

BEYOND SILOS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIPS

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Welcome to the 6th Annual Beyond Silos: Domestic Violence and Health Care Partnerships Conference! This convening reflects our shared commitment to breaking silos across health care, DV advocacy, public health, and community systems to better support survivors across Los Angeles County. Violence impacts health in profound ways—physically, emotionally, and socially—and disproportionately harms communities already facing inequities. Through this symposium, we will center survivor voices, learn from lived expertise, and strengthen cross-sector collaboration to advance trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and equitable care for all impacted by violence and abuse.

Beyond Silos was created to elevate leaders advancing innovative partnerships between the health and DV sectors to improve survivor health and access to care. This year feels especially dire as we navigate shifting policy landscapes, funding challenges, and growing demands on our safety net systems. Strategic action, sustained partnership, and bold collaboration remain essential to moving this work forward.

We'll explore the intersections of IPV with health care access, housing supports, and evolving health policy—while examining how Medi-Cal innovations, prevention efforts, and coordinated referral systems can reduce barriers for survivors navigating complex systems. Survivor voices will guide us in shaping more responsive, accountable, and integrated systems of care.

The Leadership Council for Domestic Violence and Health Care (DVHCLA) remains committed to advancing IPV as a public health issue—one that demands multidisciplinary leadership, survivor-centered policy, and sustained investment. Since 2017, this work and this convening have been made possible through the continued investment, trust, and partnership of the Blue Shield of California Foundation. We are deeply grateful for their steadfast support in helping to build and strengthen health and DV collaboration across Los Angeles County.

As we gather this year, we do so with deep appreciation for the partnerships, innovation, and shared commitment that have defined this movement. We thank our funder, our speakers, sponsors, community leaders and champions, and each of you for being part of this journey. May today inspire renewed collaboration and continued commitment to building systems that truly support healing, safety, and prevention for all.

Sincerely,

The Leadership Council for Domestic Violence and Health Care



AGENDA

6th Annual
Beyond Silos: Domestic Violence and Health Care Partnerships
Thursday, March 19, 2026

8:30-9:00am

Registration + Breakfast
Exhibitors

9:00-9:20am

Welcome + Opening Remarks

- Yasmin Tarver, MPA, Director of Workforce Development, Jenesse Center, Inc., DV + Health Care Leadership Council Member
- Carolina Morales, Senior Program Officer, Blue Shield of California Foundation

9:20-10:15am

From Survival to Strategy: Turning Policy Change into Opportunity

- Sandra Henriquez, CEO, Valor
- Krista Colón, Executive Director, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
- Priya Batra, MD, MS, FACOG, Deputy Director, Health Promotion Bureau, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

10:15-11:00am

CalAIM for DV: Opportunities, Pathways and Considerations

- Alison Tudor, Senior Consultant, Integrated Human Services Group

11:00-11:15am

Break
Exhibitors, Self-Care + Quiet Rooms and Mobile Health

11:15-12:20pm

What's Changed, What's Possible: Navigating Housing Pathways for Survivors in LA County

- Chanel Smith, Senior Advisor on Women & Family Homelessness, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health
- Molly Rysman, Director of System Coordination and Engagement, Los Angeles County, Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH)
- Hazel Lopez, Manager, Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention, Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSAs)
- Sarah Whitman, Domestic Violence Systems Alignment Senior Coordinator, Los Angeles Housing Services Administration (LAHSA)
- Jerry Jones, Executive Director, Greater LA Coalition on Homelessness

12:20-1:30pm Lunch
Exhibitors, Self-Care + Quiet Rooms and Mobile Health

1:30-1:50pm **Drum Circle**

- Richa Jauhari, Rhythm Together

1:50-2:00pm Break | Transition time after drum circle

2:00-2:45pm **Survivors at the Intersections: Voices on Care, Crisis, and Resilience**

- Moderator: Rebeca M. Melendez, M.A. Hum, Program Director, LA General, Wellness Center, East Los Angeles Women's Center

