



Catalyst for Change December 2025

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the December edition of Catalyst for Change! Happy holidays from [Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation!](#) This edition highlights upcoming webinars from Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation, recent articles from Futures Without Violence, and open enrollment tools for advocates and health centers.

In addition to these new resources and activities, this edition also focuses on World AIDS Day that was recognized on December 1, 2025. World AIDS Day to raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease.

World AIDS Day

December 1, 2025, marked the 37th World AIDS Day (WAD) with the theme, “Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response”. It is a powerful reminder of the global commitment to end HIV, support those living with it, and honor the lives of those lost to HIV and AIDS.

UNAIDS recently released their [2025 World Aids Day Report](#) showcasing evidence that resilience, investment, and innovation combined with global solidarity still offers a path to end AIDS.

[In 2024, an estimated 40.8 million people were living with HIV globally and approximately 1.3 million people acquired HIV in 2024.](#)

This year, as we reflect on progress and challenges, it's vital to acknowledge the connection between HIV and intimate partner violence. In many communities, the risk of HIV infection and the experience of IPV are deeply intertwined. According to the CDC, [women and other people living with HIV experience](#)

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.

[Health, Healing, and Relationships: You are not alone Safety Card](#)

The Health, Healing, and Relationships: You Are Not Alone Safety Card assists clinical and community support staff in addressing violence as health issues in the lives of patients/clients living with HIV.



[intimate partner violence at higher rates](#) compared to the general population.

In an article titled, “[The Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and HIV: Detection, Disclosure, Discussion, and Implications for Treatment Adherence](#)”, Tami Sullivan highlights these rates. 55% of women and 20% of men living with HIV experience intimate partner violence and 24% of women experience abuse by their partners after disclosing their HIV status. Individuals who experience IPV are also more likely to become infected with HIV versus those who do not experience IPV. People who experience IPV are 48% more likely to be infected with HIV than those who do not.

In their [Clinical Testing Guidance for HIV](#), the CDC recommends that all patients between the ages of 13 and 64 test for HIV at least once as a part of their routine health care and that patients with ongoing risk factors for HIV at least once a year.

Below, please find resources that offer safety planning and access to HIV and IPV Services:

- [HIV Testing Sites & Care Services Locator](#)
- [State PrEP/PEP Assistance Programs | NASTAD](#)
- [Available Care and Services | Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program](#)
- [HIV Nexus: CDC Resources for Clinicians | HIV Nexus | CDC](#)
- [HIV Hotlines and Warmlines | HIV | CDC](#)
- [Resources on the Intersection of Women, HIV, and Violence | The Well Project](#)
- [Domestic Violence Support | National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
- [StrongHearts Native Helpline | Home](#)
- [National Sexual Assault Hotline - RAINN](#)

In addition to these resources, please check out [HIV.GOV](#)'s interactive dashboard, [AHEAD](#). AHEAD tracks the six [Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. \(EHE\)](#) indicators and 8 health related needs that can influence HIV risk and health outcomes among people with HIV.

Thank you for your participation, shared commitment to raising awareness, and for standing with communities impacted by HIV/AIDS!

Upcoming Webinar: Preventing Substance Use and Exploitation in Adolescence

Join Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation and the National School-Based Health Alliance for a webinar that will equip health center providers and administrators, including school-

based health centers, with strategies to address substance use, adolescent relationship abuse, and exploitation.

Presenters will highlight clinical and community-based approaches to strengthen prevention and response efforts, while promoting universal education so that all adolescent patients receive information and resources. Participants will explore ways to collaborate with youth, families, schools, and community organizations to build safer, healthier environments for adolescents.

Date: Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025

Time: 9 am HST/12 pm PST/1 pm MST/2 pm CST/3 pm EST
(60 minutes)

ASL and Spanish interpretation will be offered. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

New Futures Without Violence Survey on Workplace Experiences

Dorian Karp of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and Ana López van Balen, Vice President of Futures Without Violence, recently published an article, "[Survivor Stories Spotlight Workplace Barriers and Paths Forward](#)", summarizing the data of a report released by the National Domestic Violence Hotline and Futures Without Violence.

In this article, Karp and van Balen discuss the breakdown of the data gathered from more than 2,000 survivors, the workplace reality many survivors face, and steps employers can take to ensure that survivors of abuse in their workplace are able to maintain their employment.

If you are interested in checking out the report released by the National Domestic Violence Hotline and Futures Without Violence, click [here](#).

Health Care Open Enrollment: Five Things Advocates Need to Know

Are you an advocate working with survivors of domestic violence and want to support survivor health during the open enrollment period? [Click here](#) to read the Futures Without Violence article, "Five Ways Advocates Can Promote Health Care Access for Survivors and Families During Open Enrollment" to learn a few places where you can start to help survivors access or update their health coverage!

[December 15, 2025](#) is the last day to enroll or change plans for coverage to start January 1, 2026!

In addition to the Futures Without Violence article, please check out, "[Increasing Health Care Enrollment for Survivors of Domestic Violence](#)", by Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation. Health centers play an important role in helping survivors enroll in health care to receive quality primary care and oral health

care services.

A special enrollment period for survivors makes enrollment possible across the year. When health centers partner with community-based programs, we reach more survivors and improve health and safety outcomes.

This page features two resources to support health care enrollment for survivors of domestic violence:

- [Healthcare.com Enrollment for Survivors of Domestic Violence \(A Resource Tool\)](#)
 - An in-depth PDF that identifies unique opportunities for health enrollment specialists and health center staff to increase health access for survivors of domestic violence.
- [Five Ways Health Centers Can Promote Health Care Access for Survivors of Domestic Violence](#)
 - A 2-pager that summarizes the key actions to promote health center enrollment for survivors of domestic violence and how health centers may partner with community-based programs such as domestic violence advocacy programs to do so.

Research Roundtable: IPV & Health

This powerful nine-part roundtable series hosted by [The National Health Initiative on Violence and Abuse at FUTURES](#), the [Johns Hopkins Center for Global Women's Health and Gender Equity](#), and the [Bloomberg American Health Initiative at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](#) brings together leading experts to share cutting-edge research and innovative solutions to address the convergence between intimate partner violence and health.

Below, please find a list of the upcoming sessions in the series:

- [A Deadly Mix: IPV, Firearms, and Health](#)
 - Date: December 10, 2025
 - Time: 10:00 AM PST
- [IPV, Pregnancy, and Maternal Health](#)
 - Date: January 14, 2026
 - Time: 10:00 AM PST
- [Innovation Spotlight: Promising IPV Interventions Across Contexts](#)
 - Date: February 11, 2026
 - Time: 10:00 AM PST

- [Perpetration Prevention: Supporting People Who Cause Violence](#)
 - Date: March 11, 2026
 - Time: 10:00 AM PST
- [Crisis Within Crisis: IPV and Climate- Related Disasters](#)
 - Date: April 15, 2026
 - Time: 10:00 AM PST
- [The Economics of Safety: Economic Abuse, Sexual Harassment and Tech-Facilitated Abuse](#)
 - Date: May 13, 2026
 - Time: 10:00 AM PST

Warmly,

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Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC). HRSA's BPHC funds about 1,400 [health centers](#). They provide affordable, accessible, and high-quality primary health care to underserved communities at over 16,200 sites. Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation works with health centers and systems to support those at risk of experiencing or surviving intimate partner violence, human trafficking, and exploitation and to bolster prevention efforts.



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