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# LA DV Council: Moving Safety from Crime Control to Public Health



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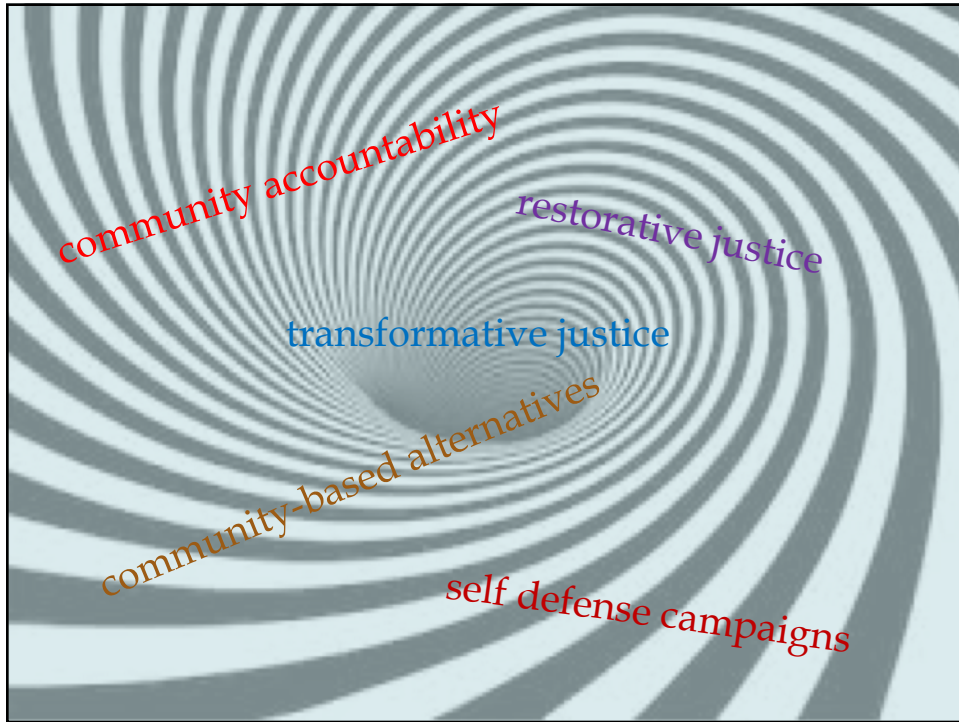
*community accountability*

*restorative justice*

*transformative justice*

*community-based alternatives*

*self defense campaigns*



***Story***  
*A Community Responds to Violence*

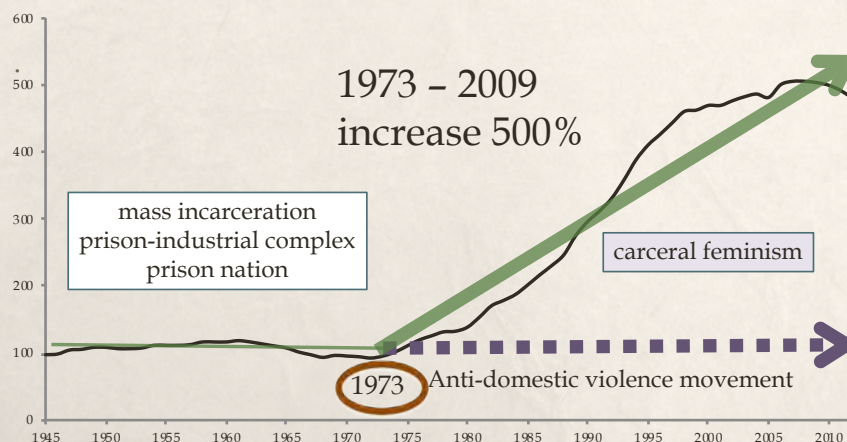


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## imagine

- \* What do you think/feel?
- \* What did she *want*?
- \* Who and what made those *wants* possible?
- \* What would we contribute to this plan?
- \* What barriers would we put up?
- \* What does this tell us about our framework & approach to intervention?

