

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS: HEALTH & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ORANGE COUNTY WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY SUMMIT
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WOMEN'S HEALTH PROJECT

HDV TASK FORCE BACKGROUND

LAUNCHED: March 2013

CO-LEADS: OCWHP and 4 DV Organizations

- Human Options
- Laura's House
- Interval House
- WTLC

PURPOSE:

- Raise profile of domestic violence as health issue
- Connect healthcare with other sectors that serve DV victims in Orange County





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HEALTH & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE (ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN PLANNING)

- Access CA Services
- AAP
- CalOptima
- Casa de la Familia
- Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers
- Community Service Programs
- CSU Fullerton
- Hoag Hospital
- Horizon Cross-Cultural Center
- Human Options
- Interval House
- Kaiser Permanente
- Laura's House
- MOMS Orange County
- Newport Mesa Irvine Interfaith Council
- OC Health Care Agency
- OC Family Justice Center
- OC Medical Association
- OC Social Services Agency
- OC Women's Health Project
- Orangewood Children's Foundation
- Share Our Selves
- SAHARA
- UC Irvine
- UC Irvine Medical Center
- WTLC
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OVERVIEW OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DEFINITION: Pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship

- Used to gain or maintain power and control over intimate partner
- Can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological
- Includes actions and threats (DOJ OVW, CDC, WHO)

NATIONALLY: Between 1/4 and 1/3 of U.S. women report being physically or sexually abused by a partner (CDC NISVS 2010)

ORANGE COUNTY: 26% of women have experienced physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner since age 18 (CHIS 2009)





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HDV TASK FORCE PRIORITIES

SYSTEMS GAPS: Between healthcare sector and shelter, social, legal, law enforcement and other services (many already coordinated) that support DV victims and their families in OC

SCREENING GAPS: Local hospitals and community health centers not consistently screening or counseling for DV

OPPORTUNITIES:

- ACA covers screening and counseling for DV
- California residents want their healthcare providers to ask about DV (BSCF Survey 2014)





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HDV PLANNING GRANT

FUNDER: Blue Shield of California Foundation

PURPOSE: To establish a vision for a countywide, integrated and collaborative Health & Domestic Violence System in Orange County

SIX-MONTH PLANNING PROJECT (October 2013 – March 2014)

- Engage key stakeholders
- Needs assessment, literature scan & best practices
- Strategy development
- Recommendations





HDV NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Existing Data

- Secondary Data Sources
- Task Force Member Summaries

Focus Group

- Nonprofit participants (7)
- 90 minutes

Interviews

- Social service & healthcare leaders (13)
- Average of 48 minutes

Surveys

- Healthcare Providers (47)
- Social Service Providers (148)
- DV Shelter Clients (53)



FINDINGS OF HDV NEEDS ASSESSMENT

AWARENESS AND EDUCATION:

- Increase provider and public awareness of DV as health priority
- Create training opportunities
- Overcome cultural norm of fear/shame

ENGAGEMENT AND SCREENING:

- Equip providers with training, tools to engage clients/patients about DV
- Encourage HCP to screen for DV and DV providers to screen for health issues

REFERRALS:

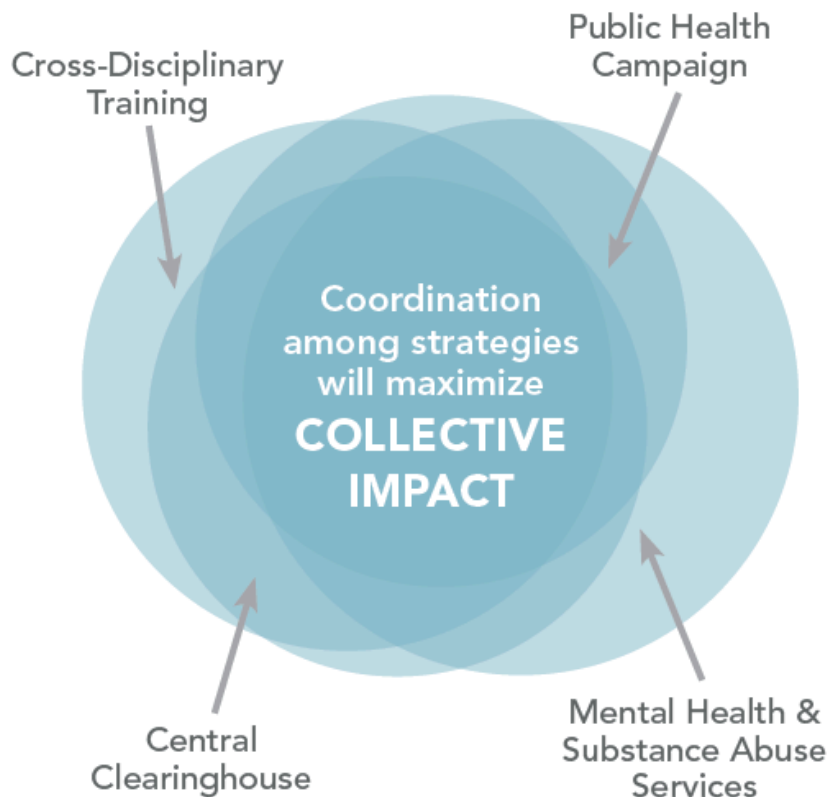
- Maintain updated list of resources and facilitate warm hand-offs
- Reduce barriers to access
- Build capacity for mental health and substance abuse services for DV victims



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VISION: COUNTYWIDE, INTEGRATED & COLLABORATIVE HDV SYSTEM IN OC





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STRATEGY 1: CROSS-DISCIPLINARY TRAINING

On-site CDT for healthcare and social service providers

Objective: To promote consistent DV screening, counseling, and referrals by HCP and SSP





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SAMPLE CDT TOPICS

- Cycle of violence
- Health impacts of DV
- Why and how to screen & counsel
- How and where to make referrals
- Limits of confidentiality & mandatory reporting
- Potential reimbursement
- Other resources for providers





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STRATEGY 2: CENTRAL CLEARINGHOUSE

Establish a comprehensive, up-to-date, and user-friendly Central Clearinghouse for resources and smooth referrals

- Online Database
- Telephone Helpline
- Dedicated DV Webpage





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STRATEGY 3: PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN

PHC Message:

- DV affects your health
- You are not alone
- Help is available from healthcare provider

Objective: To increase awareness of DV as a health issue and reduce stigma around DV





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STRATEGY 4: MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Assess the local need and the county's capacity to deliver Mental Health & Substance Abuse services for domestic violence victims

Objective: To facilitate and increase domestic violence victims' access to MH/SA services





COORDINATION & EVALUATION

- Phasing of strategies
- Consistent branding and messaging
- Streamlined outreach and requests
- Cross-strategy collaboration
- Convening and stakeholder engagement
- Sustainability planning
- Data collection and sharing
- Evaluating for collective impact



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INVESTMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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HDV SYSTEM PROJECT

4 YEAR PROJECT (Oct 2014 – Sept 2018)

- PHASE 1: Start-up and re-granting (7 months)
RFP for Strategies 1-3 in January 2015
- PHASE 2: Strategy implementation (3 years)
- PHASE 3: Wrap-up, evaluation, dissemination (5 months)
- ONGOING: Coordination, data collection, sustainability planning and evaluation



QUESTIONS?





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THANK YOU

HEALTH & DV POLICY BRIEF AVAILABLE

www.ocwomenshealth.org/2014-policy-summit

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