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SUBJECT: “Second Winter YWTalk: On Missoula and Masculinity”

MISSOULA – What does it mean to be a man? Compared to girls, boys are twice as likely to flunk or drop out of school. Of all mass shootings in the US, in the last 30 years, 99% were committed by men and boys. Each day, three or more boys commit suicide.

Ben Mincks and Claire Michelson, program specialists at the National Coalition Building Institute will lead a discussion on the way constricting ideas of gender are negatively impacting the Missoula community and beyond.

Mincks is the founder and organizer for B-RAD (Boys Respecting All Diversity), an after-school group for 4-8th graders that explores the pressures and message that come with identifying as male in our society. Claire Michelson runs EPIC (Empowering People Inspiring Change). She has a background in psychology and women’s, gender, and sexuality studies. She also has a professional background in sexual assault prevention and creating curriculums that have been implemented in high schools throughout Missoula.

Join us, Thursday, December 10. The lecture will begin promptly at 4PM at the YWCA Center room at 1130 W. Broadway St., and will be recorded by Missoula Community Access Television. This YWTalk will be the second of two winter lectures before the series picks back up Spring 2016.

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