

Community-based advocacy in health care settings: Designing and implementing a mixed methods evaluation to demonstrate the benefits of collaboration between D/SV advocates and health care providers

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TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE: Addressing intimate partner violence in health care settings/primary care providers and clinic managers, CCO and OHA employees

ABSTRACT: According to the Oregon Women's Foundation, "Count Her In" report on the condition of women and girls in Oregon, approximately half of the state's population has experienced some form of intimate partner or sexual violence. This has profound personal and systemic costs in terms of health care in Oregon, as the affects of intimate partner violence on health is well documented.

The Oregon Safer Futures Project developed a promising model of integrating community-based advocates for survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence in health care settings to provide unique supports to patients and address the CCO triple aim of better health, better healthcare services at a lower cost. With the support of Portland State University School of Social work they developed evaluative tools to demonstrate the efficacy of the project.

In this session they will share their evaluation tools, evaluation findings, and lessons learned from the project in order to support further development of healthcare and community-based advocacy program partnerships.

OBJECTIVE(S):

- Define intimate partner violence and scope of the problem.
- Analyze the intersections of intimate partner violence and health.
- Identify promising evaluation and data collection tools used to generate information related to the number and types of supports provided by advocates as well as the impact these supports have on a range of health related outputs/outcomes.
- Describe the Safer Futures model including the collaboration between the D/SV agency and health care providers, the specific supports provided by advocates, and examples of the ways in which these supports positively impact health-related outcomes.
- Discuss how this information can be used to develop and evaluate similar partnerships between D/SV advocates and health care providers.

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