



AUGUST 9 - 10, 2023
OKEMOS, MI
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

CREATING SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS GATHERING

Join us for a free two-day conversation where we will highlight how folks are working in their communities so they can thrive, end violence, and to create connection and belonging.



ABOUT THE GATHERING

How are people working to create a strong sense of place, belonging, and community pride to build safe, sustainable, and thriving neighborhoods? How do connected and safe neighborhoods help reduce domestic and sexual violence? We will learn about topics such as maternal health, youth engagement, and what building connectedness can look like and how we can work together to foster a greater sense of investment in our communities.

We all have the ability to foster and uplift the voices of the most marginalized in our communities, in order to help shape a vibrant, sustainable, healthy future together. We will explore ways to create neighborhood- and community-driven programs that are designed to empower our neighbors and one another to shape our individual lives and our community's future.

Lodging & Mileage Scholarships Available. More information in the registration link:

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BRIEF OVERVIEW

August 9th

- Networking & Relationship Building
- How does community building and the work you do connect to the reduction of violence?
- Documentary Screening: *Birthing Justice*
- Maternal Health in Black Communities: Bodily Autonomy Through a Racial Justice Framework

August 10th

- Guest Presentations on featured topics including:
 - Engaging Youth Programs
 - Childcare Collectives
 - Youth-led Initiatives
- We are doing Prevention Work: How do we deconstruct some of the language used?

QUESTIONS?

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