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The National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence (HRC) is the nation's clearinghouse for information on the health care response to domestic violence and provides free technical assistance and materials to thousands of people each year. The Center is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

Features

New Federally Funded Public Health Initiative Aims to Identify and Help Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Prevent Abuse and Unplanned Pregnancy



Ten Sites Chosen for Project Connect, Funded by the Office on Women's Health with support from the Administration for Children and Families

The Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPE) has chosen ten sites in nine states for a groundbreaking two-year violence prevention initiative designed to improve the health and safety of women and children. *Project Connect: A Coordinated Public Health Initiative to Prevent Violence Against Women* is funded by the Office on Women's Health (OWH) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It will find new ways to identify, respond to and prevent domestic and sexual violence, and promote an improved public health response to abuse.

More than half the Project's funds are directed to ten geographically and ethnically diverse sites that will create comprehensive models of public health prevention and intervention that can lead to improved health and safety. Each site will develop policy and public health responses to domestic and sexual violence in two selected areas: family planning, adolescent health, home visitation, or other maternal child health or perinatal programs. *Project Connect* grantees will also provide

basic health and reproductive health services in domestic and sexual violence programs.

The FVPE, in collaboration with the OWH will provide technical assistance and monitor the grantees selected for *Project Connect*. Ten grantees were selected through a competitive process:

- Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Southern Indian Health Council in California
- K'ima:w Medical Center/Hoopa Valley Tribe in California
- Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Ohio Domestic Violence Network
- Iowa Department of Health
- Maine Centers for Disease Control
- Michigan Department of Community Health
- Texas Council on Family Violence
- Virginia Department of Health

Visit our website to learn more about *Project Connect* and the sites selected: www.endabuse.org/health

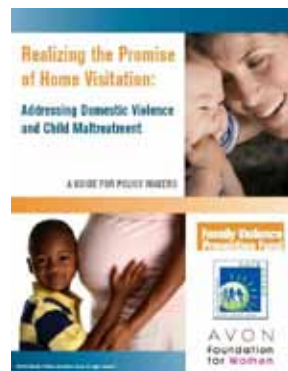
Groundbreaking Study Addresses Reproductive Coercion

A groundbreaking study released in the January 2010 issue of *Contraception* sheds light on a little-recognized form of abuse in which men use coercion and birth control sabotage to cause their partners to become pregnant against their wills. It finds that young women and teenage girls often face efforts by male partners to sabotage their birth control or coerce or pressure them to become pregnant – including by damaging condoms and destroying contraceptives. These behaviors, defined as “reproductive coercion,” are often associated with physical or sexual violence. Read more about *Pregnancy Coercion, Intimate Partner Violence and Unintended Pregnancy*, visit our website: www.endabuse.org/health

To order hard copies of these new tools, or view them as a PDF, visit www.endabuse.org/health

Realizing the Promise of Home Visitation: Addressing Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment, A Guide for Policy Makers

With Congress considering a substantial investment in home visitation programs, they should more purposefully address the needs of mothers and children at risk for domestic violence, as well as the link between domestic violence and child abuse/neglect. That is the conclusion of *Realizing the Promise of Home Visitation: Addressing Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment*, a new brief released at a Capitol Hill briefing in February 2010. It was written by the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF) in partnership with the National Child Abuse Coalition and Safe Start Center, with sponsorship from the Avon Foundation for Women.



Home visitation programs have been used for some 30 years to improve maternal and child health, early childhood development, and family safety and stability. Quality home visitation programs can identify and prevent health, social and economic problems before they become family crises, according to the new brief, but to have maximum impact, they should integrate domestic violence identification, assessment and prevention into all aspects of their work.



Home Visitation Safety Card

The FVPPF announces a new tool for home visitors to utilize with clients who face domestic violence. *Loving Parents, Loving Kids: Creating Futures Without Violence* is a safety card for women that home visitors can distribute. In addition to providing safety resources, this tool also functions as a prompt for home visitors by providing quick phrases to improve discussions with women about the impact of domestic violence on their parenting and children. The safety card outlines questions women may ask themselves about their relationships, sexual health and parenting, while offering supportive messages and referrals to national support services for help.

The card folds up to the size of a business card and is available in English only at this time (Spanish version to follow).

Making the Connection: Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Public Health

How can we engage public health leaders to respond to family violence? The FVPPF developed a tool that makes the connection between family violence and leading public health concerns and presents effective strategies for responding. This evidence-based tool offers the most relevant research on family violence, implications for select public health programs, recommended clinical and policy strategies, promising practices

and resources from around the country. Divided into chapters, each PowerPoint Presentation helps presenters by providing evidence and “speaker’s notes” for each slide to make the case for violence prevention to public health leaders. A presenter may opt to present on any of the following areas and may mix and match sections depending on their audience:

- Author: Linda Chamberlain, PhD, MPH
- 1 Overview: Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as a Public Health Priority
 - 2 Regional and Local Data
 - 3 Medical Cost Burden and Health Care Utilization for IPV
 - 4 The Impact of IPV on Women’s Health
 - 5 IPV and Behavioral Health
 - 6 IPV and Family Planning, Birth Control Sabotage, Pregnancy Pressure, and Unintended Pregnancy
 - 7 IPV and Sexually Transmitted Infections/HIV
 - 8 IPV and Perinatal Programs
 - 9 IPV, Breastfeeding, and Nutritional Supplement Programs
 - 10 IPV and Child and Adolescent Health
 - 11 ACE Study: Leading Determinants of Health
 - 12 IPV and Injury Prevention



Announcing the Summer 2010 issue of the FVPPF’s e-journal: Family Violence Prevention and Health Practice

The FVPPF announces the release of the tenth issue of *Family Violence Prevention and Health Practice*, an electronic journal dedicated to addressing family violence in the health care and public health setting.

- **Implementing Intimate Partner Violence Screening in an Urban Family Planning Center**
By Vicki Breitbart, EdD, LCSW and Lisa Colarossi, PhD, LCSW
- **Sex Trade, Violence, and Health**
By Michele R. Decker, ScD and Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD
- **Trainings to Integrate Sexual and Domestic Violence Screening into Family Planning Settings: Key Components for Success**
By Jill Clark, MPH and Beth Nagy, MPH

- **Condom Coercion, Sexual Relationship Power, and Risk for HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections Among Young Women Attending Urban Family Planning Clinics**
By Anne M. Teitelman, PhD, CRNP; Julia M. Bohinski, BSN; and Adriane M. Tuttle, BA

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To register or for more information about the webinars, please visit www.endabuse.org/health

July 29, 2010	11am – 1pm PDT: Building Health Care Leadership: A Systems Advocacy Approach to Addressing Domestic Violence in the Health Care System
August 18, 2010	11am – 1pm PDT: Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day: Resources and Planning
October 6, 2010	11am – 1pm PDT: Providing Domestic Violence (DV) Services in Health Programs
October 14, 2010	11am – 1pm PDT: Improving Domestic Violence Health Care Responses through Advocacy-led Trainings for Health Care Providers
November 10, 2010	11am – 1pm PDT: Responding to Lifetime Exposure Abuse in Home Visitation Programs