

The logo for SHARP, consisting of the letters 'SHARP' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below the logo is a short orange horizontal line.

SHARP

Office of Sexual Harassment and
Assault Response and Prevention

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A photograph of two women sitting on a couch and talking. The woman on the left is Black with braided hair and glasses, wearing a brown sweater. The woman on the right is white with dark hair in a bun, wearing a grey cardigan. They are in a room with a green wall, a framed picture, and a plant.

SHARP Updates and Projects

Human Rights Commission Meeting, April 27, 2023



Our Mission

The Office of SHARP is the gender-based violence prevention division of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. We work to ensure that survivors are believed, responded to, and treated with dignity by city government when voicing their experience of sexual violence. We advocate within city government for survivors and work with community to transform and create new systems approaches to address and end sexual violence.

Our Vision

The Office of SHARP envisions a San Francisco with no incidents of sexual assault or harassment. Should it occur, we envision a San Francisco with a variety of accessible options that a survivor can choose from to address their harm and healing process, each approach working to end the immediate violence as well as the conditions in which it was able to occur.



SHARP's FOCUS



ADVOCACY

- Receive complaints from survivors concerning the ways city agencies have responded or failed to respond to incidents of sexual assault.
- Advocate for survivors navigating city agencies to resolve the complaints regarding the mishandling of sexual assault allegations.



POLICY

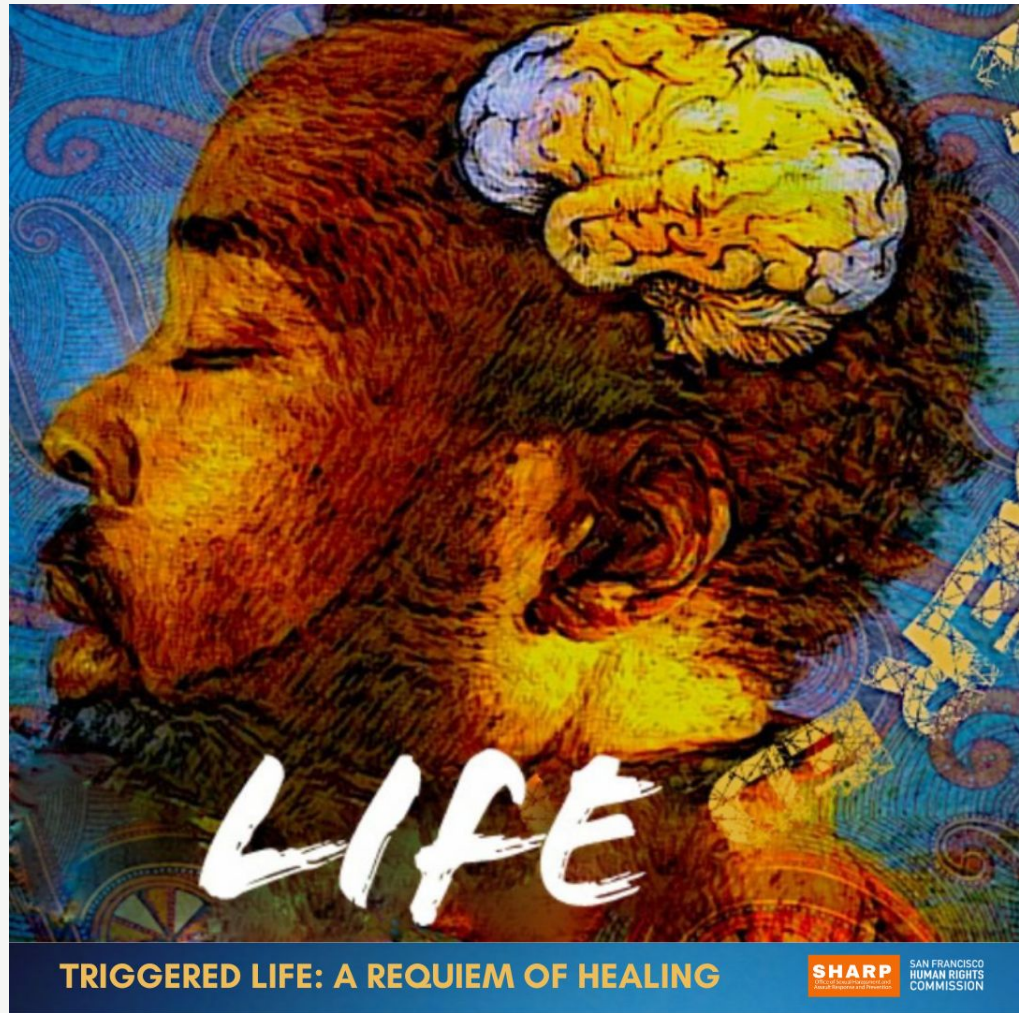
- Build survivor-led community coalitions to recommend new meaningful policies that provide support and resources for survivors of sexual harassment and assault within and without the criminal legal system.
- Work with existing city response systems to address sexual harassment and assault incidents with dignity, safety and professionalism.



