

# The Violence Prevention Learning Center







The Violence Prevention Learning Center at Raising Voices provides opportunities for learning and skill-building to prevent violence against women and children. It includes practical courses and partnerships to use evidence-based methodologies.

The Learning Center offers three main opportunities, described below:

- A. Develop capacity to use evidence-based methodologies developed by Raising Voices (*SASA! Together* and *Good School Toolkit*)
- B. Learn about good practice in violence prevention
- C. Learning visits



Develop capacity to use  
evidence-based methodologies  
developed by Raising Voices



Raising Voices has developed two evidence-based methodologies: the *Good School Toolkit*, proven effective at preventing violence against children and *SASA! Together*, proven effective at preventing violence against women. Raising Voices has found that it is helpful for organizations to receive training and ongoing technical assistance for maximum effectiveness.

Organizations interested in receiving formal technical assistance to build capacity of their staff from Raising Voices on *Good School Toolkit* or *SASA! Together*, should contact Raising Voices at [learningcenter@raisingvoices.org](mailto:learningcenter@raisingvoices.org)

On-going partnership assumes a few preconditions, including:

- Clear buy-in and commitment at the leadership level for the work.
- Dedicated staff in place to provide strategic and practical leadership to the implementation of the work.
- Funding to implement the work in at least 10 schools over two years with the *Good School Toolkit*; or, at least 18 months secured funding of total 3-year implementation for *SASA! Together*.

- Willingness to sign a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the partner organization and Raising Voices.

Raising Voices strives to go beyond one-off trainings to nurture multi-year partnerships that translate intentions into practice. Organizations will apply and if applications are successful, will be eligible to receive an introductory training on the *Good School Toolkit* or a series of courses for *SASA! Together* as well as both onsite and remote technical assistance to apply the ideas, skills and tools gained during the training. Learn more at Raising Voices or by writing to us at [learningcenter@raisingvoices.org](mailto:learningcenter@raisingvoices.org)

# Training Content:

## 1. Introduction to the *Good School Toolkit* Training

This training will introduce you to a set of ideas and tools that will help you explore the key components of a Good School and develop a collective understanding of how they can be realized at your school.

### You will:

- Explore your ideas about a good school.
- Broaden your thinking about what makes a good school.
- Be guided through a process of creating a good school.
- Unpack the *Good School Toolkit*.
- Develop action plans for implementing steps 1 & 2 of the *Good School Toolkit*.

This training takes a minimum four days.

## 2. *SASA! Together* Phase Courses

This includes four courses: Start, Awareness, Support and Action, which are taken separately, over the course of at least three years of implementation. The trainings will explore power as the root cause of violence against women, including the four types of power in *SASA! Together*: power within, power over, power with, and power to. Participants will get to know the foundations of *SASA! Together*, and practice strategies for each phase of implementation.

### You will:

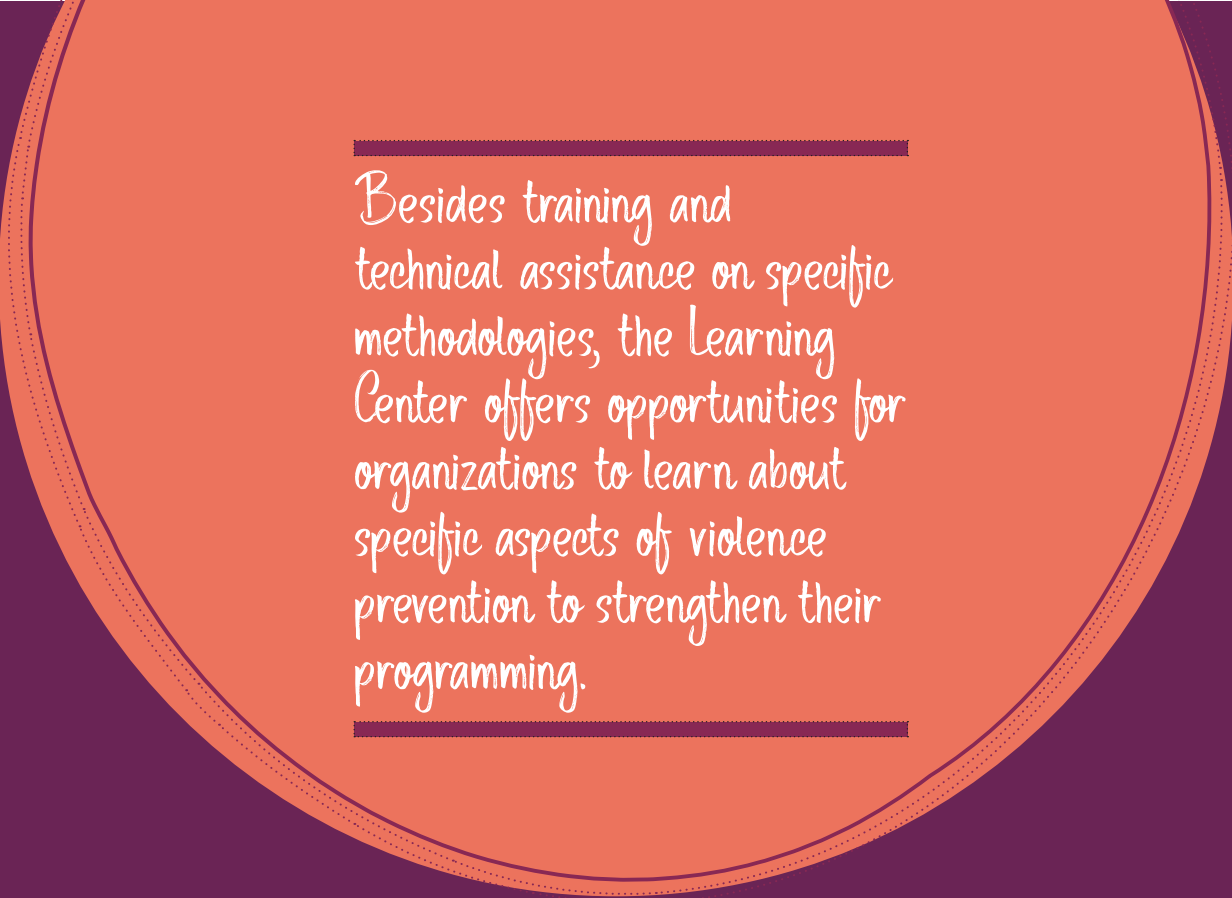
- Get to know the 'essentials' of the *SASA! Together* approach.
- Learn about the four *SASA! Together* phases and prepare for implementation of each phase.
- Gain the skills for conducting *SASA! Together* learning and assessment, engaging community activists and supporting these activists to lead a process of change.

