



## Catalyst for Change January 2026

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the January edition of Catalyst for Change and Happy New Year from Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation! As we transition into 2026, we want to reiterate our commitment to increasing the number of health centers that receive technical assistance on developing and implementing evidence-based strategies, such as FUTURES' evidence-based CUES intervention, protocols, and partnerships to prevent, identify, and respond to IPV and human trafficking.

January is also National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. In this edition, we're uplifting our related resources and materials. Join us January 29th for a free webinar, "[Economic and Health Needs for Survivors of Human Trafficking](#)," with more information below.

In addition to highlighting resources and materials dedicated to National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we're also sharing upcoming webinars, new publications, and other program announcements!

### National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January was declared "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in 2010 by former President Barack Obama via a presidential proclamation. Fifteen years prior to this proclamation, the [Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 \(TVPA\)](#) preserved the United States' dedication to combating human trafficking.

Since the presidential proclamation and the enshrinement of TVPA, there have been significant U.S anti-trafficking policy achievements. For example, the [Trafficking Survivors Relief Act \(TRSA\)](#) unanimously passed through the U.S. House of Representatives in December, 2025. TRSA would provide an avenue for criminalized survivors of human trafficking to clear their federal criminal records, marking a historic step forward in protecting survivors of trafficking at the federal level.

### Featured Resources

#### [Youth With Disabilities and Human Trafficking \(Educational Brief\)](#)

"*Youth With Disabilities and Human Trafficking*" is a six-page educational brief that highlights the multiple factors that contribute to the elevated prevalence of intimate partner violence (IPV), human trafficking (HT), and exploitation (E) among youth with disabilities as well as how exposure to such violence impacts their health.

The brief offers recommendations for health centers ensuring that people with disabilities have access to and can receive relevant support and services. The brief covers HRSA's UDS measures on HT/E related to adolescents, the corresponding ICD-10 documentation codes, and key resources and guidance to facilitate clinician/patient engagement.

#### [A Practical Guide on Intimate Partner Violence, Human Trafficking, Exploitation and Technology Tools](#)

In collaboration with the Center for Economic Futures, [Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation](#) is hosting a webinar titled, [“Economic and Health Needs of Survivors of Human Trafficking”](#), in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month focused on the health and well-being of human trafficking survivors. The webinar, presented in English with Spanish and ASL interpretation, will explore how to address their economic and employment needs, including mental health and primary care needs, with a lens on health center strategies.

**Date:** Thursday, January 29, 2026

**Time:** 8:30 am HST/10:30 am PST/11:30 am MST/12:30 pm CST/1:30 pm EST (75-minute webinar)

To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

In addition to our upcoming webinar, [Economic Health and Needs of Survivors of Human Trafficking](#), Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation has also developed resources to equip health centers with tools and technical assistance to support patients experiencing human trafficking and to promote sustainable and clinical change:

- Educational Brief:
  - [Youth with Disabilities and Human Trafficking \(Educational Brief\) – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)
- Resources:
  - [A Practical Guide on Intimate Partner Violence, Human Trafficking, and Exploitation and Technology Tools – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)
  - [Privacy Principles for Protecting Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence, Exploitation and Human Trafficking in Healthcare Settings – Health Partners on](#)
  - [Increasing Capacity to Address Health, Justice, & Equity Through Partnerships: A Guide to Help Health Centers, Domestic Violence Programs, & Civil Legal Aid Organizations Address & Prevent Intimate Partner Violence, Human Trafficking, & Exploitation – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)
- Past Webinar Recordings:
  - [Approaches to Address Intimate Partner Violence, Human Trafficking, Exploitation and Homelessness in Health Centers – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)
  - [Understanding Harm Reduction Approaches to Address Intimate Partner Violence, Human Trafficking, Exploitation and Homelessness in](#)

Developed by NTAP's, HITEQ and Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation, this four-page practical guide features key tools and principles to help health centers (HCs) develop safe documentation for intimate partner violence, human trafficking, and exploitation (IPV/HT/E) in their electronic health records (EHRs) and other technology tools.

The guide also features tools that FUTURES has developed alongside health IT platforms, namely for eClinicalWorks and OCHIN Epic, to aid HCs in using the evidence-based CUES intervention that focuses on universal education approaches to IPV/HT/E.