2:45-3:00pm Break
Exhibitors, Self-Care & Quiet Rooms and Mobile Health

3:00-3:55pm **Making Networks of Care Visible: Mapping DV and Health Care Partnerships**

- Anat Schwartz, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, California State University, Dominguez Hills
- Mayra Romo, Director of the Center for Advocacy, Prevention & Empowerment (CAPE), California State University, Dominguez Hills

3:55-4:05pm **Remarks from The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls**

- Dr. Rita Gallardo Good, Chair, California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

4:05-4:30pm **Closing Remarks**

- Dr. Regina Smith, President, Los Angeles County Commission for Women
- Lizbet Pérez, Survivor, Speaker, Author
- Yasmin Tarver, MPA, Director of Workforce Development, Jenesse Center, Inc., DV + Health Care Leadership Council Member

4:30-6:00pm Networking Reception



SELF-CARE + QUIET ROOMS

Please visit the Self-Care room (located in Mojave) and the Quiet Room (located in Catalina).

EXHIBITORS

- Los Angeles Domestic Violence and Health Care Leadership Council
- Department of Public Health, Sexual Assault Council
- The National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence, a project of Futures Without Violence
- Los Angeles County Commission for Women - Violence Against Women and Girls Committee
- California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
- Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, PROMISE
- West Adams Leimert Park Family Source Center

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| SPEAKER BIOS

In order of appearance

Yasmin Tarver, MPA (she/her)



Yasmin Tarver currently serves as Director of Workforce Development at Jenesse Center, where she leads strategic partnerships and oversees entrepreneurship, vocational education, social enterprise, employment, health education, and permanent supportive housing programs. Jenesse Center provides comprehensive, culturally competent, trauma-informed services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and their children. With over 25 years of experience, Yasmin is a steadfast advocate for unserved and underserved communities, advancing housing stability, homelessness response, workforce development, and health equity initiatives across Los Angeles County.

Yasmin practices equity-centered, survivor-informed leadership and navigates complex public systems with political acuity and operational rigor. She regularly collaborates with government agencies, community organizations, funders, policymakers, and those with lived experience to strengthen coordinated responses that promote safety, stability, and economic mobility. She is one of the founding members of the Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Council and sits on the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, Violence Against Women and Girls Committee. As a Public Voices Fellow, she uses her voice to advance equity and systems change. In 2025, she received the City of Los Angeles Dr. Marjorie Braude Award for improving services and collaborative leadership for domestic violence victims and survivors.

Carolina Morales, MSW (she/her)



Carolina Morales, MSW, is a senior program officer leading the Foundation's programs to end domestic violence. She is a queer Latina immigrant who has dedicated nearly 20 years to advancing community wellness and racial justice through direct service, systems change, and advocacy with communities of color, immigrants, and formerly incarcerated people.

Carolina spent a decade at Community United Against Violence (CUAV), serving as co-executive director and advancing transformative justice approaches that centered Black and Brown survivors. She has also held key public leadership roles, including legislative director at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors—where she helped establish the nation's first ombudsperson's office for sexual violence survivors—and violence prevention director at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, where she developed community-informed alternatives to incarceration. She earned her BA in Psychology and Master of Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley.

Sandra Henriquez, MBA (she/her)



Sandra Henriquez has led VALOR since 2010, helping to elevate the profile of sexual and gender-based violence, the work of Rape Crisis Centers, dual sexual and domestic violence programs, and workplace, worker-led transformational efforts throughout California. She has worked in the movement to end sexual and domestic violence since 1985. Under her leadership, she has helped transform VALOR's culture and strategies by centering and amplifying the voices and experiences of those who are most marginalized, working to create systemic change, and creating strategic partnerships to support cultural shifts within multiple industries, and with systems on behalf of incarcerated victims of sexual violence, immigrants in detention, farmworkers, and janitorial workers throughout California.

