



Catalyst for Change March 2025

Dear Reader,

Welcome to our March edition of Catalyst for Change! March is [Brain Injury Awareness Month](#) and March 10th is [National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#); this edition of Catalyst for Change uplifts the related resources and health center responses. See resources below to learn how you can help raise awareness and incorporate new strategies for supporting survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) and human trafficking.

In addition to uplifting these resources, we also opened registration for a free learning collaborative on human trafficking and health center/primary care association responses.

Building Health Center Responses to Human Trafficking (Learning Collaborative)

Join Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation for a four-part learning collaborative on four Thursdays in May (May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd) titled "[Building Health Center Responses to Human Trafficking](#)".

Session Times: Sessions are 1 hour with an optional 15-minute office hour to follow. 11:00 am- 12:00 pm Pacific; 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Mountain; 1:00 pm-2:00 pm Central; 2:00 pm-3:00 pm Eastern

Deadline to register is April 11, 2025, midnight at your local time zone.

[Register here.](#)

Brain Injury Awareness Month- See the following resources for more information on TBI:

Brain Injury Awareness Month was established in 1980 by the Brain Injury Association of America to educate, advocate, and

Featured Resources

[Health, healing, and relationships: You are not alone Safety Card](#)

The Health, Healing, and Relationships: You Are Not Alone Safety Card will assist clinical and community support staff to be able to address violence and trauma as health issues in the lives of patients/clients living with HIV and decrease barriers to support.

[You Matter \(Teen ACES\) Safety Card](#)

You Matter is a safety card tool to support teens with histories of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). It was developed in collaboration with young people, adolescent health providers, and school-based HC staff.

[Confidentiality and Documentation of IPV and Exploitation: Balancing Safety with Data Collection](#)

This blogpost highlights the need for guidance on

bring attention to the challenges individuals with brain injuries face.

Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs) are a common form of physical violence that are often repeated. The Centers for Disease Control ([CDC](#)) [defines a traumatic brain injury \(TBI\)](#) as a disruption in the normal function of the brain that can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or penetrating head injury. Studies show a range of 40%-91% of women experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV) have incurred a TBI due to a physical assault. Strangulation is one of the most common forms of TBI that survivors of violence and abuse experience, and more than two-thirds of survivors are strangled at least once, with the average being 5.3 times per victim.

To learn more, see the following resources:

- [Addressing Partner Inflicted Brain Injuries – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)
 - This webinar, with speakers from ODVN, University of Pittsburgh and John Hopkins School of Nursing, discusses brain injuries as a result of domestic violence and impacts on health and wellbeing.
- [Brain Injury - Ohio Domestic Violence Network](#)
 - The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) created this link of resources and materials to raise awareness of the emerging area of brain injury caused by domestic violence.
- [Brain Injury Awareness Month - Brain Injury Association of America](#) (BIAA)
 - BIAA leads the nation in observing Brain Injury Awareness Month. This page leads you to their new advocacy initiatives, events, and resources related to their, “My Brain Injury Journey” campaign.
- [Intimate Partner Violence and Health: FAQs, Resources, and Support](#)
 - The FAQ page on [ipvhealthpartners.org](#) offers information on TBI and resources such as:
 - [“HELPS” Screening Tool for Traumatic Brain Injury](#) developed by Empire Justice Center
 - [The Danger Assessment Tool](#) developed by John Hopkins School of Nursing
 - [Invisible Injuries Booklet](#) developed by ODVN
 - [Has Your Head Been Hurt](#) developed by ODVN

confidentiality and documentation when caring for patients who have experienced IPV and exploitation.



- [Traumatic Brain Injury & Concussion | Traumatic Brain Injury & Concussion | CDC](#)
 - Resources from the CDC offering information about TBI & Concussions

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD)

March 10th is the [19th Annual National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#), when local, state, federal, and national organizations come together to shed light on the impact of HIV and AIDS on women and girls.

Of women living with HIV in the United States, [55% have experienced intimate partner violence](#).

To learn more about National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and materials related to HIV/AIDS, check out the following resources:

- [Resources and Toolkit](#) from Office on Women's Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 - The Office on Women's Health has created a list of sample social media messages, NWGHAAD promotional graphics, promotional videos, and resources on HIV/AIDS.
- [Health Justice in Practice: Supporting Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and Exploitation Who are Living with HIV – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)
 - An archived webinar from Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation on promoting the health and well-being of survivors living with HIV in clinical settings and their communities.
- [HIV and Women's Health Issues | HIV.gov](#)
 - Resources from HIV.Gov detailing how HIV affects women differently in relation to gynecological health issues, cervical cancer, how side effects for medication may affect women differently, how menopause and osteoporosis are impacted by HIV, heart diseases, pregnancy, infant feeding, and birth control.

Health Center Resource Clearinghouse

Looking for upcoming HRSA-funded trainings? Check out the [Health Center Resource Clearinghouse training calendar](#) to explore a variety of free educational opportunities from HRSA-funded providers. New sessions are added regularly so be sure to check back often or subscribe to the Health Center Resource Clearinghouse Newsletter [here](#).

Warmly,

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