August PE 46 Webinar

Reproductive Justice

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• Available for TA Calls: Email to schedule a time!!!

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Digital RH!!

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- NEW! Launched May 1st
  Instagram at [@oregonccare](https://www.instagram.com/oregonccare)
Dolly’s Community Engagement Moment
Condom Song
Addresses Public Health Modernization

- Equitable Access to Health Services
- Community Partnership Development
- Health Equity and Cultural Responsiveness
Rev. Kentina Washington- Leapheart

Writer, religious educator, and spiritual care professional
What is Reproductive Justice?

Reproductive Justice is defined as:

- The right to maintain bodily autonomy
- The right to have children
- The right to not have children
- The right to parent the children we have in safe and equitable communities

RJ is at its core a human rights framework, based on the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
Herstory of RJ

- The term Reproductive Justice was coined in 1994 by 12 Black women who were gathered in Chicago preparing to attend the International Conference on Population and Development.
- The women who were gathered – activists, educators, clergy, etc – were concerned that the conversations up to that point around women’s rights were excluding the lived experiences of Black women and non-Black POC and other marginalized communities.
- In 1997, SisterSong was formed to create a national, multi-ethnic RJ movement.
The term “reproductive justice” was coined in June, 1994 by twelve Black women attending a conference sponsored by the Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance and the Ms. Foundation for Women. They formed Women of African Descent for Reproductive Justice. The founding mothers of RJ were:

- Toni M. Bond Leonard
- Cynthia Newbille
- Rev. Alma Crawford
- Loretta Ross
- Evelyn S. Field
- Elizabeth Terry
- Terri James
- Winnette P. Willis
- Bisola Marignay
- Kim Youngblood
- Cassandra McConnell
- ‘Able’ Mable Thomas

History as given by Toni Bond Leonard, Dallas, TX, February 2018
Defining Reproductive Justice

We believe that every woman has the human right to:

- Decide if and when she will have a baby and the conditions under which she will give birth
- Decide if she will not have a baby and her options for preventing or ending a pregnancy
- Parent the children she already has with the necessary social supports in safe environments and healthy communities, and without fear of violence from individuals or the government

from www.trustblackwomen.org
Faith & Reproductive Justice

Faith is a double-edged sword

- There’s a complicated relationship between religion and the RJ movement
  - Often, anti-RJ policies are rooted in “religious right” notions of morality
  - Many RJ advocates have been traumatized by religion
  - Some faith-based RJ work still erases queer and trans voice
  - Some reproductive health and rights organizations have co-opted the RJ term but are not engaged in RJ work
Why RJ?

- RJ is about much more than abortion access and choice
- Women are not single-issue people leading single-issue lives
- Power systems are always at play (race, gender, class, etc.)
Resources for Further Reflection

www.sisterreach.org

www.theafiyacenter.org
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Public Rights / Private Conscience Project at Columbia Law School

Resources for Further Reflection

Reproductive Justice: An Introduction
by Loretta Ross & Richie Solinger
Resources for Further Reflection

Radical Reproductive Justice: Foundations, Theory, Practice, Critique

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