



NHCVA

NATIONAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE
ON VIOLENCE AND ABUSE



WHO WE ARE

The National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse (NHCVA) is unique as an independent, nonpartisan medical and public health coalition dedicated to shaping **health policy on the impacts** of violence and abuse across the lifespan.

NHCVA traces its roots to the National Advisory Council on Violence and Abuse, a multidisciplinary initiative originally convened through the American Medical Association that helped elevate violence and abuse as critical public health issues.

For more than 20 years, NHCVA members have educated policymakers to prevent violence and abuse in all forms, including child abuse, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse. Our members represent nearly one million health professionals with deep expertise.

We know that public health approaches to preventing and addressing violence and abuse work. Our coalition brings health expertise to partner with policymakers to create bipartisan progress.

We provide policymakers with the latest evidence, educational resources about the policies that prevent violence and abuse, and consensus policy recommendations.



WHAT WE DO

NHCVA is a focused, high-value policy collaborative that supports member advocacy staff with timely analysis, light-lift engagement opportunities, and a coordinated federal strategy.

NHCVA members benefit from ongoing issue updates, timely opportunities to engage on relevant policy issues, and connection to a community of partners with complementary expertise.

Among the materials and activities we organize for coalition members are:

-  Blue Ribbon Panels on key issues at the intersection of violence, abuse, and health
-  Congressional briefings and meetings to educate policymakers and their staff
-  Opportunities to participate in low-lift, coordinated advocacy opportunities
-  Educational virtual sessions



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We welcome medical, public health, and other organizations interested in promoting bipartisan policy solutions to prevent and address violence and abuse across the lifespan.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

The data show clearly that violence and abuse have significant health impact and costs to society.



New analysis shows child maltreatment costs society over **\$2 trillion** in lifetime expenses—but for every \$1 invested in prevention through economic and concrete supports, taxpayers save an estimated **\$2.75 to \$5.46**, making early intervention not only a moral imperative but a fiscal one.



63.9% of U.S. adults reported at least one adverse childhood experience (ACE) such as abuse and neglect; **17.3%** reported four or more ACEs.



41% of women and **26%** of men experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime.



The total lifetime social cost per IPV victim is **\$103,767** for women and **\$23,414** for men, when counting costs including medical care, lost productivity, and criminal justice.



Over **400,000** older adults experienced assaults in 2022, and the average medical cost of their emergency department treatment was over **\$18,000**.



Research shows that older adults who experience abuse face substantially higher rates of hospitalization, nursing home placement, depression, and premature death, with some studies finding mortality risks **40% higher** or more among victims.



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Together, we can strengthen the health sector's role in preventing violence and abuse across the lifespan.