- [Health Centers – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)
- [Innovations in Mobile Health to Increase Health Access for Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Survivors – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)

[Building Collaborative Responses to Human Trafficking](#), a project of [Futures Without Violence](#) has developed the following resources to address the ways healthcare providers, community-based organizations, and advocacy programs can support survivors of trafficking:

- [10 Action Steps for Domestic Violence Programs Building and Sustaining Collaborations to Support Trafficking Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#)
- [Collaboration to Increase Access to Employment Opportunities for Survivors of Human Trafficking and Domestic and Sexual Violence](#)
- [Community Resource Mapping Toolkit: Supporting the Needs of Survivors of Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault](#)
- [Building Collaborative Responses With Healthcare for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Forces and Multidisciplinary Teams Addressing Human Trafficking](#)

Building Collaborative Responses to Human Trafficking provides technical assistance to OVW grantees and partners seeking to work collaboratively and identify best practices in identifying trafficking. To request technical assistance or more information on the Building Collaborative Responses project, Mónica Arenas at [marenas@futureswithoutviolence.org](mailto:marenas@futureswithoutviolence.org).

The [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) has a Referral Directory made up of anti-trafficking organizations and programs that offer emergency, transitional, or long-term services to victims and survivors of human trafficking.

You can also contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1-888-373-7888 for immediate assistance. The hotline is confidential and available in more than 200 languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition you can send them an email at [help@humantraffickinghotline.org](mailto:help@humantraffickinghotline.org) or report a tip about a potential trafficking case on their site, [here](#).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have developed a [2026 Human Trafficking Prevention Month Toolkit](#) as a way to educate and equip individuals and organizations with resources to share information, raise awareness, and foster meaningful connections that can help prevent human trafficking.

For additional resources and information dedicated to creating awareness of human trafficking and supporting survivors, click

[here](#) for the U.S Department of Justice's resources on Human Trafficking.

## **Upcoming Webinar - From Referral to Relationship: Building Warm Handoffs and Consistent Support for Survivors**

The [Building Collaborative Responses to Human Trafficking Project](#) is hosting a webinar that dives into the practical strategies for creating warm, healing-centered handoffs that make survivors feel supported every step of the way.

In this webinar, participants will learn how to build habits for consistent follow-up, so no one falls through the cracks and to build stronger collaborative partnerships.

If you are an advocate, case manager, DV/SA program staff, healthcare professional, law enforcement officer, legal partner, or part of a community-based organization. In that case, this session will give you tools to strengthen collaboration and deliver survivor-centered care that truly works.

### **Who should Participate:**

Domestic violence, sexual assault, anti-human trafficking, teen dating violence, health care, social services, employment support programs, housing, legal services, and other service providers and advocacy programs.

**Date:** January 28, 2026

**Time:** 8:00 AM HST/10:00 am PST/11:00 am MST/12:00 pm CST/ 1:00 pm EST (90-minute webinar)

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar today!

## **Public Health Report: Intimate Partner Violence and Human Trafficking Screening and Services in Primary Care Across Underserved Communities in the United States - Initial Examination of Trends, 2020 - 2021**

Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation Director, [Anna Marjavi](#), and [Kimberly S.G. Chang, MD, MPH](#), Family Physician, Human Trafficking and Healthcare Policy Director at Asian Health Services, and consultant of Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation, contributed to authoring a public health report with Sue C Lin, Katherine Y Chon, Melissa E Dichter, and Jessica DuBois Palardy titled, “ [Intimate Partner Violence and Human Trafficking Screening and Services in Primary Care Across Underserved Communities in the United States—Initial Examination of Trends, 2020-2021](#)”.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) began collecting data on intimate partner violence (IPV) and human trafficking (HT) in the 2020 Uniform Data System (UDS). We examined patients affected by IPV and HT served by HRSA-funded health centers in medically underserved US communities during the pandemic.

To learn more about the methodology, results, conclusions, and initial examination of trends featured in this public health report, [click here](#).

## **Upcoming Webinar - Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Abuse in Later Life**

[Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation](#) and [NCECE](#) are hosting a national webinar focused on the prevalence and health impact of intimate partner violence (IPV) in later life and elder abuse. The session will offer strategies to facilitate patient conversations, assessments, and response for IPV, and how to improve access to supportive community services.

