



DV advocacy and healthcare

An important piece of the
safety puzzle.



Your advocacy practice



- Asking about health and health insurance may not be a usual topic that comes up when talking with a survivor.
- But we know that you understand how DV affects health and the ability to access healthcare.
- So...it may make sense to incorporate this topic into your conversations with some survivors.

Your advocacy practice



Think about healthcare as part of a survivor's plan for safety and stability.

- Listen to the survivor's story with an ear out for health and healthcare issues.
 - Does she have a job? Does it provide health insurance? Is she recovering from an injury? Does she disclose a chronic illness?



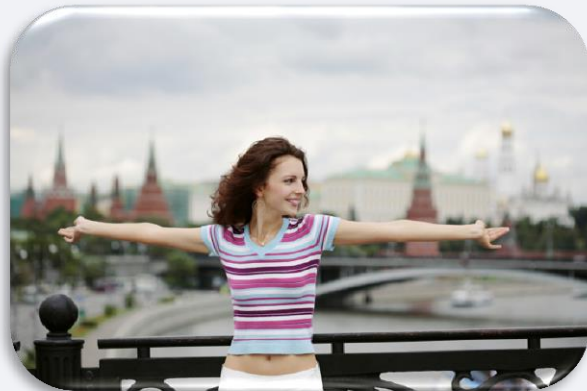
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- Sometimes survivors will identify health related issues as something to address now, and sometimes they may not identify it as a pressing issue.
- If, from a survivor's story, you think that the lack of healthcare or health insurance might be impeding her goals, talk to her about the connections you see and ask her if she wants help figuring this out.

The Bottom Line

- Being able to adequately take care of your health and your children's health makes you more autonomous.
- When a survivor feels that she is able to make her own decisions about herself and her children that ultimately makes her safer.



Access to healthcare is a powerful tool for reaching this goal.

