IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES THROUGH VIOLENCE PREVENTION: PROMISING STRATEGIES FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

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Today’s Webinar Agenda

- Welcome and introductions from partners
- Impact of IPV on health and routine inquiry
- Phase I Pilot site highlights
- About Phase II and application

Follow-up webinar on FOA for interested applicants (see FOA for registration link):
  - Monday, Oct. 26th 11:30 PST/2:30pm Eastern
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The Health Impact of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), Addressing IPV in the Clinical Setting and Advocacy Partnerships

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Overview of the Initiative

• Goal: Improve health and safety of patients through intimate partner violence (IPV) prevention and response
• Promote a model trauma informed response to victims of IPV in community health centers
• Promote collaboration between health centers and domestic violence/sexual assault community advocacy programs
Prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence

1 in 4 (25%) U.S. women report ever experiencing physical and/or sexual IPV.

(Source: 2010 CDC National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey)
Sexual Assault

1 in 5 women in U.S. has been raped at some time in their lives and half of them reported being raped by an intimate partner.

(Source: 2010 CDC National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey)
The Big Picture of Trauma

There are many types of adversities including:

- Community violence
- Bullying
- Poverty
- Oppression

These all affect health and wellbeing.

(Finkelhor et al, 2009)
Racism: Makes You Sick

Controlling for other factors that might cause stress, including socioeconomic status, health behaviors, and depression, researchers found that adults who had reported higher levels of discrimination when they were young had disrupted stress hormone levels 20 years later—and that African Americans experienced the effects at greater levels than their white counterparts.

(The study will be published in the December 2015 issue of the journal, Psychoneuroendocrinology)
Marginalized communities can be particularly vulnerable to IPV. Consider:

- Lack of culturally competent support services
- Less access to housing, health services, jobs, etc.
- Possibly unsafe to report violence to the police or use the courts.
- Threat that disclosing violence “reflects badly” on the community
- Leaving and other common safety planning options might mean a loss of small community.
Having a significant impact on health...

Center for Disease Control and Prevention
IPV and Co-Morbid Health Conditions

- Arthritis
- Asthma
- Headaches and migraines
- Back pain
- Chronic pain syndromes
- Genitourinary problems
- High cholesterol
- Heart disease
- Overweight/Obese
- Stroke
- Depressed immune function
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Poor perinatal health outcomes

IPV and Behavioral Health Co-Morbidities

- Anxiety/Panic Attacks
- Sleep problems
- Memory loss
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Depression, poor self-esteem
- Insomnia
- Suicide ideation/actions
- Alcohol, drug, tobacco use

IPV and Drug Use

Women experiencing abuse are:

- **2.6X** more likely to use tranquilizers, sleeping pills, or sedatives
- **3.2X** more likely to use anti-depressants
- **2.2X** more likely to use prescription pain pills

(Carbone-Lopez et al, 2006)
Reproductive and Sexual Health

- Increased risk for unintended and rapid repeat pregnancy
- Increased incidence of low birth weight babies, preterm birth and miscarriages
- Abuse is more common than gestational diabetes or preeclampsia -- conditions for which pregnant women are routinely screened.

(Miller, 2010; Sarkar, 2008, Goodwin et al, 2000; Hathaway, 2000)
IPV and Sexually Transmitted Infections

Women disclosing physical abuse were 3 TIMES more likely to experience a STI.

Women disclosing psychological abuse were 2 TIMES more likely to experience a STI.

Coker et al, 2000
What We’ve Learned from Research

Studies show:

- Patients support assessments
- No harm in assessing for IPV
- Interventions improve health and safety
- Missed opportunities: patients fall through the cracks when we fail to address IPV routinely and universally in our clinical practice
Women Who Talked to Their Health Care Provider About Experiencing Abuse Were 4 times more likely to use an intervention such as:

- Advocacy
- Counseling
- Protection orders
- Shelter
- or other services

Healthcare providers can make a difference!

McCloskey et al. (2006)
“No one is hurting you at home, right?” (Partner seated next to client as this is asked)—How do you think that felt to the patient?

“Within the last year has he ever hurt you or hit you?” (Nurse with back to you at her computer screen)—Tell me about that interaction…

“I’m really sorry I have to ask you these questions, it’s a requirement of our clinic.” (Screening tool in hand)—What was the staff communicating to the patient?
To Universal Education and Routine Inquiry

- To overcome barriers we need to combine universal education with screening for IPV.
- Starting with universal education followed by face-to-face routine inquiry can facilitate conversation.
- Combining universal education with routine inquiry shifts emphasis away from disclosure as the goal.
- Health care setting is ideal setting for offering information, reducing isolation, and increasing options for safety.
1. **Confidentiality:** Disclose any limits of confidentiality

2. **Universal Education - Normalize activity:** "I've started giving this card to all of my patients"… **Open the card** and do a quick review:
   "It talks about healthy and safe relationships… and how relationships affect your health – is this happening to you?"

