

Collaborating to Address the Health and Legal Needs of Patients Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence and Exploitation

Peer Learning Collaborative

Thank you for joining!

We invite you to share your location, organization/health center name, and pronouns in the chat.



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- ✓ Learning Collaboratives on key topics for small cohorts
- ✓ Webinars + archives
- ✓ Clinical and patient tools, an online toolkit, evaluation + Health IT tools

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National Center for Medical Legal Partnership

AT THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

The [National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership](#) (NCMLP) at the George Washington University helps to build an integrated health care system that better addresses health-harming social needs by leveraging legal services and expertise to advance individual and population health.

Goals:

NCMLP provides specialized training and technical assistance (T/TA) designed to meet each of the objectives under the NTTAP type “Medical-Legal Partnerships” (interchangeably referred to as MLPs). These include:

- (1) increase the number of health centers that address health-related legal needs of patients to improve population and community health;
- (2) increase the number of patients that are screened for health-related legal needs that may affect health outcomes; and
- (3) increase the number of health centers that implement medical-legal partnerships to address social determinants of health (SDOH).

HRSA’s 2019-2022 Strategic Plan specifically includes mitigation of SDOH needs and barriers as a mechanism for improving health

Virtual Webinar Training Note

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Because domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking are so prevalent, assume that there are survivors among us.

- Be aware of your reactions and take care of yourself first. It's ok to step away from Zoom if you need to.
- Respect patient or client confidentiality.



Learning Objectives

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As a result of this Learning Collaborative, participants will be better able to:

1. **Identify strategies to build partnerships** between civil legal services providers and community health centers to address the health and legal needs of survivors of IPV and exploitation.
2. **Describe strategies for sustaining and growing collaborative health justice responses** to preventing and addressing IPV.
3. Describe **3 tools that can help community health centers and civil legal services formalize partnerships and develop protocols** for responding to domestic violence and building prevention strategies.



Learning Collaborative Session Topics

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- **Session 1:** Collaborating to Address the Health and Legal Needs of Patients Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence and Exploitation: Introduction, Tools, and Resources
- **Session 2:** Developing Partnerships Between Legal Services Programs and Health Centers - spotlight on Colorado
- **Session 3:** Scaling and Sustaining Medical Legal Partnerships to Address IPV and Exploitation - spotlight on Alaska
- **Session 4:** Partnering to Address the Health and Legal Needs of Older Adult Survivors of Abuse and Exploitation - spotlight on Indiana



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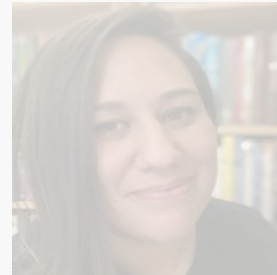
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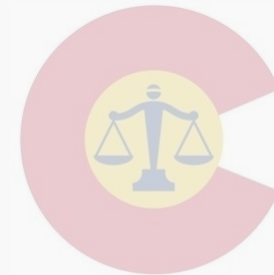
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Collaborating to Address the Health and Legal Needs of Patients Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence and Exploitation:

Partnering to Address the Health and Legal Needs of Older Adult Survivors of Abuse and Exploitation

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Partnering to Address the Health and Legal Needs of Older Adult Survivors of Abuse and Exploitation

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LAVA Project – Who is eligible?

#1

Victim of a crime

Doesn't have to be charged or prosecuted



#2

Senior

Age 60 or older

OR

Endangered Adult

1. Age 18+
2. Incapable by reason of: mental illness, developmental/intellectual disability, dementia, other physical or mental incapacity
3. Harmed or threatened with harm as a result of abuse, neglect, or exploitation

Other General Requirements Include:

- Capacity to retain legal counsel



Elder Abuse and Vulnerable Adult Abuse as DV Issues

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<https://www.abc57.com/news/goshen-woman-locked-in-her-basement-by-own-family-shares-her-story-to-help-others>

