### **Social Determinants and Young Men's Reproductive Health**

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#### What children see...



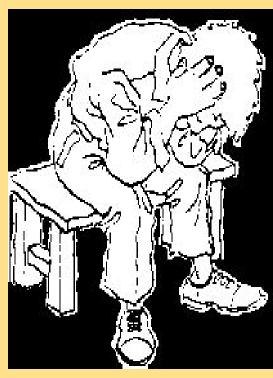
# **El Puente/ The Bridge**



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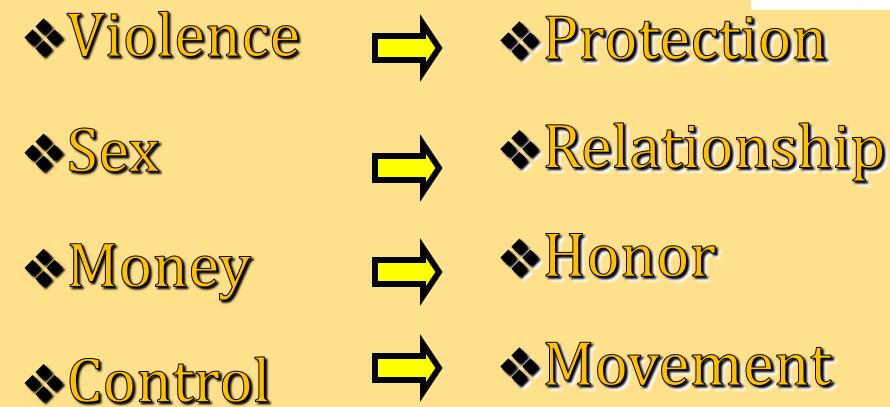
# **A Young Man's Reality**

- Violence at home and the street
- Teen Pregnancy
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Single Parent Families
- **♦**Gangs
- Foster care placements
  No Positive adult Role models
- Lack of personal Connection
- Dysfunctional Homes and Institutions



# <u>False Teachings of a Man</u>





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## Activities that Honor Dignity, Respect, Love, and Trust

- Talking Circles (Circulos)
- Community Leaderships Projects
- Expression through Art and Culture
- Late Night Gyms
- One on One Mentoring
- Employment Training
- Promote High Education
- Sports Tournaments



# **The Balanced Community**

### 🚸 Work Hard

### Personal Sacrifice



### 🚸 Be Humble

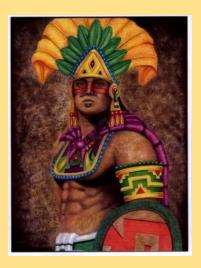
## Have Faith in the Process

# Building a Web of Support



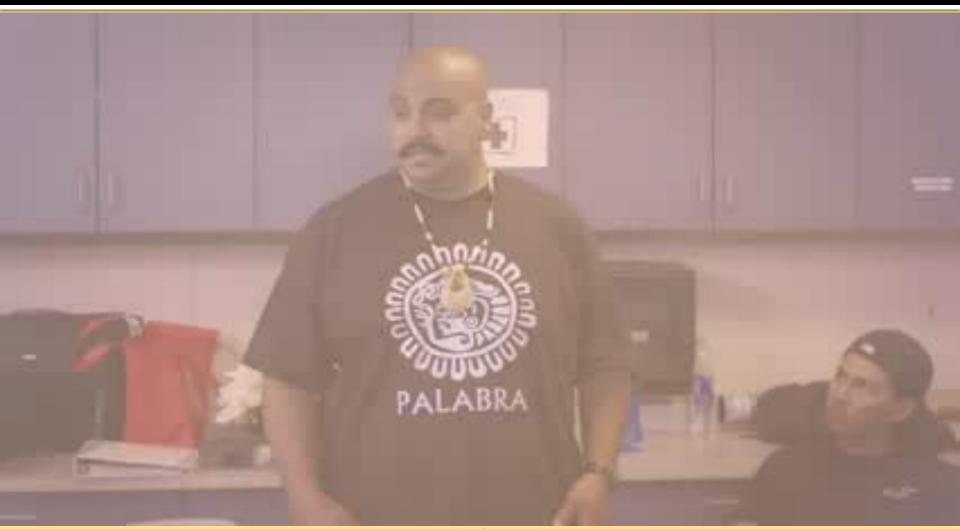








# El Circulo



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#### What do youth need to break the Cycle?

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Conocimiento (Acknowledgement)

#### **Values**

- Sacred Purpose
- Security

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