



Conversations for Transformative Change Action Group Winter 2010

Session 1: Introduction

This session introduces participants to Jewish Women's Fund of Colorado (JWFC), each other and the topic in general.

Session 2: Glass Half Empty/Glass Half Full—The Case for Collective Organizing

This session creates an understanding of the following:

- the historical and longitudinal timeline of the women's movement
- how social movements and social action changes people's lives
- the concept that women's rights are basic human rights, yet we must fight for them

Use *The Shriver Report* as a text to discuss

- How do you identify the problem? Is there a problem?
- Why does the status quo need to change? What happens if we stick with status quo?

Session 3: Lessons from the Field—Transformative Leadership

At this session, participants will learn from a panel of local community leaders how gender informs their work and how to transform systems. Through a short presentation, dialogue and questions, panelists will discuss with us:

- Why should we be engaged in this conversation?
- Why is it important to look at gender as an issue in all spheres?
- Why is changing the conversation important for community?
- What does it mean to be a transformative leader?
- How can gender be used to change the status quo?

Sessions 4 & 5: Making Impossible Seem Possible—Tools for Transformative Change

The goal for these two sessions is to provide communication skills that may be used to become catalysts for change.

We will discuss:

- what "bad" communication looks like
- how gender feeds into bad communication
- the philosophy behind good communication

And we will work with each other and the facilitator on:

- effective communication exercises
- male vs. female communication styles
- decoding conversations
- validating women's communication style

Session 6: Conclusion and Next Steps

This session will offer an opportunity to reflect on the previous five sessions and discuss opportunities to continue this conversation with JWFC and each other.