

Trauma-Informed Care and Public Health Practice at the Intersection of Health and Intimate Partner Violence

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PRESENTATION FORMAT: 15 minute oral presentation

TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE: partnerships between public health departments and domestic/sexual violence advocacy organizations

ABSTRACT: This presentation explores the partnership between HAVEN from Domestic and Sexual Violence and North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) in The Dalles, Oregon, as an example of partnering across professions at the intersection of healthcare and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) to improve survivor health and well-being. Developed through Project Connect (via the US Office of Women's Health) and Safer Futures (via the US Office of Adolescent Health) projects, HAVEN and NCPHD share a dynamic partnership that aims to decrease barriers, increase awareness, and provide trauma-informed services to IPV survivors. The partnership has increased both organizations' capacity to provide each survivor with options for improving their physical, mental, and social health. The presentation will consist of a brief overview of the projects funding the partnership, target populations, intervention methods, and current data on the success of the interventions; and will conclude with lessons learned in the field and recommendations for implementation in attendee organizations. Due to time limitations questions will be directed through email following the conference.

OBJECTIVE(S): By attending this presentation individuals will be able to:
identify successful strategies in partnering healthcare and domestic/sexual violence advocacy organizations to improve the health and well-being of survivors of interpersonal violence;
describe the effects IPV can have on survivor health and identify patient symptoms indicative of violence;
formulate plans to integrate trauma-informed care and universal screening for IPV in clinic settings; and decrease barriers to healthcare access for survivors in their communities.

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