



Catalyst for Change August 2025

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the August edition of Catalyst for Change! August is a time of reflection, rejuvenation and recommitment to our health, communities, and the causes that matter most. As we step into National Wellness Month we're reminded that wellness isn't just about physical health, it's about social connection and access to care.

This month we also celebrated National Health Center Week (August 3-9), honoring the vital role that health centers (HCs) play in providing accessible, affordable care to millions across the country. Building on that celebration, this month's edition highlights blog posts that spotlight the importance of HCs and their partners as well as recognize their dedication to providing quality care.

Looking ahead, we're also preparing for Health Cares About Domestic Violence (HCADV) Day on October 8, 2025, an important day during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October to raise awareness that domestic violence is a healthcare issue. Keep reading to learn about new and exciting technical assistance and training opportunities for you to engage with. Let's make this a month of mindfulness and meaningful impact together!

National Health Center Week

National Health Center Week (NHCW), promoted by the [National Association of Community Health Centers](#) (NACHC), was held August 3-9, 2025. NHCW celebrated the accomplishments of health centers in our communities in addition to spreading awareness of the importance of health centers.

The [focus days for NHCW](#) were as follows:

- Sunday, August 3, 2025- 60 Years of Progress

Featured Resources

[CUES Infographic](#)

"CUES" is an evidence-based intervention to address domestic and sexual violence in health settings shown to improve health and safety outcomes for survivors. A one-page CUES infographic that describes the intervention and includes provider scripts is now available in English and Spanish as PDFs and hard copy.

[Increasing Health Care Enrollment for Survivors of Domestic Violence](#)

Increasing Health Care Enrollment for Survivors of Domestic Violence leads to two PDFs. The first, "[Healthcare.com Enrollment for Survivors of Domestic Violence](#)", is an in-depth PDF that identifies the unique opportunities for health enrollment specialists and health center staff to increase health access for survivors of domestic violence.

The second, "[Five Ways](#)

- Monday, August 4, 2025 - Staff Appreciation Day
- Tuesday, August 5, 2025 - Patient Appreciation Day
- Wednesday, August 6, 2025 - Health Conditions Focus Day
- Thursday, August 7, 2025 - Population Focus
- Friday, August 8, 2025 - Partner Appreciation Day
- Saturday, August 9, 2025 - Gratitude & Future Vision

[Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#) participated in National Health Center Week by creating the following blogpost uplifting health centers and celebrating their accomplishments:

- [Recognizing Health Center Dedication to Provide Quality Care for Survivors – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)
- [Celebrating 60 Years of Health Centers and their Partners – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)

Thank you to everyone who took part in NCHW and to our HCs for your dedication to providing critical and compassionate care. We're honored to stand alongside you in advancing equitable access to high-quality care for all.

2025 NACHC CHI- Community Health Conference & Expo

At this year's [2025 NACHC CHI- Community Health Conference & Expo](#), Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation will join [Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations \(AAPCHO\)](#) to present a session titled, "Developing Emergency Preparedness for Intimate Partner Violence and Human Trafficking".

This session will highlight considerations and recommendations for HCs and PCAs on data collection, aligning with [Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) emergency preparedness, and building partnerships with community-based IPV/HT programs. Presenters will share resources and promising practices to help support survivors during natural disasters and emergencies.

To learn more about the conference presentation, click [here](#).

Upcoming Webinar- Strengthening Emergency Preparedness by Addressing IPV/HT/E

Join the [National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence \(HRC\)](#) and [Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#) September 23, 2025 for an emergency preparedness webinar titled, "[Strengthening Emergency Preparedness by Addressing IPV/HT/E](#)".

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Time: 8 a.m. HST/ 11 a.m. PST/ 12 p.m. MST/ 1 p.m. CST/ 2 p.m. EST (60 minutes)

Health Centers Can Promote Health Care Access for Survivors of Domestic Violence" summarizes key actions to promote health center enrollment for survivors of domestic violence.

[Supporting Survivors of Violence and Abuse in Oral Health Care Settings](#)

Supporting Survivors of Violence and Abuse in Oral Health Care Settings includes a patient brochure and educational brief produced by [Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#) in collaboration with the [National Network for Oral Health Access \(NNHOA\)](#) to help patients have comfortable dental visits and know what to expect; and to offer guidance to oral health staff and providers on how to support survivors of IPV.



