



Request for Proposal (RFP)

Policy Support for the National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse (NHCVA)

February 1 – December 31, 2026

Background

The [National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse](#) (NHCVA) is an independent coalition of national medical, health, and public health organizations convened by Futures Without Violence (FUTURES) to advance federal policy solutions addressing violence and abuse across the lifespan, with a particular focus on children, families, and survivors.

In 2025, NHCVA conducted several successful engagements, including targeted outreach, an in-person convening in the spring, and a virtual meeting in July. Activity slowed later in the year due to a challenging and fast-moving federal policy environment for public health, Medicaid, and prevention-focused programs. Looking ahead to 2026, FUTURES is interested in re-energizing NHCVA as a focused, high-value policy collaborative that supports member advocacy staff with timely analysis, light-lift engagement opportunities, and coordinated federal strategy.

FUTURES, in partnership with Uncorked Advocates, is seeking a policy subcontractor to support this work.

Purpose of This RFP

We are seeking proposals from experienced federal health and violence-prevention policy professionals to support NHCVA policy strategy, coalition engagement, and federal coordination during calendar year 2026.

The selected subcontractor will:

- Update and refine NHCVA's policy strategy to reflect current law and congressional dynamics, including the impacts of H.R. 1/One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) on Medicaid and survivor access to care;
 - Support federal appropriation programs and offices that reach survivors led by Uncorked Advocates;
 - Leverage recent momentum on child trauma, including ACERT-related language included in the Senate Armed Services Committee report accompanying the FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and recent introductions of the bipartisan RISE from Trauma Act.
 - Help reposition NHCVA as a credible, nimble resource for policymakers and member organizations;
 - Actively support re-engagement of NHCVA member organizations through relationship-based outreach.
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Scope of Work (Draft)

Proposers should review the attached background materials and propose refinements to the following scope.

1. Strategy Refresh & Policy Positioning (Q1–Q2 2026)

- Review and update prior NHCVA strategy documents, including the 2025 work plan and recent HR 1 analysis.
- Identify 3–5 priority federal policy opportunities for NHCVA engagement in 2026, with emphasis on:
 - Child trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs),
 - Medicaid access and implementation risks for survivors under OBBBA;
 - Violence prevention and trauma-informed health system responses and funding.
- Prepare a concise, member-facing policy roadmap outlining opportunities, risks, and recommended engagement.
- Incorporate input from NHCVA member organizations through targeted 1:1 outreach, leveraging existing relationships where possible to inform priorities and strategy.

2. Coalition Engagement, Relationship-Building & Convenings (Throughout 2026)

- Support planning and facilitation of up to three (3) NHCVA convenings (virtual or in person).
- Draft agendas, briefing materials, and post-meeting summaries.
- Conduct proactive 1:1 outreach to NHCVA member organizations to re-engage policy staff, assess interests, and encourage participation in convenings and policy activities. This can include introducing policy staff to existing NHCVA member representatives.
- Leverage existing professional relationships with medical, health, and public health associations where applicable, and work collaboratively with FUTURES and Uncorked Advocates to prioritize outreach to key organizations.
- Maintain light-touch coordination to ensure activities are relevant, respectful of members' time, and additive to existing advocacy efforts.

3. Federal Policy Engagement

- Develop light-lift engagement opportunities for NHCVA members (e.g., sign-on letters, briefings, targeted Hill or agency outreach).
- Coordinate with FUTURES and Uncorked Advocates on timing, messaging, and audience.
- Track and summarize relevant legislative and administrative developments affecting NHCVA priorities and translate them into actionable options for member organizations.

4. Ongoing Coordination & Advising

- Participate in regular check-ins with FUTURES and Uncorked Advocates.
- Provide ad hoc policy analysis, drafting, and strategic advice as needed.
- Support long-term positioning of NHCVA as a trusted health-sector policy resource on violence, abuse, and trauma-informed approaches.

Deliverables

Anticipated deliverables may include:

- Updated NHCVA policy strategy memo
 - Increased NHCVA policy staff engagement and participation
 - Member-facing policy roadmap or briefing document
 - Meeting agendas and summaries
 - Draft letters, one-pagers, or policy briefs
 - Periodic written policy updates
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Timeline

- **Contract period:** February 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
 - **Workload:** Ongoing, with flexibility to scale based on federal activity
 - **Estimated commitment:** Part-time, consistent monthly support
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Budget

- **Not to exceed:** \$4,000 per month
 - Proposals should briefly describe how time would be allocated across major activities.
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Proposal Submission

Interested candidates should submit:

1. A brief written proposal (2–4 pages) addressing:
 - Relevant experience
 - Proposed refinements to the draft scope
 - Approach to supporting NHCVA in 2026, including coalition engagement

2. A short resume or professional bio
3. Optional: examples of relevant policy or coalition work

Selected candidates will be invited to a short interview call with Uncorked Advocates and Futures Without Violence.

How to Submit

Please submit proposals by Thursday, January 22, 2026 to: Sally Schaeffer, President, Uncorked Advocates at sally@uncorkedadvocates.com. All quality proposals will also be shared with Futures Without Violence, and invited for short virtual interviews the week of January 26th.