

***Men play a crucial role in ending violence against women and all gender-based violence.***

We need men to act as **leaders** in the movement for change in attitudes surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault.

We need men to **involve other men** in the movement.

We need men to **speak out** and to **reach out** in order to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault.

We need men to see how important their involvement is in this fight.

We need men to be willing to **step up** when a situation seems dangerous or just not right.

*To learn ways to get involved visit:*

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# Why Should Men Get Involved?

In 2000, The Men's Initiative for Jane Doe (MIJD) was established to help encourage men and boys to get involved in prevention and education work through community organizing and strong collaborations with direct service anti-violence programs.

The Men's Initiative works in three main areas:

- Provides education, training, and support for all men interested in direct participation
- Offers a volunteer clearinghouse to identify opportunities where men can play a role on the statewide level as well as within their local communities
- Facilitates the formation of men's outreach teams in collaboration with community based programs; efforts will range from personal support groups, auxiliary fundraising committees and mentoring programs for boys and young men.

*"MIJD firmly believes that men's voices and active participation are critical to the success of efforts to end men's violence against women, children and other men. While men who work in clinics, professional education and criminal justice arenas are engaged in this work, historically men in the general public remain uninvolved."*