PREVENTION

- Collaborate with community partners to engage in public education and culture shifting towards a San Francisco without sexual violence.

- In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month we hosted a screening of *Triggered Life: A Requiem of Healing*, a very special multimedia production discussing sexual trauma and Black male selfhood.
- We partnered with Black Women Revolt, Love Never Fails, Project Survive, and Queer Life Space to bring in a diverse audience, which resulted in a rich, and deep discussion with the artist.





ACHIEVEMENTS

- A presentation to the Local Homeless Coordinating Board
- The Safe Housing Working Group is not a permanent committee of the LHCB (run by the Program Manager of Coordinated Entry for Survivors of Violence at the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing)
- The appointment of Joaquin Whit Guerrero to the Homelessness Oversight Commission
- Hosted Surviving Barriers: Gender-Based Violence and Housing Symposium (attended by survivors, community members, housing advocates, Department Heads from Human Rights Commission, Homelessness and Supportive Housing and Department On the Status of Women, and city employees)

SURVIVING BARRIERS:

Gender-Based Violence
& Housing Symposium

FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH

49 S. VAN NESS AVE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103

Reception from 12- 1pm at the Pavilion
Symposium 1-4pm (Rooms B & C)



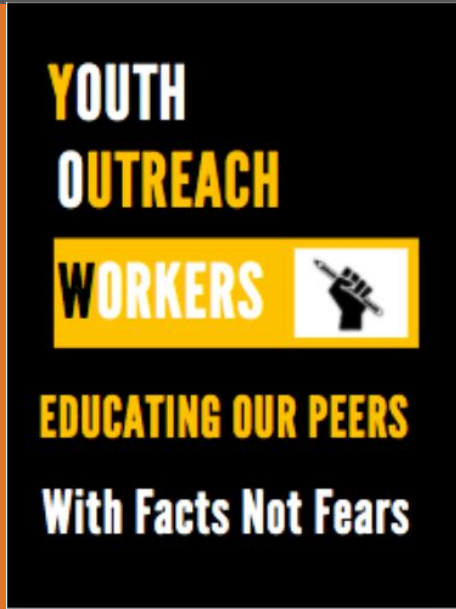
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COMMISSION

In partnership with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing we hosted a symposium to discuss the barriers faced by survivors of gender-based violence within San Francisco city funded housing.

The event consisted of a presentation on the findings of the Community Needs Assessment completed by the Safe Housing Working group, as well as a discussion on the recommendations within the report to prioritize next steps within city agencies and community organizations to remove barriers to housing for survivors.

Through advocacy, the 26 recommendations proposed in the Safe Housing Community Needs Assessment Report, have been approved by the local Homeless Coordinating Board! The LHCB also voted to make the Safe Housing Working Group a subcommittee of the board to ensure the implementation of the recommendations is prioritized and continues.

SHARP is Hosting 6 Interns this Spring Semester



**4 Youth Outreach
Workers from the Public
Health Pathway at
Mission High School**

**1 Intern from University
of San Francisco**

**1 Intern from SF City
College**

GRANTEES



LYRIC
CENTER FOR LGBTQ YOUTH



HRC will be issuing a new RFP/Q in the next coming months.

SHARP has been working with community organizations and the Office of Transgender Initiatives to ensure support and funding to organizations who are facing violent threats because of their work in the transgender community.

Safer Schools Task Force



In the winter SHARP hosted a Youth Town Hall with the Youth Commission and community organizations.

The Youth Commission submitted a resolution re-instating the Sexual Assault Safer Schools Task Force.

SHARP is working with Supervisor Melgar's Office, DOSW and the Mayor's Office on legislation forming a body whose work will address the needs of students at SFUSD around safety from Gender Based Violence

Office of Sexual Harrassment & Assault, Response & Prevention

Gender-Based Violence Prevention Collective

Every 4th Monday of the Month, 11am-12:30pm



2023 Schedule:

- Jan 23
- Feb 27
- March 27
- Apr 24
- May 22
- June 26
- Jul 24
- Aug 28
- Sep 25
- Oct 23
- Nov 27
- No Dec. Mtg.

Please join us for a monthly community gathering to discuss prevention efforts addressing gender-based violence across the city of San Francisco. We will meet to share what we are working on and how to support each other's efforts to disrupt cycles of gender-based violence. Our goal is to create a space where community partners doing anti-violence work can be in conversation and collaborate with community partners who serve those most impacted by gender-based violence.

Register today:
bit.ly/GBVPC23

More info:
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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



BLACK WOMEN REVOLT

AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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Questions?

Thank You!