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## Call for Abstract Submissions

**Abstract Submission Deadline: Monday, January 13th, 2025 11:59pm PT**



Submit to share your work at the The Futures Without Violence Conference on Health, formerly called the National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence! This conference brings together health professionals, advocates, researchers, survivors, and policymakers and will highlight cutting edge research and practice, and systems change to address domestic and sexual violence, with a focus on preventing violence and promoting health equity. The Conference is planned by the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence, with the support of a multidisciplinary Steering Committee made up of leaders from across health fields and the anti-violence movement. The 2025 Conference is the 25th anniversary and 10th Health Conference we have hosted and we look forward to celebrating with you how far our intersecting movements and fields have come!

### **The National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence**

The Futures Without Violence Conference on Health is a national conference hosted by the [National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#) (HRC). For more than two decades, the HRC has supported healthcare practitioners, anti-violence advocates and experts, survivors, and policymakers as they improve healthcare's response to violence and increase the capacity of domestic violence programs to support survivor health. The HRC and the Futures Without Violence Conference on Health is funded by a grant from the Family Violence Prevention & Services Program, Family & Youth Services Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Learn more about our [values](#).

### **Conference Goals:**

The 2025 Conference seeks to contribute to the reduction and prevention violence and promote the health, healing, and well-being of communities by:

- Creating opportunities to foster connection, engage in reflection, and advance collective strategies
- Offering programming that leaves participants feeling inspired, challenged, renewed, and activated;
- Highlighting promising practices and innovative partnership approaches that address or examine:
  - How domestic and sexual violence impact individual and community health and wellbeing.

- o Connections between domestic and sexual violence, other forms of violence, and systems that perpetuate harm and oppression.
- o Health care, community-based, social justice, and public health prevention approaches to prevent and heal violence.
- Featuring new research about risk and protective factors, physical and mental health effects of violence, health and advocacy-based innovations, and prevention; and
- Featuring health and domestic and sexual violence policy strategies that support improved health and public health prevention and responses to violence.

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Priority submissions will highlight new research, practice innovations, advocacy initiatives, and/or community programs that address the intersections of health and violence or focus on violence prevention.

#### **Who Should Submit:**

- Domestic and sexual violence advocates and others who work in anti-violence movements
- Survivors of domestic, sexual, and gendered violence
- Health care practitioners including but not limited to: community health workers, dental hygienists, dentists, doulas, emergency medical services personnel, geriatric health practitioners, harm reduction outreach workers, health educators, health navigators, HIV care navigators, medical assistants, mental and behavioral health providers, nurse practitioners, nurses, pediatric health practitioners, maternal health practitioners, midwives, physical and occupational therapists, physician assistants, physicians, promotoras, psychologists, reproductive health practitioners, sexual assault forensic examiners, social workers, and others
- Health administrators, health information managers, quality assurance analysts
- Health professional school educators and administrators
- Local/State/Tribal officials and government employees
- Organizers, activists, community leaders
- Practitioners from affiliated or intersecting health equity and social justice movements
- Policy makers and analysts
- Public health practitioners
- Researchers
- Students and campus leaders
- ...and more!

#### **Session Types:**

Please choose a session type that matches the nature of your presentation topic and objectives.

#### **Lightning Talk (5 minutes):**

- 5 minute presentation; will be grouped with reports on similar topics, with a facilitated Q+A.

- Content may include:
  - Brief presentation of results of a research study that builds on existing literature.
  - Brief presentation of a strategy or program that presents new and effective ways of improving the health response to violence, supporting survivor health, violence prevention, or other topics that align with conference goals.
- A two (2) slide deck must be submitted in the months prior to conference, date to be announced. It is recommended that the slides are bilingual in English and Spanish. Recommended resources for translation will be shared.
- Optional: Digital poster.

#### **Promising Practice and Innovation Report (20 minutes):**

- 20 minute presentation; will be grouped with two other reports on related topics, with a facilitated Q+A.
- Presentation of strategy, program, or research that presents new and effective ways of improving the health response to violence, supporting survivor health, violence prevention, or other topics that align with conference goals.
- It is recommended that the slides are bilingual in English and Spanish. Recommended resources for translation will be shared.

#### **Workshop (80 minutes):**

- An 80 minute interactive session designed to strengthen specific, practical skills of participants; or an in-depth, participatory discussion of a single key issue or strategy.
- Sessions prioritized for Workshop presentations will be centered on emerging strategies that are showing promise of addressing violence with a public health approach.
- Workshops must be participatory and utilize adult learning best practices.
- One lead facilitator and a maximum of three additional presenters are suggested.
- It is recommended that the slides and workshop materials are bilingual in English and Spanish. Recommended resources for translation will be shared.

#### **Tracks:**

Choose two tracks that your submission falls under.