This training takes 4 days for a total of 16 days of training over the course of the three years of implementation.



Learn about good  
practice in violence  
prevention





Besides training and technical assistance on specific methodologies, the Learning Center offers opportunities for organizations to learn about specific aspects of violence prevention to strengthen their programming.

Organizations already working to prevent violence against children can apply for a specific aspect that they want to learn about, such as positive discipline or understanding violence against children. A library of modules is in place and a capacity building process can be tailor-made in consultation with Raising Voices to respond to the needs of the organization.

Organizations wishing to learn more about feminist approaches to violence against women prevention may apply for established courses such as *Get Moving!*, or the principles of VAW prevention programming. Organizations may also write to us for specific, tailor-made training and technical assistance opportunities.

# Training Content:

## Violence against children prevention

### **a. Understanding Violence Against Children**

This module will provide you an in-depth understanding of violence against children, its manifestations, why it happens and how it can be addressed.

#### **You will:**

- Broaden your understanding of violence against children.
- Have an opportunity to reflect on how violence against children happens in school.
- Explore ideas of how to address it.

This training takes a minimum of two days.

### **b. Positive Discipline**

This module introduces knowledge and skills that are needed to create a violence-free environment as a measure to promote learning, growth, and development of children.

#### **You will:**

- Explore the concept of positive discipline.
- Understand alternatives to corporal punishment.
- Experiment with how to put the alternatives into practice.

This training takes a minimum of two days.



## Violence against women prevention

### a. **Get Moving! A Personal and Organizational Journey**

*Get Moving!* is an intensive journey of learning and reflection for organizations working to prevent violence against women, developed by the GBV Prevention Network. *Get Moving!* strengthens your organization's commitment to violence against women and elevates the quality of your work.

#### You will:

- Get started with *Get Moving!*
- Learn how to facilitate this powerful process within your organization, while connecting with your personal and professional values more deeply.

This training takes a minimum four days.

### b. **The Principles of Preventing Violence Against Women**

Learn to apply evidence-based *principles* for effective violence against women prevention in your own programming. Exploring these questions provides a deep analysis of power and its connection to VAW, focusing our efforts on root causes of violence against women and ensuring a more lasting impact.

#### You will:

- Examine the many dimensions of VAW prevention to identify untapped opportunities in your programming.
- Gain a deeper understanding of the types of prevention, prevention strategies, and the ethical principles of quality prevention—linking all of these to practice for greater results.
- Explore how communication style, relationship building, mentoring, and the content of materials can lead to community-driven activism that is impassioned and effective.

# Learning visits





The Violence Prevention Learning Center may host learning visits for organizations who want to observe what *Good School Toolkit* or *SASA! Together* programming looks like in practice. These are initiated by an organization or a group and the visit involves a combination of field visits and skill/experience exchange sessions and deeper engagement with the methodologies.

## Who is eligible?

Organizations or agencies working to prevent violence against children and/or violence against women, meet the selection criteria and are committed to strengthening their violence prevention programming. The criteria for selection will include: commitment to VAW/C prevention, completed application including description of how the learning will be applied in your organization.

**Note:** The Learning Visits will be dependent on the availability of Raising Voices.

## Where will the trainings happen?

Centralized trainings will take place in Kampala, Uganda. All participants are required to stay at the designated training venue, to avoid disruptions. Expect immersive full days of learning.

## How to apply for opportunities at the learning center

1. Email your request describing your need to [learningcenter@raisingvoices.org](mailto:learningcenter@raisingvoices.org) with your organization name, contact person, email address and phone number.
2. Look out for the call for applications.

**Write to us for additional ideas by Raising Voices at [learningcenter@raisingvoices.org](mailto:learningcenter@raisingvoices.org)**



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