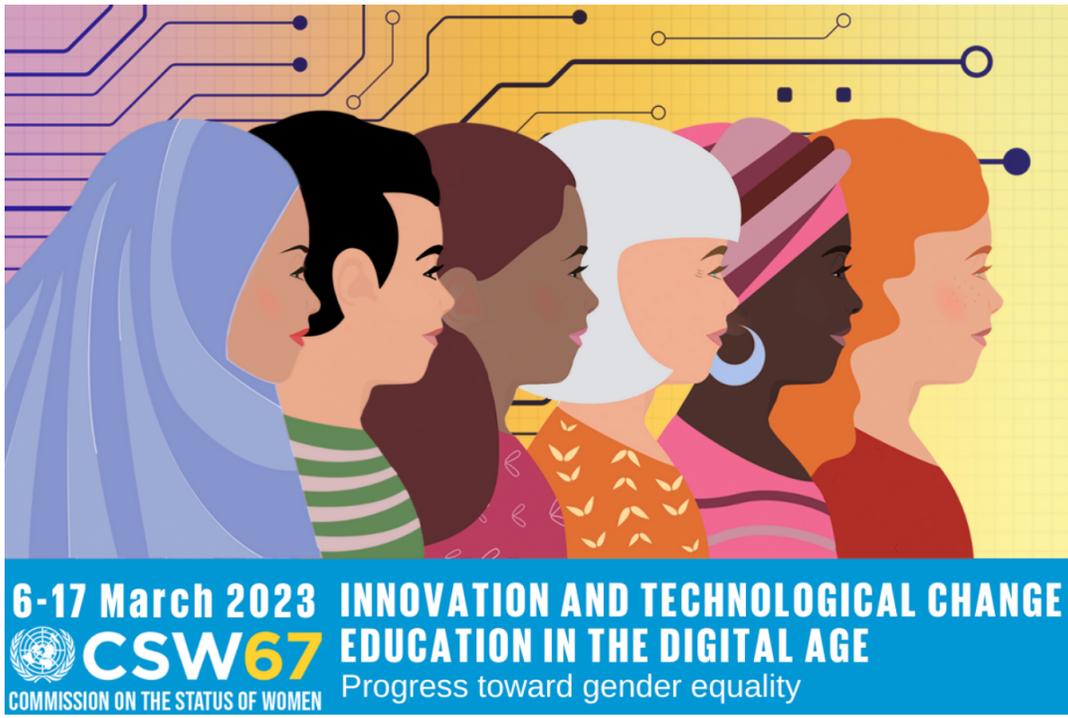


Emiliano Diaz de Leon  
Men's Engagement Specialist  
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault  
(TAASA)



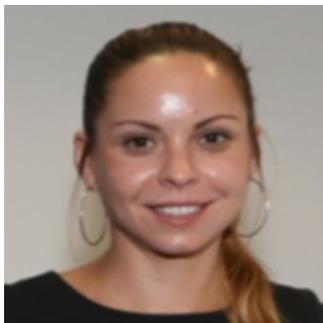
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# Coach's Corner



### **NAMEN Attends the CSW67 Conference at the United Nations**

On March 6-17th 2023, NAMEN actively participated in the CSW67 conference held at the renowned United Nations headquarters in New York City, lending its voice alongside over 14,000 gender justice advocates from around the world. With the reinstatement of the in- person conference post Covid-19 pandemic, expectations were high amongst the estimated 7000 + participants attending the live event and eager to address the theme 'Innovation and Technological Change Education in the Digital Age'.



NAMEN in its support of MenEngage Alliance monumental efforts towards engaging global delegates in a host of parallel events brilliantly led by Global Advocacy Manager Jennifer Rodriguez Bruno, provided leadership throughout the pre and post conference strategic planning process. In this, NAMEN under the leadership of Interim Executive Director Coach Lynn, facilitated the highly impactful pre-CSW67 Collective Learning session, 'Political Framework for

transforming Patriarchal masculinities with men and boys', providing key strategies for MenEngage participating affiliates, with focus on two key areas of universal program development and advocacy: Do you have experience working with men and boys in tech, media innovation for gender justice? What political demands do you think are important to include in this year's CSW discussion on transforming masculinities and work with men and boys?

