

Blue Shield of California Foundation believes that the health and well-being of communities requires a systemic response to end domestic violence that includes healthcare providers who understand the health impact of domestic violence and can act as catalysts for change.

Domestic Violence Health Care Partnerships (DVHCP) Project

- Integrates healthcare and domestic violence systems through community collaborations across California.
- Provides training and support for healthcare providers to improve patient screening and access to domestic violence services.
- Trains domestic violence advocates on providing client access to health care.

Foundation investment since 2014: \$5 million

Model 1

Co-located facility that places a domestic violence advocate in the healthcare setting to support providers and patients.

Model 4

Provider's internal behavioral health department directly connected to domestic violence services.

19 Community Collaborations

Model 2

Onsite health and/or women's health advocate with domestic violence expertise.

Model 3

Offsite domestic violence advocate who has an established relationship with local healthcare provider for direct referrals.

Early Successes

- ✓ **764** healthcare providers have been trained on domestic violence prevention, assessment, and methods of response.
- ✓ **66%** of patients seen at a DVHCP organization reported receiving information about healthy relationships and how to access help, with **60% reporting** that it was either **"very helpful"** or **"helpful."**
- ✓ **82%** of clients reported an increased understanding of the effects of domestic violence on personal health after being seen at a DVHCP organization.

2014

2016

Systemic Change in Action

Health Care Providers Are Now:



Educating patients on healthy relationships



Asking patients direct questions about domestic violence



Connecting survivors to domestic violence services, if abuse is disclosed

Domestic Violence Programs Are Now:



Increasing their capacity to address health needs of their clients



Connecting clients to much needed medical and behavioral health services

Outcomes by 2018

Operational transformation among domestic violence and healthcare service providers.

Fundamental changes to organizational policies and structures.

Strong statewide network among community collaborations.

Widespread improvements in domestic violence prevention, access to care, and needed services for survivors.