

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.*

Our Yup'ik Elder William Trader Shared the Way He Was Raised

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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