Impact Report  
April- June 2019

Break the Cycle supported efforts to raise awareness during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We connected with local and national institutions to share messages through art, activism, and storytelling across the country online and in person.

National Crime Victim's Week
April 7 - 13

The BTC premier of our Instagram artist series highlighted Let's Be Real member Rachel's personal photography. It debuted during National Crime Victim's week and shared a powerful six series photo display titled "The Only Monster You Should Be Afraid of is Me" using photo art to share her story of abuse.

"My father is a man that everyone should be afraid of..... I chose to depict my father as the predator..."

4,984 People Reached

Denim Day
April 24

Our Community Initiatives Coordinator connected with 8 community organizations to host a campus resource fair at Texas Rio Grande Valley in Brownsville. Students and activists came together to spread the message that "Rape is Rape regardless of what you are wearing." We were proud to connect directly with 32 students providing resources, tools, and opportunities for engagement on this 20th anniversary of a national show of solidarity for survivors everywhere.
Legal Team Advances Policy Work!

Our Staff Attorneys were invited expert participants in a panel discussion on a model policy for schools. This policy focuses on prevention education and gender-based violence safety protocols under the School Safety Act.

DC Councils Committee on Education held a budget hearing, our Staff Attorney was present and testified in favor of securing funding for the School Safety Act - which would bring more resources to community schools as well as positions Break the Cycle as the leader in this space.

Our Managing Staff Attorney posted a public comment on the DC Public Schools draft policy on Sexual Assault Misconduct, addressing the need for expanded protection for survivors of dating abuse and quality prevention education.

Community Partnerships to Strengthen Youth Narratives

Break the Cycle has a contract with Clery Center—a Campus Safety organization engaging college students, to develop a video education tool for the launch of Kristin’s Krusade, an initiative that will provide a national platform to educate on the warning signs and dangers of dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Our Community Initiatives team worked directly with the production team to coordinate interviews with two Let's Be Real members, a former legal advocate and our very own Staff Attorney - Nicole Beck. This video is set to release early next year.
Break the Cycle facilitated multiple training sessions, and hosted two national conferences with our partners, providing professionals from coast to coast with innovative strategies to better engage youth in violence prevention.

May 17 - Washington, DC
In partnership with Futures Without Violence and OVW we hosted a summit for youth-serving professionals on justice and accountability for youth survivors and perpetrators of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking. This was the first in a series of three day-long summits on youth and gender-based violence. Information from these summits will inform a toolkit set to be released later this year. The second summit, will focus on the impacts of trauma and will take place in Austin on July 19th.

May 21 - 23  Addison, TX
Our Community Initiatives team led a 3 day institute for OVW grantees from across the country. To break up the monotony of a standard conference the team facilitated engaging and interactive activities centered in the power of voices and building on youth leadership. Participants appreciated our workshops and said "they offered a way to network and share ideas more organically than traditional workshops."
In an effort to not only support but engage with the LGBTQ+ community, we worked with Let's Be Real members to create a visual PRIDE campaign that was relevant, personal, and exclusive to our Instagram page - where we've seen an increase in followers under the age of 24.

LGBTQ youth reported significantly higher cyber abuse victimization levels and lower perpetration levels than heterosexual youth.

WE the Girls Leadership Conference
June 1 - Washington DC

Our Staff Attorneys attended a youth leadership conference, and held a Real Talk with a group of young women and students from DC Public area schools, addressing the dynamics of dating abuse and how to create healthy relationships.
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Hi-Tech Conference
June 17 - 18 Austin, TX

Break the Cycle's Community Initiatives Manager, Jessica Moreno and Staff Attorney Nicole Beck presented to law enforcement and criminal justice professionals at a two day conference. Two workshops were facilitated expanding on evidence gathering, safety, cyber stalking and harassment as it relates to youth.

Youth Advisor Planning Meeting
June 19 - 21 Austin, TX

eTAG is a project of Break the Cycle and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, it is the only National Tech Resource Center for youth victims, and professional working with youth of its kind.

A major component of eTAG is its connection to youth. To ensure that resources, training, and overall engagement resonates with the 12-24 demographic, we brought together 4 young people ages 15-22 to serve as Advisors for eTAG. Their first planning meeting focused on several breakout discussions, social media activities, and training on capacity building for the field.

65 Professionals Trained

End Tech Abuse across Generations
EndTechAbuse.org
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

60 young survivors served in CPO, Custody, Title IX and Crime Witness Advocacy matters.

5 Community Partnerships expanding our work to college campuses, medical clinics, youth residential centers, faith-based institutions, and internationally (Indonesia)

809 Youth Joined Let's Be Real

662 Youth under 24 follow us on Instagram

Over 2,380 Youth reached at outreach events and training's to date

Our Medical Legal Partnership created an informational poster for students posted at school health centers.

DC Office Welcomed a High School Intern who was trained on Civil Protection Order process and working with her peers.

She also hosted a Taco Bout it Tuesday episode on "Messy Behaviors"

That Episode reached 150 accounts reached on Instagram!
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