## U.S Rates of Incarceration



Data from Maguire, Kathleen, ed. (2003), *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics*. Albany, NY: University at Albany, Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center, Table 6.28, p. 500; E. Ann Carson, and William J. Sabol (2012), *Prisoners in 2011*, Washington, D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Table 6, p. 6; Bureau of Justice Statistics in 2012 - *Advance Counts* (2013).

# WHAT WE WANT



# SWEPT INTO THE...



## WHAT DO SURVIVORS WANT

- \* Escape to shelter
- \* Arrest abuser
- \* Leave relationship
- \* Stay safe at home
- \* Stop violence
- \* Keep homes and communities intact



## Resolution



build community  
response at all levels



dismantle reliance  
on criminalization

## CURRENT ROOTS OF TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE & COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY



1998 – Prison Abolition



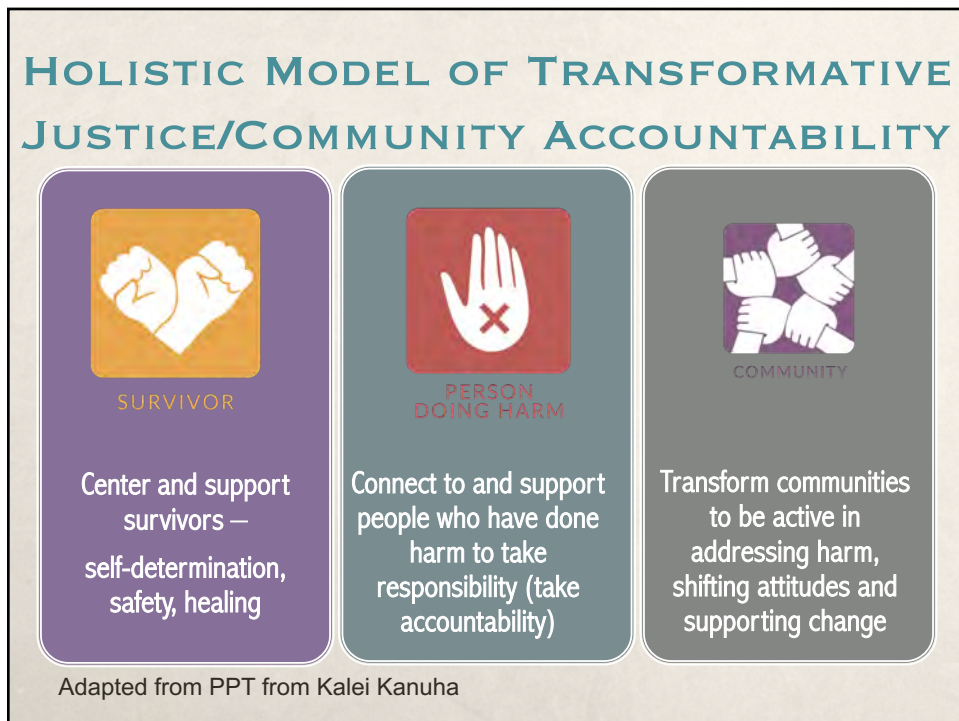
2000 – Ending gender violence  
and state violence using Community Accountability



