The Need for Village Accountability
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Villages Holding Abusers Responsible for the Violence

We want the violence to stop.
We want abusers to be respectful.
William Trader Video

- Raising boys to understand their roles as men
- Raising boys to be respectful
- Raising boys to respect women and girls
- Raising boys not to be abusive

Teaching Respect:
Respect for women and all things

Men’s Responsibility in the Village

- Father role/responsibilities to take care of family, mended nets (nurtured and took care of family w/out abuse or neglect), warmth, food.
- That role seems to be diminishing among younger generation.
- Importance of traditional role is critical = safety for women and everyone in village.
Role of Men a Long Time Ago

• Make sure that the women and children are nurtured
• To Protect Women
• That women are taken care on the:
  • Inside - love, nurtured, emotionally taken care of
  • Outside - proper clothing for all seasons, are protected, not afraid
  • In Yup’ik our word was nun-nee-guoaq

Sharing a Yup’ik Way

Qasqik:
Consequences to fit actions not acceptable by the Village.
Qasqik – Yup’ik Early Village Response

Traditional Men Elders Held Abuser Accountable:
• Brought abuser to them when behavior was not acceptable
• Questioned the person why he was abusing
• Instructed on how to live a healthy life and take care of a family
• How to conduct himself on earth and to live life in harmony and in peace to make transition to the next world
• How you live on earth will reflect on where you will go when you pass on
• Banished abuser when he did not change behavior

Thank you!

Please let us know if you have any questions!

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