Preventing IPV through Partnerships between Home Visiting Programs and IPV Agencies

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Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a pervasive public health issue worldwide. In the United States, estimates show around 41% of women and 26% of men report an experience of physical, sexual or emotional abuse by a romantic partner in their lifetime. The prevalence and severity of IPV is known to intensify during pregnancy and carries with it a unique set of intergenerational consequences for the expectant family.

Cross-sector partnerships between organizations with expertise that span the prevention continuum are a promising approach to reduce the toll of IPV on families and communities.

With expertise spanning research and policy, IPV and early childhood services, and local systems change, experts from PolicyLab, Maternity Care Coalition, and The Office of Domestic Violence Strategies for the City of Philadelphia co-created this issue brief to elevate the need for a public health approach to IPV prevention and examine how early childhood home visiting programs and IPV services can partner in such prevention efforts.

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