

**Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Distance Learning Course**

*Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise  
DV, Health and Healthcare*

**Lesson 3 - Experiential component**

This Scavenger Hunt is from ***In Our Shoes: The Next Steps** A Domestic Violence Advocate's Guide to Working for Economic Justice in Your Community.*

Look through the activities listed below and choose at least 3 items to do. Take notes to make the most of your experience.

1. Does your community have a free or low-cost health clinic? If so, go there and sit in the waiting room for 30 minutes. What is it like? Talk with the head nurse if possible and find out whether the clinic routinely screens for domestic violence. If they do not, offer sample questions that the clinic could consider adding to their intake sheet. Are there any signs posted or brochures about domestic violence in the waiting room or in the women's bathroom? In what languages? If not, return another time with brochures and flyers. Write down the location and contact information for the clinic.
2. Visit the emergency room at your local hospital. Talk with the head nurse if possible and find out whether the clinic routinely screens for domestic violence. If they do not, offer sample questions that the clinic could consider adding to their intake sheet. Is there any information about domestic violence in the waiting room or in the women's bathroom, and in what languages? If not, return another time with brochures and flyers.
3. Find out where immigrants and farm workers in your community go to access healthcare. Write down the location and contact information for the clinic. When is the clinic open? Talk with the head nurse if possible and find out whether the clinic routinely screens for domestic violence. If they do not, offer sample questions that the clinic could consider adding to their intake sheet. What languages are brochures and flyers needed in?
4. Go to your state's medical administration website and look at what health insurance programs are available for low-income people (if any). Is there a subsidized health insurance program for adults without children? If so, is there a waiting list? Get applications to bring to your office.

5. Does your state offer health insurance programs for low-income children? What are the income requirements? Are there monthly premiums? What kinds of healthcare do the local high schools provide? Do they have any information about dating violence available? If not, provide schools with brochures and flyers and introduce yourself to the school nurse(s) and counselors.
6. Are there any low-cost dental programs in your area? If yes, find out what and where they are and bring information to your office. If not, make contact with local dentists to see if they would be willing to provide dental care for battered women on a sliding scale.
7. Connect with your local health department and meet the public health nurses who do home visits in the community. Let them know about your services.
8. How can persons who are temporarily (or permanently) disabled—as a result of domestic violence or otherwise—obtain healthcare coverage? What conditions are eligible and are there adequate funds to cover the need?