### **Coach on Twitter: Men's Health Month**



**Coach Lynn**

@StevanMLynn



June, Men's Health Month with countless blogs, articles and recommendations..Ha! Nothing beats exercise on a regular basis, something we all know but have endless excuses why not! When will you stop with your sad excuses and get fit mind, body and soul? Show me!



**A Story by Jhoanny Perez - NAMEN Interim Program Coordinator**

Namen has opened my eyes and changed my view on how I see my son.

I always wanted a daughter. In fact, I thought having a girl would heal the little girl in

me who lacked a two parent household.

But truth is, I love raising my boy.

At one years old, I bought Isac a kitchen, one of those that look real. He loves cooking in it. And I know understand and lead by example showing my old fashion family gender equity in raising Isac.

I now understand the importance of nurturing my son to become a responsible wholesome boy and man.

I also now understand that broken fathers, absent fathers have resources and programs out there that they can tap into. They have it in them, that desire to be present fathers.

And this is all thanks to NAMEN Men Engage Alliance!



## Policy Corner

### Statement on the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT)

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### Florida Abortion Law denies Deborah Options



### She Should Run -Reproductive Health Webinar Takeaways



## She Should Run - Gun Violence Webinar Takeaways



## Reflection on Male Engagement Task Force Meetings Namen attended

Male Engagement Task Force - sponsored by John Hopkins University and others.

The Interagency Gender Working Group's Male Engagement Task Force (METF) is an information, advocacy, and knowledge exchange network on what it means to engage men and boys in health promotion and gender equality. The METF aims to explore why we should engage men and boys, what are the benefits, how to do it, what works and doesn't work, and what modalities of health services can better reach and include men and boys. Among several priorities, they intend to provide a platform for sharing good practices and lessons learned from work to promote engagement of men and boys in health promotion and gender

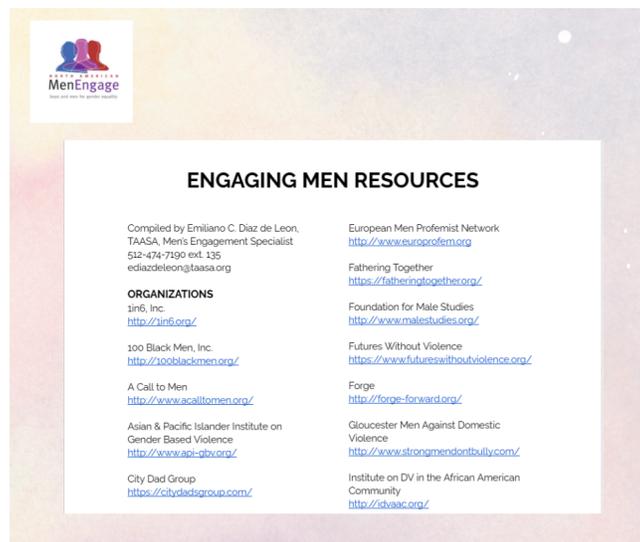
equality, including adoption of more equitable social and gender norms, roles, and identities that support healthy behaviors.

Website: ["John Hopkins sponsored Men's Engagement Task Force"](#)

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## Resources for Men & Families

### Engaging Men Resources Sheet - provided by Emiliano Diaz



Click on the images to learn more.

## Body Safety Resource for Children



<https://mbimb.org/ggaf-and-mbimb-foundation-competition/h>

## Free Career and Personal Development Mentorship For Students



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## Helpful Links

[GENDER EQUALITY JOBS](#)

[Men, Let's Talk about Mansplaining \(and Allyship\).](#)

[ALLIES FOR GENDER EQUALITY TOOLKIT: ENHANCING INTERSECTIONALITY IN ENGAGING MEN AND BOYS](#)

[Understanding the motherhood penalty and what it means for women's finances.](#)

[Rachel Cottam](#)

[Head of Content at Lexion | Bitesize allyship tactics for more gender equal workplaces](#)

**@RemakingManhood**

[Mark Greene speaks, consults, and coaches on DEI, Man Box culture, relationality.](#)

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You can download the **Wild Apricot Members app** and sign in with the same email address and password for your **NAMEN** account.

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