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Kim's Case

- Screening for Abuse
- Safe Place for Referral
- Documentation of Abuse
 - Medical providers are great witnesses
- Access to safe housing and transitional services

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- Kim: Mental Health Provider, Adult Protective Services
- PACE program and care team support
- Guardianships and Opioid crisis
- Indiana Legal Risk Detector
 - Screen for the unknown

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CUES: An Evidence-based Intervention

- **C**onfidentiality
- **U**niversal Education
- **E**mpowerment
- **S**upport



CUES: An Overview

C: Confidentiality

See patient alone, disclose limits of confidentiality

UE: Universal Education + Empowerment

Normalize activity:

"I've started giving two of these cards to all of my patients—in case it's ever an issue for you because relationships can change and also for you to have the info so you can help a friend or family member if it's an issue for them."

Make the connection—open the card and do a quick review:

"It talks about healthy and safe relationships, ones that aren't and how they can affect your health....and situations where youth are made to do things they don't want to do and tips so you don't feel alone."

S: Support

"On the back of the card there are 24/7 text and hotlines that have folks who really understand complicated relationships. You can also talk to me about any health issues or questions you have."

Available for order at
Futures Without Violence
National Health Resource
Center on Domestic
Violence resource page

store.futureswithoutviolence.org



Universal Education

Provides an opportunity for clients to make the connection between violence, health problems, and risk behaviors.



**** If you currently have IPV/HT screening as part of your health center requirements: we strongly recommend first doing universal education.***

