



Catalyst for Change April 2026

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the April edition of Catalyst for Change. April is the 25th anniversary of [Sexual Assault Awareness Month \(SAAM\)](#), and this edition highlights the related resources and strategies to help increase awareness and prevent sexual assault.

We also want to invite you to join us for an upcoming Community of Practice on addressing intimate partner violence in rural areas. The deadline to [register](#) is April 15, 2026! In addition, Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation staff will co-present a workshop at the 2026 OCHIN Learning Forum on May 11, 2026. See more details below.

Finally, Research Roundtable, hosted by Futures Without Violence's (FUTURES') [National Health Initiative on Violence and Abuse](#), 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](#), is offering two upcoming sessions. See below to register for the final dates of this Roundtable Series.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

The [National Sexual Violence Resource Center \(NSVRC\)](#), established in 2000 to provide leadership in preventing and responding to sexual violence through collaboration, creating resources, and sharing research, coordinated the first formally recognized SAAM campaign in 2001. This April marks the 25th anniversary of NSVRC's Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This year's theme is "25 Years Stronger: Looking Back, Moving Forward" and serves as a celebration of the resilience of survivors and the communities that have advocated for change.

To learn more about sexual assault and ways to raise awareness, check out the following resources:

- [Intersections of Sexual and Domestic Violence](#)
 - FUTURES developed this [2-page resource](#) providing information to healthcare providers on how to support patients experiencing sexual or domestic violence.
- [Sexual Violence in the Fields and at Home – Health Partners on IPV + Exploitation](#)

Featured Resources

[National Sexual Violence Resource Center - Sexual Assault Response Team \(SART\) Toolkit](#)

The *SART Toolkit* is a tool developed by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) to support SARTs in all aspects of their work, including practical tips for effective teamwork, ideas for expansion, tools for identifying what is most important in each community, best practices, and connections to technical assistance providers to guide development and improvement.

[RAINN's National Sexual Assault Hotline](#)

RAINN's National Sexual Assault Hotline, available in English and Spanish, connects you to a real, live person who's trained to help.

Call 800. 656.HOPE (4673)
Chat at [RAINN.org/hotline](#)
Text "HOPE" to 64673

- An article by Claire Hutkins Seda, Senior Writer & Editor of Migrant Clinicians Network discussing sexual abuse in the fields and the barriers to care farmworkers experience at work and at home.
- [Sexual Harassment and the Workplace- Futures Without Violence: Workplaces Respond to Domestic & Sexual Violence](#)
 - A 6-page brief that explores how domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and harassment impact employees and the workplace.
- [SAAM 2026- National Sexual Violence Resource Center \(NSVRC\)](#)
 - NSVRC's SAAM 2026 campaign, "*25 Years Stronger: Looking Back, Moving Forward*", has compiled a series of resources dedicated to learning more about the campaign, tools to assist with planning a SAAM event, ways to get involved, and graphics you can share for SAAM 2026.
 - In addition, NSVRC has created weekly themes to help SAAM planners focus their efforts. To see the weekly themes and focus areas, [click here](#).
 - NSVRC has also created a 2026 SAAM Preview Webinar that introduces the 2026 theme and reflects on the achievements made possible through survivor, advocate, and community leadership. To view the preview webinar, [click here](#).
- [SAAPM 365 - RAINN](#)
 - Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (SAAPM) 365 is RAINN's year-round initiative to increase awareness and prevent sexual assault.
 - In addition to their SAAPM 365 Initiative, RAINN also has a 24/7 hotline that can be found [here](#).

Community of Practice: Collaborating to Address Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Areas

[Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation](#) will host a Community of Practice with four virtual educational sessions to discuss intimate partner violence (IPV), including: prevalence and definitions; clinical change strategies including the CUES intervention; HRSA's UDS measures on IPV/exploitation, and referrals and collaboration strategies to develop comprehensive health center (HC) responses. The [Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations](#) and the [National Center for Farmworker Health](#) will lead one session each.

A Community of Practice (CoP) is a small cohort learning environment which entails faculty-driven presentation and discussion as well as bi-directional learning between and among attendees with time to ask questions. CoPs provide an in-depth review of a specific topic across four sessions; feature curriculum delivered by faculty; and include interactivity and discussion to advance skills.

This Community of Practice will be offered in English with simultaneous Spanish interpretation upon request.

Date: Wednesdays: April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, 2026
Time: 12 pm PST/1pm MST/2pm CST/3pm EST

The deadline to register for the CoP is **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at midnight of your local time zone.**

To learn more about the CoP and register for the cohort, click [here](#).

Upcoming Conference Presentation: 2026 OCHIN Learning Forum

Join staff from [Health Partners on IPV +Exploitation](#), [AACI](#), and [OCHIN](#) at the [2026 OCHIN Learning Forum](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 11, 2026, for a workshop titled, “*Addressing IPV in Health Centers Using the CUES Intervention*”. This presentation will highlight the integration of the evidence-based CUES (Confidentiality, Universal Education, Support) intervention within ambulatory care settings using OCHIN Epic EHR tools. Participants will explore how CUES transforms traditional disclosure-based screening into a universal education approach, fostering safer and more supportive care environments for individuals affected by intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence, and human trafficking.

Date: May 11, 2026
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM CT

To learn more about the 2026 OCHIN Learning Forum and to register to attend the conference, [click here](#).

Research Roundtable: IPV & Health

This powerful 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:

- [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

Care In Practice Training Cohort (May 2026)

Care in Practice is a Futures Without Violence virtual training series that will equip **workplace leaders at community health centers** - such as Human Resources (HR) and executives - with the knowledge, tools, and expert support needed to prevent and respond to **domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and harassment in the workplace.**

With healthcare workers experiencing high rates of violence — and many incidents going unreported — this program supports workplace leaders in creating healing-centered policies and practices that **protect staff,**

improve quality of patient care, and cultivate safer work environments.

Program Includes:

- 3 virtual learning sessions with national subject-matter experts
- Guided policy development and revision with expert and peer feedback
- 1:1 support tailored to your organization
- Networking with a peer cohort of community health center leader

Interested? Fill out [this interest form!](#)

Futures Without Violence: I-LED Distance eLearning Course

Futures Without Violence's Institute for Leadership in Education Development (I-LED) presents, "The Distance eLearning Course" - a self-paced online program designed for Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grantees.

This self-paced online program is hosted on the Canvas Learning Management System, allowing participants to develop their own customized virtual course while receiving personalized feedback from expert I-LED faculty throughout their learning journey.

All OVW grantees and potential grantees are eligible to participate in the course. To register for the eLearning Course and learn more about the curriculum, click [here](#).

Warmly,

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