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**4:15 p.m.**

The Living Center - 110 Henderson Building  
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## “Culturally Responsive Healing Practices for Boys and Young Men of Color”

This study presents a developmental evaluation exploring how grantees integrated the Robert Wood Johnson-funded Forward Promise Initiative’s Heal, Grow, Thrive (HGT) Framework and the dehumanization conceptual model into their existing programs. The evaluation identified and codified practices that organizations use to disrupt dehumanization, particularly among boys and young men of color (BYMOC). The findings revealed nine practices across three categories—new narratives, culturally responsive programming, and systems reform—that organizations used to disrupt dehumanization. These practices, grounded in both the lived experiences of BYMOC and robust research, provide a foundation for new hypotheses in the field, suggesting areas for future research on aligning specific practices with types of dehumanization as proposed by the NPO model.

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