- 1. Addressing violence and trauma for children, youth, and across the lifespan:** addressing and preventing child sexual abuse and child abuse; addressing and preventing violence experienced by adolescents and youth; addressing and preventing abuse of older adults; multi-generational health, public health, and violence prevention approaches.
- 2. Innovations in anti-violence advocacy:** Promoting health, wellbeing, and healthcare access in advocacy settings; culturally specific, linguistically appropriate, and community-based approaches to health advocacy; equitable partnerships between advocacy, healthcare, and community-based programs.

- 3. Healing-centered healthcare: Systems change and clinical strategies for supporting survivors and preventing violence:** Healthcare transformation to support the health, safety, and self-determination of survivors; strategies for addressing barriers to care and increasing healthcare access for survivors, including but not limited to reducing economic barriers, harm reduction, cross-sector collaboration, interventions beyond screening and disclosure-based approaches.
- 4. Prevention strategies to address structural and systemic determinants of health:** Violence prevention initiatives working at the individual, community, and structural levels that address root causes of violence; addressing shared risk and protective factors between domestic and sexual violence and other forms of violence; strategies to promote health equity; addressing material conditions that make survivors and communities more vulnerable to negative health outcomes and violence; intersections of health, economic, and racial justice.
- 5. Gendered violence, authoritarianism, and health impacts and strategies:** Making the connection between gender-based violence and political struggles such as imperialism, colonialism, genocide, military occupation and war, and the resulting individual and population health impacts; potential and successful strategies to resist political attacks on transgender people, reproductive, indigenous, and criminalized survivor health access and care.
- 6. Health outside of the clinic walls:** Strategies for promoting survivor, family, and community health and healthcare access outside of clinical settings; community-based strategies for addressing the health impact of abuse and violence; grassroots and culturally specific programs focused on healthcare access, harm reduction, street-based and mobile outreach, and decolonizing health Strategies to support the sustainability of these social interventions eg. innovative models for reimbursements.
- 7. Sexual and reproductive justice and health:** Strategies for ensuring equitable access to high quality reproductive, sexual, and gender-affirming healthcare for survivors; innovations in preventing and addressing reproductive and sexual coercion.
- 8. Promoting worker wellbeing, justice, healing, and safety:** Strategies for ensuring the well-being of people working in DSV advocacy settings, healthcare settings, and public health; workplace safety for survivors across all sectors and preventing backlash; collective power building to move towards economic justice; organizational systems change to support worker mental health, well-being, and prevent vicarious trauma; support for workers who are experiencing violence and abuse.
- 9. Support for people who use violence:** Innovative clinical, community-based, or systems change strategies to support people who use violence in their own behavior change, healing, accountability, and repair.
- 10. Health policy innovation:** Policy strategies that promote survivor health and violence prevention; policies protecting confidentiality and privacy; leveraging Medicaid and payment and reimbursement strategies including what is working in states without medicaid expansion; leveraging health information technology; expansion of healthcare access; mandatory reporting reform; policy and systems recommendations to advocate for universal health care, ending the drug war, medical debt relief, tax relief and charity care.

- 11. Research Methods:** Innovations in study design, methods, measures, promising practices for survivor centered research, community based participatory research, and more.
- 12. Emerging topics:** Submission does not fit into any of the tracks, but aligns with or is related to the conference goals.

### Selection Criteria:

#### Abstracts will be reviewed and scored based on:

- Alignment with conference goals;
- Research, promising practices, or strategies that are innovative, underutilized, or not widely known.
- Clear description of objectives, content, and teaching methodologies to address the educational needs of participants.
- *For 80 minute workshops:* A clear outline on how speakers will incorporate audience interaction, integrating the expertise of participants in the room, and skill building.

#### Particular interest will be paid to submissions that:

- Are led and/or presented by survivors and people with lived experience of the submission topic.
- Consider addressing and preventing intersecting forms of violence, including child abuse, child sexual abuse, trafficking, harassment, stalking, community violence, gun violence, state and political violence, anti-trans violence, and other forms of gendered and intimate violence, in addition to domestic and sexual violence.
- Incorporate analysis, learnings, and shared strategies from intersecting health equity and justice movements including but not limited to: Healing Justice; Disability Justice; Harm Reduction; environmental justice; economic justice; immigrant justice; Indigenous sovereignty, decolonization, and Land Back; justice for people living with HIV and decriminalization of HIV; justice for criminalized survivors; workers' rights; trans and Queer Liberation; Birth and Reproductive Justice; racial Justice; sex worker rights and decriminalization; rural health; trauma informed care.
- Complicate or probe common binaries in the anti-violence movement: staying vs. leaving, practitioner vs. survivor, etc.

