**Project Catalyst: State/Territory-Wide Transformation on Health, Intimate Partner Violence, and Human Trafficking**

Project Catalyst was a multi-year effort engaging more than 1,000 professionals across 10 states and 4 Pacific Islands. The goal was to support health and safety outcomes for survivors of violence who access health centers (HC) and community based domestic violence (DV) programs through the leadership of state/territory partners.

**Project Catalyst** was initiated in 2015 with the pilot, Improving Health Outcomes through Violence Prevention Project, working with a total of 10 partnering HCs and DV programs. The pilot project then led to Project Catalyst, which expanded to state/territory leadership teams (consisting of staff from Departments of Health/Public Health, Domestic Violence Coalitions, and Primary Care Associations). This expansion enabled policy and systems changes that supported an integrated and improved response to intimate partner violence (IPV) and human trafficking (HT) in HCs and DV programs across the U.S. and in the following states/territories and communities (see map below).

**The Rinehart Clinic**

**Tides of Change**

**CommuniCare HC**

**Empower Yolo**

**Mariposa Community HC**

**Catholic Community Services**

**Eastern Iowa HC**

**AMANI**

**FamilyCare HC**

**Brockton Neighborhood HC**

**Family and Community Resources**

**Thundermist HC**

**Sojourner House**

**LCH Health and Community Services**

**DV Center of Chester County**

**La Clinica Del Pueblo**

**DC Safe**

**Family Oriented Primary Care Clinic**

**Penelope House**

**ACROSS THREE PHASES, PROJECT CATALYST’S 96 DEMONSTRATION SITES (HCs AND PARTNERING DV PROGRAMS) TRAINED:**

- Improving Health Outcomes Phase I (2015)
- Improving Health Outcomes Phase II (2016)
- Project Catalyst Phase I (2017-2018)
- Project Catalyst Phase II (2018-2019)
- Project Catalyst Phase III (2019-2021)

- Domestic Violence Programs/Community Based Organizations: 45
- Domestic Violence Programs/Community Based Organization Staff: 377
- Community Health Centers: 51
- Community Health Center Staff: 1,068
Project Catalyst III engaged leaders from across three states: Georgia, Minnesota, and Ohio. HCs in each participating state received trainings from their state leadership teams on the CUES intervention to address intimate partner violence/human trafficking/exploitation (IPV/HT/E) in their settings. DV programs received trainings on addressing health needs with their clients. The goal of these trainings was to develop and enhance these HC and DV programs partnerships and build bidirectional warm referrals to increase health access and promote safety for survivors. Following the trainings offered by state leaders, the provider and advocate belief and practices changed in the following ways:

**PROVIDER AND ADVOCATE BELIEF AND PRACTICE CHANGES**

- Since the training, I agree or strongly agree that I am more comfortable providing universal education and assessment on IPV/HT/RC
- Since the training, I agree or strongly agree that I am more confident in referring a patient to a DVP partner organization
- Since the training, I agree or strongly agree that I am more comfortable helping and supporting a patient to make a phone call to violence related services and agencies
- Since the training, my understanding of how to work with a local healthcare partner to facilitate client access to healthcare has increased
- Since the training, my understanding of how to talk with clients about reproductive and sexual health issues has increased
- Since the training, my understanding of the impact of IPV and reproductive coercion (RC) on health has increased

![Bar chart showing percentages of health center staff and DV program staff同意的百分比](image)
Project Catalyst: Stories of Impact

In addition to training their HC and DV programs, Project Catalyst leadership teams also undertook a number of innovations to support survivor health and safety:

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia’s leadership team adapted Project Catalyst materials to distribute at pop-up vaccination clinics across their state. The Minnesota leadership team created a website portal featuring telehealth tools to support patients during COVID-19. Included was a safety card with MN-specific information on IPV/HT/E and supportive resources, scripts for providers, and Zoom backgrounds with information on safety support for survivors.

To increase language access, the Guam leadership team supported the adaptation of a safety card tool into Samoan. They did this in collaboration with staff from the American Samoa Alliance Against DSV and with staff from local health centers.

Get Involved: Use these 3 Key Resources

Project Catalyst had tremendous impacts and can be replicated and implemented in any state/territory or local community.

1. Access our full suite of Project Catalyst tools: [www.futureswithoutviolence.org/health/project-catalyst/](http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/health/project-catalyst/) (including PowerPoint curricula, handouts, evaluation tools, and more).
2. Visit [www.ipvhealthpartners.org](http://www.ipvhealthpartners.org) for a toolkit developed by and for community health centers and domestic violence programs looking to forge or expand partnerships.
3. Visit Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation [www.HealthPartnersIPVE.org](http://www.HealthPartnersIPVE.org), led by Futures Without Violence and funded by HRSA’s Bureau of Primary Health Care to work with health centers to support those at risk of, or surviving intimate partner violence, human trafficking and exploitation, and to bolster prevention efforts.

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