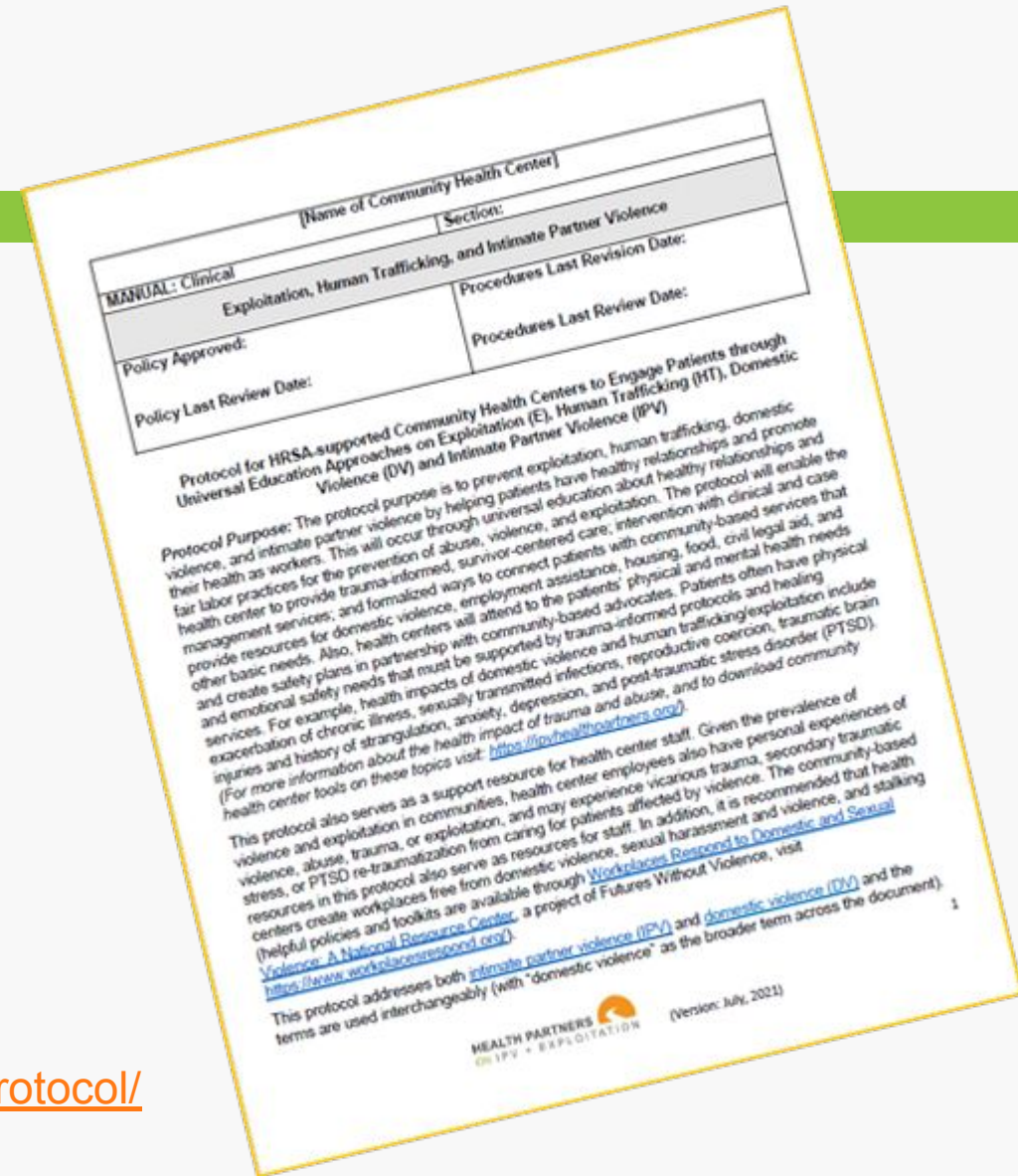
Sample Protocol

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Protocol Elements

- Descriptions of terms
- Clinic policies (language access, privacy, confidentiality)
- Training requirements
- Universal education framework / CUES
- Resources/support services partnerships
- Scripts
- Reporting requirements
- Documentation and coding guidelines

<https://healthpartnersipve.org/futures-resources/sample-health-center-protocol/>

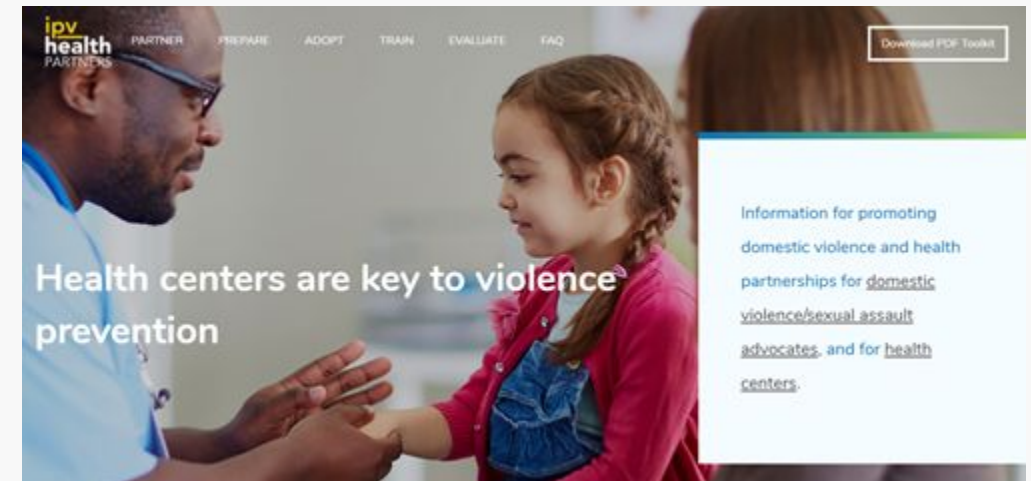


www.IPVHealthPartners.org online toolkit + CUES

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Guidance on:

- Enhancing patient privacy
- Disclosing limits of confidentiality
- Universal education scripts
- Reaching friends and family
- Disclosures + supportive messages
- Warm referrals to local DV programs
- Safely sharing resources
- Tech privacy tips



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Developed by and for community health centers in partnership with domestic violence programs

Please open the link that's posted in the chat box
and complete the post-session evaluation.
We really appreciate your feedback.

Thank you for joining us for this learning collaborative!

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