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FORGE Receives \$49,911 in funding to develop resources on providing gender-inclusive support groups for diverse sexual assault survivors

Grant from Raliance, New Collaborative Initiative to End Sexual Violence in One Generation

[Milwaukee, WI]— FORGE has been selected to receive a grant of \$49,911 in funding from Raliance, a newly launched, collaborative initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation. The grant will go toward developing and disseminating resources on providing gender-inclusive support groups for diverse sexual assault survivors, specifically integrating transgender, gender non-binary, and non-trans male survivors. FORGE and 26 other grantees were chosen to receive this funding among a competitive pool of over 250 applications.

“FORGE is honored to receive this funding, and to join **Raliance** in its work to end sexual violence in one generation,” noted Loree Cook-Daniels, Program and Policy Director. “This funding will allow us to continue to advance the work of increasing access to services for all sexual assault survivors. Many transgender, non-binary, and non-trans male survivors long to access support groups to advance their healing. Unfortunately, this vital connection of group support is often currently unavailable due to sex-segregation in the majority of groups across the country. The resources developed under this award will provide a roadmap to support group facilitators and victim service organizations to open their support groups to survivors of all genders.”

To support the development of the guide and its accompanying training webinar, FORGE will request field input through a survey of sexual assault support group facilitators, interviews with support group facilitators, and guide reviewers.

Raliance was recently founded by three leading sexual violence prevention organizations – the **National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)**, the **California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)-PreventConnect**, and the **National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV)**. Raliance will serve as the central hub for effective allocation and distribution of programmatic funding for sexual violence response and prevention efforts and as the go-to resource on sexual violence for policymakers, advocates, service providers and the media.



As its first initiative, Raliance has funded 27 projects – including FORGE – totaling nearly \$1.2 million in the first round of an ongoing grant program seeking to advance promising, replicable practices or policies that 1) improve the response to victims of sexual violence; 2) reduce the likelihood of perpetration of sexual violence; or 3) strengthen communities’ and organizations’ capacity to create safe environments. This initiative is made possible through a multiyear, \$10 million commitment from the National Football League (NFL).

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ABOUT FORGE

FORGE is a national transgender anti-violence organization, founded in 1994. Since 2009, we have been federally funded to provide direct services to transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary survivors of sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, stalking, and hate-motivated crimes.

We have a long history of crafting dynamic in-person, remote-access, and print-based training materials in ways that are highly accessible to many types of victim service providers, as well as many learning levels and styles.

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