2000 – Ending child  
sexual abuse using  
Transformative Justice

Incite! Women, Gender Non-Conforming & Trans People of Color Against Violence







## CREATIVE INTERVENTIONS



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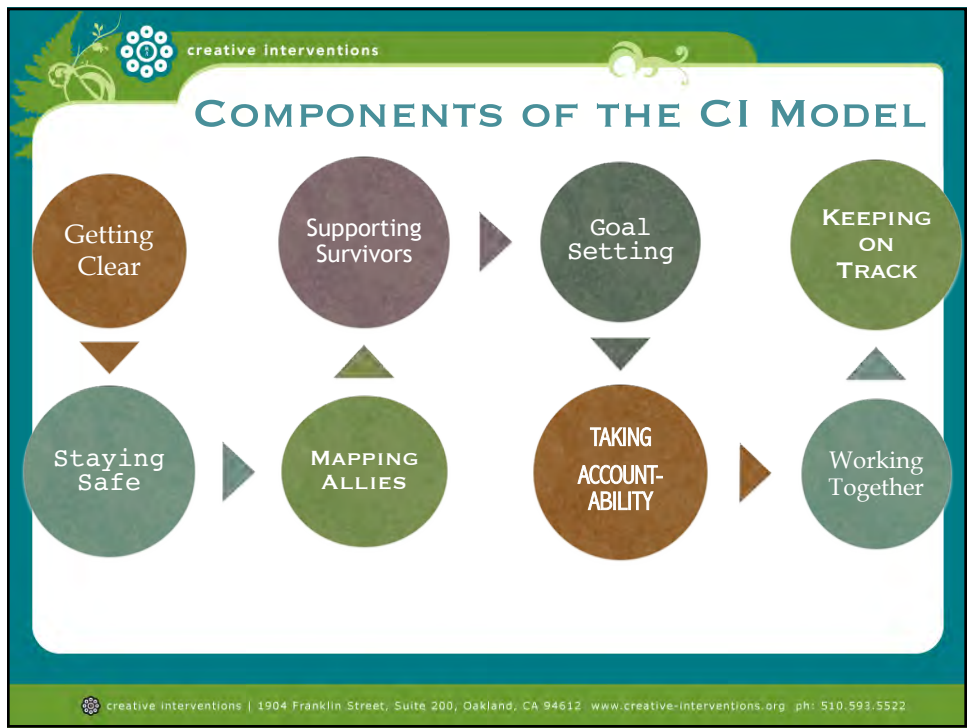
Resources for everyday people  
to end violence



*Make ending violence an everyday act.*

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Ahimsa Collective (Berkeley); Amani Community Services (Waterloo, IA); API Chaya (Seattle); Audre Lorde Project (New York); Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective (Bay Area); Black Youth Project 100 (Chicago); Casa Che of La Clinica de la Raza; Catalyst (NYC); Challenging Male Supremacy (NYC); Chrysalis Collective (San Diego); Colorado Anti-Violence Program (Denver); Communities against Rape & Abuse (CARA) (Seattle); Community Restorative Justice Solutions (Contra Costa County, CA); Community United against Violence (CUAV) (San Francisco); CONNECT (New York); Creative Interventions (Oakland); Crisis Intervention Service (Mason City, IA); Critical Resistance (Oakland, Los Angeles, New Orleans, national); DataCenter (Oakland); Dignity & Power Now (LA); Deaf Hope (Oakland); Dulwich Centre (Adelaide, Australia); Females United for Action (FUFA) (Chicago); FIERCE (New York); Freedom, Inc. (Madison); Gender JUST (Chicago); Generating Somatics (National); generationFIVE (National); Harm Free Zone (Durham, NYC); Incite! Women of Color against Violence (national); Impact Justice (Oakland); Institute for Family Services (Somerset, NJ); Just Practice (Chicago); Justice Now (Oakland); Ke Ala Lokahi (Hilo); Kindred (Atlanta); Korean American Coalition to End Domestic Abuse (KACEDA) (Bay Area); Latina Center (Richmond, CA); Meskwaki Family Services (Tama, IA); Miami Worker's Center (Miami); Project Nia (Chicago); Monsoon (Des Moines); NW Mujeres Unidas y Activas (MUA) (Bay Area); Nisaa (Des Moines); (Network for Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse (Seattle); Philly Stands Up & Philly's Pissed (Philadelphia); Queer People of Color Addressing Intimate Partner Violence (NYC); Queers for Economic Justice (NYC); Revolution Starts at Home Collective (national); Rose City Copwatch (Portland); Sakhi (NYC); San Francisco Women against Rape (SFWAR) (SF); Sista Il Sista (Brooklyn); Southern California Library (LA); SpiritHouse (Durham, NC); Spring Up (Miami); StoryTelling & Organizing Project (STOP) (National); Streetwise and Safe (NYC); Support New York (New York); Sylvia Rivera Law Project (New York); Third Path (Honolulu); Transforming Silence into Action (TSIA) of Asian Women's Shelter (San Francisco); Transgender, Gender Variant & Intersex Justice Project (TGIP) (San Francisco); Women and Girl's Collective Action Network (Chicago); Ubuntu (Durham); Young Women United (Albuquerque); Young Women's Empowerment Project (YWEP) (Chicago); Youth Justice Coalition (LA)