**Please note:** The Conference Steering Committee typically receives many more submissions than can be accepted. In order to accommodate the largest number of excellent abstracts, the Committee may need to allocate a shorter time period than requested. Applicants will be given an opportunity to update the description, learning objectives and speaker(s) as appropriate.

### Information Required for Each Submission:

- **Title** (*limit 175 characters*)
- **Short description of presentation for conference app** (*limit 500 characters*)
- **Learning objectives for conference app:** *Describe 3 measurable objectives or purpose of presentation by finishing the prompt: "As a result of participating, attendees will be able to..." (limit 300 characters)*

- **Accessibility and Language Access Needs:** *Please indicate any accessibility or interpretation needs for you to be able to present at this conference. For questions about accessibility at the conference, email [conference@futureswithoutviolence.org](mailto:conference@futureswithoutviolence.org). This information will be blinded to reviewers and will not affect acceptance.*
- **Publication/Presentation Information:** *If you have presented this work at other conferences, if it has been published, or if you have submitted this paper for publication please list name and year here. (Earlier publication/presentation does not jeopardize acceptance.)*
- **Relevant References (APA Format):** *In order for your presentation to count toward participant's continuing education credits, please provide **three (3)**, current academic references that are related to your abstract, in APA 7th Ed. format (provide with link/DOI if available). Two of the three references need to be within the last 5 years; all must be within the past 10 years. APA Citation Generator: <https://www.citefast.com/?s=APA> APA Citation Guide: <https://www.apa.org/ed/sponsor/resources/reference-examples.pdf>*
- **Presenter(s) contact information:** *Provide the following information for each presenter: full name, email address, degrees/credentials, position title, organization, mailing address, phone number.*
- **Short biography for each presenter for conference app:** *(limit 500 characters per person)*
- **Conflict of Interest declaration:** *Each presenter will need to complete their own disclosure form. This declaration will be submitted at the time of abstract acceptance.*

### Abstract text:

This information will be used by reviewers to score abstracts and will not be provided to conference participants. Maximum 4,000 characters, including headings.

### Lightning Talk (5 minutes)

- **Background:** *Provide an overview of the issue, including a brief summary of related research, along with other relevant information. Describe the gap in knowledge, need for the program, strategy, approach, or the research question(s).*
- **Methodology, Framework, or Description of Program:** *Describe the study or program setting and location, design, sample size, description of participants, inclusion/exclusion criteria, data collection methods, measures, analysis plan, and other relevant information.*
- **Results:** *Describe key findings. Interim results may be included for studies that are in- progress at the time of submission.*
- **Discussion and Recommendations:** *Discuss the strengths and limitations of the study, implications for further research, policy or practice, and recommendations. Include clinical or programmatic applications, and other relevant information.*

### Promising Practice Report (20 minutes)

- **Background:** *Provide any necessary overview of the issue, gaps in practice, and needs addressed by the*

*program or promising practice.*

- **Program Description and Goals:** *Describe the intervention, approach, or program and its intended goals. What makes this program unique or pioneering in the field?*
- **Program/Practice Outcomes:** *Describe the experience, results, or outcomes.*
- **Discussion and Recommendations:** *Discuss the implications of the approach, program, or promising practice. What are the lessons learned and logical next steps for this program or practice? What is the impact of this program, practice, or approach on the field? What is the replicability to other settings and communities?*
- **Presentation Methodology:** *Briefly describe anticipated presentation methods if the abstract is accepted (e.g. power point, video, storytelling, etc.)*

### **Workshop (80 minutes)**

- **Background and Need:** *Describe any important background information and demonstrate the need or gap filled by this session.*
- **Workshop Overview:** *Describe the focus of the workshop, placing it in the context of the field in general and the Conference goal in particular, and the specific skills or collective strategies that will be acquired or enhanced. Include a summary, as appropriate, of relevant research, scholarship, or programmatic advances in the field.*
- **Activities and Timeline:** *Describe what the conference participant will experience during the Workshop. What topics will be covered? How will participants engage with the material? How will speakers incorporate audience interaction and integrate the expertise of participants in the room? Include a brief agenda of activities.*
- **Presentation Methodology:** *Briefly describe anticipated presentation methods if the abstract is accepted (e.g. power point, video, storytelling, etc.)*

### **Submission Deadline and Important Details:**

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- Upon receipt of acceptance, you will be required to confirm your participation, declare any conflicts of interest for each speaker, and upload resumes for additional speakers.
- For each abstract that is selected, one presenter will be eligible for discounted registration to the Conference. A separate scholarship application will be available on the conference website when registration opens.
- Notification of abstract acceptance will be made in April 2025. Notification emails will be sent to the primary email provided in your submission, so please double check the email address is correctly entered!
- Having trouble submitting or need access accommodations to submit in other formats? Contact [conference@futureswithoutviolence.org](mailto:conference@futureswithoutviolence.org) for more information.

Ready to submit?



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