Krista Colón (she/her)



Krista has served as the organization's Executive Director since the Spring of 2025, and has worked at the coalition for over a decade. She has advocated on behalf of survivors and service providers, and has successfully advocated for over \$330 million in new funding for victim services and prevention as well as securing the passage of legislation to address the wide range of issues impacting survivors. Her experience addresses economic justice, housing and homelessness, prevention, immigration, and alternatives to the criminal legal system. She regularly represents the Partnership on various state-level committees and task forces.

Krista has consistently worked to support advocates and activists to build their skills and develop their leadership, with a particular focus on supporting their policy advocacy skills. In 2024 she received the Foundation's Dr. Beatriz María Solís Award, recognizing her willingness to mentor, share expertise, and relationships that has strengthened community leaders and impacted community led policy advocacy to create a more just and vibrant future for all Californians. Krista received her Master's degree in Public Policy with a concentration in Social Policy from American University and received a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from California State University, Long Beach.

Priya Batra, MD, MS (she/her)



Priya Batra is Deputy Director of the Health Promotion Bureau at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. As Deputy Director, she oversees the Department's seven Offices and Divisions that work alongside community to promote optimal health and wellbeing for the 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. She is a physician leader with a decade of experience as a health care executive, in roles across health care delivery, managed care, and public health systems. She is an accomplished health services researcher; as an Adjunct Physician Policy Research with the RAND Corporation, she continues to advance knowledge in the area of reproductive health equity using a variety of quantitative and qualitative methods. Dr. Batra is a Board-certified Obstetrician Gynecologist and continues to provide high quality and compassionate care to patients in the County's safety net system.

Alison Tudor (she/her)



Alison Tudor is a Senior Consultant with Integrated Human Services Group, LLC, bringing over 18 years of expertise in social services and community-rooted work. She specializes in helping DV organizations, community-based providers, and school systems navigate California's complex healthcare landscape, particularly CalAIM implementation and Medi-Cal billing pathways. Through learning collaboratives, individualized technical assistance, and comprehensive toolkits, Alison supports organizations in building capacity to become CalAIM providers and transition to sustainable fee-for-service models. Her broader consulting portfolio includes strategic planning, grant writing and management workforce development, and organizational capacity building. Before her consulting career, Alison served for a decade as Executive Director of Alliance for Community Transformations, where she oversaw programs addressing DSV, human trafficking, substance use recovery, and homelessness. Alison holds a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Gender-Based Violence from the University of Colorado-Denver and has published peer-reviewed research on protective order statutes in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* and *Violence Against Women*.

Chanel Smith (she/her)



Chanel Smith has spent the last 15 years working to enhance services available for marginal and vulnerable populations. She currently serves as the Senior Advisor for Homelessness with the Department of Public Health. Prior to her current position she served as the Executive Director of the County of Los Angeles' Women & Girls Initiative. Chanel has worked with the City of Los Angeles's Community Investment for Families Department where she managed the City's comprehensive programming for survivors of Interpersonal Violence including the programs to address the intersection of DV and homelessness. In her previous role as Policy

Director for DV and Vulnerable Populations at the Los Angeles Mayor's Office, she oversaw the city's gender based violence initiatives which include the Domestic Abuse Response Team, Sexual Assault Response Teams, Family Justice Centers, and other city-based strategies for ensuring the safety of LA's most vulnerable residents. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Chanel oversaw Project Safe Haven, the largest comprehensive response to DV during the pandemic in the world. Chanel has received numerous accolades for her work including: 2024 Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of Women-Woman of the Year-Equity Award, 2020 Recipient of the County of LA's Excellence in Public Service Award, the 2020 State of California's Partnership to End Domestic Violence's Partnership Award, and the 2021 Woman of Distinction award from California Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell for her work with the DV and Human Trafficking populations.