4. **Support:** Visit-specific harm reduction

5. **Warm Referral & Follow up next visit**
Your Role is Important - **DOABLE**

- Providers do not have to be IPV experts to recognize and help patients experiencing domestic and/or sexual violence.
- You have a unique opportunity for education, early identification, and intervention.
- And to partner with domestic and/or sexual violence agencies to support your work and promote health outcomes.
Partnering with a Domestic/Sexual Violence Program

• Advocates provide their clients risk assessment, safety planning, and support.

• Assist survivors and children who have experienced IPV to think and act in a way to increase personal safety while assessing the risks based on the perpetrators behaviors.

• Connect clients to additional services like:
  ▪ Housing; Health; Legal advocacy; Support groups/counseling

• Strengthen clinical responses to D/SV in many ways.
Sustainable Programs:
Systems Reform Model

- Changing environment
- Multi-disciplinary team approach
- Systems reforms
  - Policies and procedures
  - Forms and electronic records
  - Measurement and benchmarks
- Addressing staff exposed to violence
- Implementing reflective supervision
National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence

For free technical assistance and tools including:

- Patient education safety cards
- Training curricula
- Clinical guidelines
- State reporting information
- Documentation tools
- Pregnancy wheels
- Posters

For more information, please visit the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence website.
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La Clínica del Pueblo - Basic Info

✔ La Clínica del Pueblo is a federally qualified health center (FQHC) and Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH Level II) located in the District of Columbia.

✔ Serve low-income, limited English proficiency (LEP), immigrant Latino population: 90% of patients have incomes 200% & below the FPL, 93% are Hispanic/Latino, 80% LEP, 36% are uninsured.

✔ In 2014:
  ✔ 3,400+ patients received 22,000+ medical, mental health, substance abuse, social, health education, and support services.
  ✔ 8000+ Limited English Proficient persons received 13,000+ interpretation services.

✔ Employ a family practice model of care that is rooted in a comprehensive, culturally and linguistically accessible approach aimed at eliminating barriers to care.
Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

• La Clínica is a Title X sub-grantee and offers comprehensive Family Planning Services for men, women, and adolescents.
• Annually provide 1,600+ Family Planning Services to clients.
• Integrating peer health promoters to support client education for sexual health and family planning.
• Offer Safe Space for LGBT clients for discuss sexual health, HIV and STI prevention, HIV+ primary care, and Latino HIV System Navigator program.
• Gender and Health Program focus on Gender-based Violence Prevention and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights through outreach, education, peer navigation, support groups, and advocacy.
• The program is known by the community as Entre Amigas.
Community Health integrated with Medical and Behavioral Health

The Community Health in Action (CHA) Department identifies, mobilizes, educates, and engages individuals through health and wellness education and advocacy both inside and outside the clinic doors.

Recruit and train Peer Health Promoters –. Between 40-60 promotores de salud are trained each year.

Conduct interventions for the most prevalent chronic diseases affecting the local Latino community, including HIV, heart disease, cervical cancer, gender-based violence and diabetes.

Health Promoters are also utilized for patient navigation/linkage to care services for specialty care and enabling programs.
Entre Amigas

✓ Support for women survivors of trafficking, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and other types of gender-based violence.
✓ 11 Trained Peer Navigators
✓ Partnership with DC SAFE – Crisis Center
✓ Navigation for legal, social, and medical services – partnerships with multiple organizations for warm & culturally competent referrals.
✓ Weekly support group with child care led by psychosocial educator
✓ Monthly community meetings/workshops – discussion of gender-based violence as well as sexuality, HIV, etc.
✓ Outreach and advocacy in community.
FWV Training and Progress

- Participation of clinical team in training on July 31st at La Clínica.
- Establishment of a workgroup to develop ongoing education/supervision strategies to reinforce training.
- Development and use of a set of educational/promotional materials to be added to the materials provided by FWV. “Did you know your relationship can affect your health?” Talk with one of us or call Entre Amigas”
- Creation of internal and external referrals protocols and case documentation.
- Gender & Health Program Manager reports at least 1-2 women per week referred from clinical services since training.
- Integration of IPV Universal Screening into future projects and proposals.
Success Story

• Maria was sexually assaulted on her way back from work. She is undocumented and living in DC with a TPS (Temporary Protected Status). Due to language barriers, she could not fill out a police report. After being discharged from local hospital emergency room, she reached out to La Clínica's medical services...

**Action 1**

- First diagnose: symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from Sexual Assault.

**Action 2**

- Referral to Behavior Health: additional screening for support services needs.

**Action 3**

- Referral for Entre Amigas support group and navigation for police report and legal services.

**Action 4**

- Partnership with GWH Law school will represent her for a humanitarian visa application guaranteed by VAWA.
Thank you!

