Safer Futures Evaluation

Model: Health care providers who are implementing a universal education based Intimate Partner Violence screening tool refer women experiencing IPV to a community-based IPV advocate.

Theory of Change



- Patient Centered, Trauma Informed Care
- Safety Assessment & Planning
- Education and Support





- Increased Safety
- Increased Self-Efficacy
- Reduced Chronic, Toxic Stress





- Improved Health Outcomes
- Reduced Health Cost
- Greater Well-being

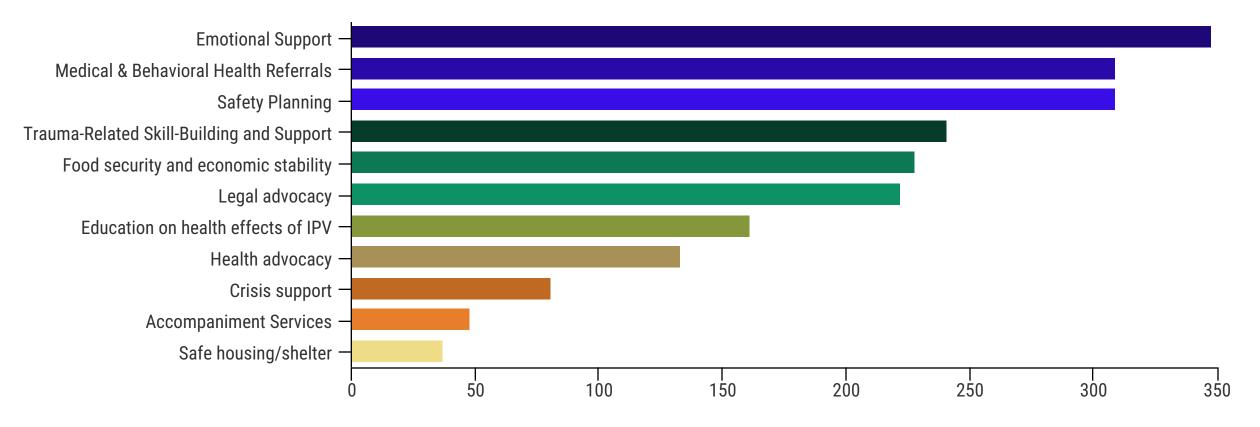
of patients reported that they told their health care provider today about experiencing an unhealthy relationship.

of patients reported they had experienced an unhealthy relationship or been harmed by a sexual partner.

reported that they were likely or very likely to share the information they received with someone they know.

of patients reported that it was helpful or very helpful to receive information about healthy and unhealthy relationships and their impact on their health.

Advocacy Services Provided to Survivors Over 6 Months



"This has been a real game changer.... (it is) not just another screening. (Safer Futures) has helped me see how IPV is significant... Visits aren't longer. We figured out how to do it in a rural federally qualified health center with pretty high risk patients." -- Provider

Impact on Survivors

Survivors described many ways in which advocate services benefited their health and increased access to vital healthrelated services.

After the abuser was arrested, a survivor was traumatized and her "brain wasn't working." It would have been very difficult for her to remember all the things she had to do to qualify for assistance.

Another survivor said that because of the advocate "my baby didn't die." The advocate supported the survivor in reducing stress in order to gain weight during her pregnancy.

Advocates encourage women to advocate for themselves. A survivor credited the advocate with helping her **"to be able to do it myself"**

Impact on Providers

As a result of Safer Futures

- Discussing IPV is now part of visits to the clinics.
- Clinic staff have increased knowledge about how relationships impact health as well as what to do if there is a disclosure of IPV.
- Screening happens which facilitates improved understanding of the patient, trauma, and chronic health conditions.
- Conversations about IPV are normalized and this reinforces the idea that all staff care about IPV and the patient.
- Clinicians and patients have an additional resource for support as well as connections to community resources.