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# Centering a Race/Class/Gender/Sexuality/ Immigration/Ability Analysis



## 2 Moving Towards Decarceral Policies



## 3 Developing Community-Based/Organizing/ Non-Carceral Alternatives



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## Traversing Cross-Sectoral Collaboration

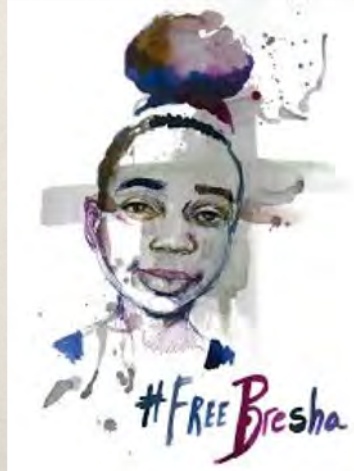


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## Liberating Criminalized Survivors



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**DROP THE CHARGES!**  
**Free Roshawn Knight!**

*After a life-threatening attack by her abusive boyfriend, Roshawn Knight defended her life, events which led to her abuser's death. Roshawn is being targeted by Los Angeles prosecutors and has been jailed for over a year, forcibly separating her from her young son.*

**SUPPORT THE CALL FOR PROSECUTORS TO DROP THE CHARGES & FREE ROSHAWN KNIGHT!**

We **URGENTLY** need advocates of survivors of domestic violence to write letters of support for Roshawn by **Monday, April 22nd** that do one or both of the following:

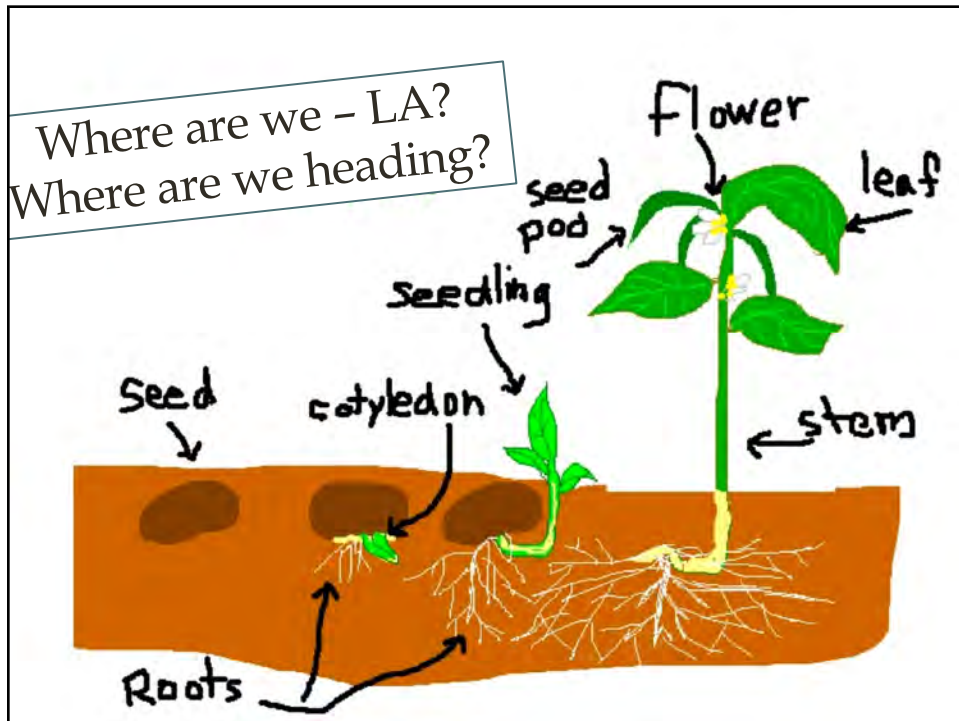
- offer resources to Roshawn to demonstrate community support
- urge prosecutors to end the criminalization of Roshawn and all survivors

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**#SurvivedAndPunished:**  
Survivor Defense as Abolitionist Praxis

A Collaborative Toolkit created by  
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## Thank You

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For stories - StoryTelling & Organizing Project (STOP)

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