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Forming Connections for Women’s Health

FamilyCare Health Center &
Branches Domestic Violence Shelter

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Where We Are
Family Care Health Centers

- began in 1989 as a women’s health facility
- Services now include
  - adult and pediatric primary care
  - OB/GYN services
  - dental care
  - comprehensive behavioral health services,
- serves over 30,000 patients across four counties
- person-centered and multidisciplinary care
- Established in 1980
- 24-hour hotline
- Emergency housing
- Crisis/safety planning and support
- Legal advocacy
- Counseling
- Support groups
- Referral
- Community Education and Training
IPV Response Team - Beginnings

- The faces behind the names
- Understanding current policy
- Learn what the other organization offers

This alone increased referrals and awareness.
The Provider Training

- Rebecca Levenson from Futures Without Violence provided education to approximately 30 providers and staff
  - How IPV affects women’s health outcomes
  - Why the health care center is the right place to talk
  - How to ensure women get the help they need, even if they don’t disclose
- Received safety cards and distributed to all sites
- Nurses asked for their own training

This was a powerful experience for our staff.
One Woman’s Story

• Provider noticed signs that patient was in an unhealthy relationship
• Gave safety card and education
• Patient disclosed current abuse and its affects on her health (depression, anxiety, asthma and inability to fill prescriptions)
• Referred to Branches DV Shelter, safety planning
• Connected patient to health care and DV resources out of state where she planned to be near family
• Patient called to let us know she safely settled in new location
What We’ve Accomplished So Far

• FamilyCare saw a large increase of disclosures of IPV
• Branches Emergency Shelter was filled to capacity (not sure if related, but followed provider training)
• FamilyCare saw many women referred from Branches for primary care
• Branches’ Putnam County outreach office noticed that most of the women coming in already used FamilyCare for primary care.

And we’ve only just begun!
Family Oriented Primary Health Care Clinic

Healthcare provided in collaboration with the Mobile County Health Department

Carol W. Cannon, LCSW, Director of Social Services

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### At A Glance: 2014

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Semmes Health Center (La Clinica de Semmes)
3810 Wulff Road East
251-445-0582
Adolescent and Pediatric Services, Adult Health Services, Dental Services, Family Planning, Health Insurance Application Services, Immunizations, Interpretation Services, Pharmacy Services, Social Services, STI Testing & Treatment, WIC 251-445-0581.
Our Process

• Review of current Intimidate Partner Violence policy
• Collaboration with Penelope House (local shelter)
• Training conducted by Futures
• Leadership Team made recommendations to policy
• Policy is now being reviewed by administration for implementation
Before Future’s Collaboration

• All patients were screened by Intimate Partner Violence
• Staff were trained annually
• Family Planning visits assessed for Intimate Partner Violence was specifically requested
• If violence was reported the patient was referred to case management then offered resources to Penelope House
One of our Pediatricians reported making the connection between physical health and the social issues of domestic violence.
Next Steps

• Penelope House staff will train all clinical staff on Intimate Partner Violence protocol
• Connect clinical staff members with Penelope House staff
• Review and monitor the health impacts of intimate partner violence relationships
Questions?
Funding Announcement

Improving Health Outcomes Through Violence Prevention: Phase II to Identify and Provide Brief Counseling on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in Health Centers

http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/health/improving-health-outcomes-through-violence-prevention/
Phase II Pilot Project

Improve the health outcomes for women through the identification and response to intimate partner violence (IPV)

• Six community health centers will be selected to work with a local intimate partner violence program that they identify as a partner on this initiative.

• The period of funding is from November 20, 2015 through September 30, 2016

• Application is due Friday, November 6, 2015 by 5:00pm Eastern
Funding

FUTURES will provide selected applicants a total of $14,000.

• Community health centers will receive $7,000 for the funding period, in addition to free in-person training (including continuing medical education credits for MDs/DOs) as well as online trainings, free patient and provider tools, and participation in a learning community to share challenges and successes, and technical assistance as needed.

• The local intimate partner violence program that the community health center partners with will also receive $7,000 from FUTURES to participate in the program in order to integrate health assessments onsite and provide services for clients referred to them by the health center.
Project Goals

The core elements of the pilot include:

• **Educating providers** on the impact of IPV on health outcomes, and how to assess and respond in collaboration with local DV partners.

• **Promoting education for patients** accessing health services about the connection between IPV, and their health.

• **Institutionalizing program policy** to support assessment of and coordinated responses to victims of abuse.

• **Educating domestic and/or sexual violence advocates on the connection** between violence and coercion on health, and how to integrate basic health assessment into victim service programs.
Eligibility

• The clinics that are eligible for the IPV Pilot are those listed here: http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/

• This directory includes all of the HRSA-funded clinics in the U.S.

• The clinics listed on the find a health center page also include those clinics that are PCMH recognized and dually funded (330 & Ryan White) which are encouraged to apply.
Deadline

Please submit applications no later than Friday, November 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. PST/3:00 p.m. Mountain/4:00 p.m. Central/5:00 p.m. EST.

FUTURES will make a preliminary selection by November 13, 2015. Selected applicants will be contacted by phone no later than November 20, 2015.
Applicant Q/A Webinar

A webinar for interested applicants to learn more about the project and ask any questions about the funding announcement will be held:

Monday, October 26th, 2015 at 11:30-12:30pm PST/ 12:30-1:30pm MST/ 1:30-2:30pm CST/ 2:30-3:30pm EDT

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