This webinar will be presented in English with Spanish and ASL interpretation.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026

**Time:** 8:00 AM HST/10:00am PST/11:00 AM MST/12:00 PM CST/1:00 PM EST (60-minute webinar)

To learn more and register, click [here](#).

## **Upcoming Webinar - Prevention as Safety Planning: Addressing the Intersections of HIV and IPV**

[Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation](#) in partnership with [Fenway Health](#) are hosting a webinar that will bring sites together to learn about the intersections of HIV and intimate partner violence. We will discuss prevention as a safety planning tool, address common misconceptions regarding HIV prevention, and work to improve HIV prevention efforts.

**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM HST/11:00 AM PST/12:00 PM MST/1:00 PM CST/2:00 PM EST (60-minute webinar)

To learn more and register, click [here](#).

## **Upcoming Conference Presentation: 2026 NACHC Policy & Issues Forum**

Join [Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation](#), the [Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations \(AAPCHO\)](#), and [MHP Salud](#) at the [2026 Policy & Issues Forum](#) hosted by the National Association of Community Health Centers in Gaylord National Harbor, Washington, DC from February 9-12, 2026.

Their session titled, “**Strategies to Support Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers Experiencing IPV, Human Trafficking, and Exploitation**”, will highlight strategies and promising practices to address the impacts of intimate partner violence (IPV), human trafficking (HT), and exploitation (E), among medically underserved communities such as migratory and seasonal agricultural workers (MSAWs) at community health centers (CHCs).

**Date:** February 9, 2026

**Time:** 11:30 am-12:30 pm HST/1:30 pm-2:30 pm PST/2:30 pm-3:30 pm MST/3:30 pm-4:30 pm CST/4:30 PM-5:30 PM EST

Agricultural Worker Health CE Credits are available for attending this session. To learn more about the 2026 Policy & Issues Forum, [click here](#).

## **Upcoming Conference Presentation: 2026 SAHM Annual Meeting**

Join [Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation](#), and [School-Based Health Alliance](#) for a session titled, “**Adolescent Relationship Abuse and Human Trafficking: Collaborating Across Systems for Prevention and Intervention**” at the [2026 Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine Annual Meeting](#) from March 3, 2026 - March 5, 2026 at the Westin Seattle in Seattle, Washington.

Health Partners on Intimate Partner Violence + Exploitation and the School-Based Health Alliance, partnered to train school-based healthcare (SBHC) providers and staff on strategies for addressing ARA among their patients. This intervention was informed by a previous study in SBHCs that found that patients who received brief universal education and harm reduction counseling about ARA were more likely to recognize sexual coercion, had increased knowledge of relationship abuse resources, and had increased self-efficacy to use harm reduction behaviors.

In this workshop, presenters from Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation and SBHA support participants in creating a plan to address ARA and HT in their setting. In addition to sharing clinical approaches to offering universal education and support related to relationship abuse, presenters will discuss strategies participants can use to collaborate across systems.

**Date:** Thursday, March 5, 2026

**Time:** 11:30 am-1:00 pm HST/1:30 pm-3:00 pm PST/2:30 pm-4:00 pm MST/3:30 pm-5:00 pm CST/4:30 PM-6:00 PM EST  
(Date & Time Subject to Change)

To learn more about the 2026 SAHM Annual Meeting, [click here](#).

## **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:

- [Innovation Spotlight: Promising IPV Interventions Across Contexts](#)
  - Date: February 11, 2026
  - Time: 8:00 AM HST/10:00 am PST/11:00 am MST/12:00 pm CST/ 1:00 pm EST
- [Perpetration Prevention: Supporting People Who Cause Violence](#)
  - Date: March 11, 2026
  - Time: 8:00 AM HST/10:00 am PST/11:00 am MST/12:00 pm CST/ 1:00 pm EST
- [Crisis Within Crisis: IPV and Climate- Related Disasters](#)
  - Date: April 15, 2026
  - Time: 8:00 AM HST/10:00 am PST/11:00 am MST/12:00 pm CST/ 1:00 pm EST
- [The Economics of Safety: Economic Abuse, Sexual Harassment and Tech-Facilitated Abuse](#)
  - Date: May 13, 2026
  - Time: 8:00 AM HST/10:00 am PST/11:00 am MST/12:00 pm CST/ 1:00 pm EST

Warmly,

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