Description: This webinar will teach participants about the unique health and safety needs of survivors of IPV/HT/E during public health emergencies and natural disasters. This session will cover the CMS aligned strategies, prevention-focused tools, protocols, and organizational policy recommendations to help health centers and DSV programs respond effectively during crises. Register [here](#)!

Upcoming Webinar- Intimate Partner Violence: Designing a Response to IPV

[Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States \(CHAMPS\)](#) and [Association for Utah Community Health \(AUCH\)](#), [Colorado Community Health Network \(CCHN\)](#), [Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas \(CHAD\)](#), [Montana Primary Care Association \(MPCA\)](#), and [Wyoming Primary Care Association \(WYPCA\)](#) is hosting a free, four-part virtual series focusing on Identifying and Responding to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Human Trafficking (HT): A Comprehensive Approach for Healthcare Professionals.

As a part of the series, Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation will be presenting, "Clinical Considerations for Health Centers and Providers' Response to IPV/HT".

Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025

Time: 12:00-1:00 PM MST/1:00-2:00 PM CST

To learn more about the series, click [here](#) and to register for the session, click [here](#).

Upcoming Training Series- Healing Financial Harms, Building Financial Access

The [Promoting Employment Opportunities for Survivors of Trafficking](#) (PEOST) Training and Technical Assistance Project is hosting a two-part training series on the financial harm many trafficking survivors face, how to heal from it, and where to find access to financial products and services that help them build/rebuild economic stability.

Date: Wednesday, August 20 and August 27th, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM PST/ 12:00 PM-1:30 PM MST/1:00 PM-2:30 PM CST/2:00 PM -3:30 PM EST

Description For Sessions:

- August 20, 2025- Part 1: Healing Financial Harms
 - Financial harm is a core yet often overlooked consequence of sex and labor trafficking. Survivors may carry deep emotional wounds related to money, shaped by control, exploitation, and compromised economic identity. This 90-minute workshop provides a foundation for understanding financial harms and the emotional complexities it creates. Participants will examine

what is disrupted during exploitation and why traditional financial literacy models often fall short. Participants and presenters will explore how integrating emotional awareness and survivor-centered approaches can begin to restore a sense of power, stability, and hope.

- August 27, 2025- Part 2: Building Financial Access
 - According to a Polaris 2023 report, survivors of human trafficking are two times more likely to be unbanked and excluded from traditional financial services. This webinar is led by the financial inclusion organization, Juntos Avanzamos, to explore how survivors of human trafficking can access banking tools through their network. Presenters will highlight safe banking standards, examples of financial inclusion efforts, and the importance of cross-sector collaboration to increase access to banking accounts, loans and other critical financial tools for survivors and their communities.

Click [here to register](#) for this two part series.

Mark Your Calendars for Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day on October 8!

The 26th annual Health Cares About Domestic Violence (HCADV) Day is right around the corner. Thank you to those that have participated over their years and have done their part to creatively raise awareness that domestic violence is a healthcare issue. Your participation in HCADV Day makes a difference.

Join us October 8th as we celebrate this nationally-recognized day to raise awareness of domestic violence as a healthcare issue, and to encourage partnerships between healthcare and domestic violence programs to support survivor health. If you are looking for inspiration on how to participate in HCADV Day, take a look at our [Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day Archive](#) to see what activities others have engaged in to bring awareness to HCADV Day and check out our [HCADV Day Action Kit](#) for event/activity ideas and sample social media posts.

This year for HCADV Day, [National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#) and [Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#) will be hosting a webinar titled, “Integrating Domestic Violence into Emergency Preparedness & Planning Response”. This webinar will detail how to integrate IPV support into emergency preparedness efforts, including how to develop partnerships between health centers and local DV programs. Guest speakers will highlight innovations from the field, key resources, and approaches that can be implemented for October Domestic Violence Awareness Month and beyond.

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 8am HST/11am PST/12pm MST/1pm CST/2pm EST
(60-minute webinar)

Register for the webinar [here](#).

Catalyst for Change Archive

Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation is excited to announce that our archived editions of Catalyst for Change are available on the front page of the [Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#) webpage. If you are interested in reviewing past editions, please check out our Catalyst for Change archive!

Warmly,

Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation Team

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