Molly Rysman (she/her)



Molly Rysman has been advancing solutions to homelessness grounded in principles of housing, racial, and economic justice for over 20 years, including over 15 years working in deep partnership with people with lived experience of homelessness. She's helping to stand up LA County's new Department of Homeless Services and Housing, where she serves as Director of System Coordination and Engagement. Previously, she served as Chief Program Officer for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and as Senior Homeless and Housing Deputy for LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. She also served as LA Director for Corporation for Supportive Housing, where she launched the CSH Speak Up program. In 2017, Molly received a Stanton Fellowship and created the Reframing Homeless Solutions project and co-hosted the Housing Justice LA podcast. Her career started as a Peer Advocate at a homeless youth drop-in center.

Hazel Lopez (she/her)



Hazel Lopez is the Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention Manager at the LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency. In this role, Hazel is responsible for helping renters avoid eviction, displacement, and homelessness. RPHP achieves this by making funds available for a comprehensive combination of renter protection and homelessness prevention services within an integrated, accessible, countywide approach. As a lifelong advocate, Hazel considers herself a community impact leader within the prevention, homelessness and housing space. Although she is presently driving on prevention specific work, the entirety of her career has always been focused on serving individuals facing an immediate housing crisis. Hazel spent the first 14 years of her career in the homeless service sector, leading high-level initiatives like Coordinated Entry System in the Metro LA Area as well as managing several housing focused programs like Time Limited Subsidies and the Measure H funded Homelessness Prevention Program. During her tenure at The People Concern, Hazel worked to expand service access for diverse, underrepresented populations as well as participated in policy development and implementation measures to expand the efficacy of service delivery for chronically homeless populations.

Sarah Whitman-Stewart (she/her)



Sarah Whitman-Stewart (she/her) is the Sr. Coordinator, Domestic Violence Systems Alignment at LAHSA. In her role, Sarah creates system change to support domestic violence survivors in Los Angeles, supports policy creation and implementation, and launched the Centralized Access Project. Sarah is also the co-lead of the Systems and Funding Committee through the DVHSC, where she works on local policy and funding advocacy. Sarah previously served as the Policy Associate at Rainbow Services and played an integral role in getting SB 914 to the governor's desk. Sarah has a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California and graduated Summa Cum Laude from UC Santa Barbara.

Jerry Jones (he/him)



Jerry Jones is Executive Director of the Greater LA Coalition on Homelessness, a network of more than 60 service providers and supportive housing developers. He is the former Executive Director of the National Coalition for the Homeless, National Field Director of the National Alliance to End Homelessness, and Policy Director at Inner City Law Center.

Rebeca M. Melendez, M.A. Hum (she/her/ella)



Rebeca M. Melendez has acquired over 30 years of experience in creating, developing and implementing programs for non - profit community-based organizations, including 26 years of crisis intervention and advocacy work with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence; focusing her work largely on under resourced communities of color. Currently Rebeca oversees crisis response, advocacy, intervention, empowerment, provider education programs offered by East Los Angeles Women's Center at Los Angeles General Medical Center, Keck USC, The Wellness Center and Family Justice Center located at the Historical General Hospital. Rebeca is a graduate of Mount St. Mary's University and holds a Masters degree in Humanities with a concentration in Cultural Studies.

Anat Schwartz, Ph.D. (she/her)



Anat Schwartz (she/her) is a transnational feminist scholar of sexual and digital violence, reproductive justice, and community-based research. She is Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at California State University, Dominguez Hills, and Director of the South Bay Justice and Care Lab. Her work examines how gendered violence, digital technologies, and institutions shape marginalized communities, with a focus on survivor-centered and justice-oriented approaches.

Trained in East Asian Studies with a feminist emphasis (Ph.D., UC Irvine), Dr. Schwartz uses ethnography, archival research, and participatory action research to collaborate with activists, service providers, and community partners. She is also co-founder of California Queer History, a public history initiative preserving and amplifying stories of queer activism across the state.

Mayra Romo (she/her/ella)



Mayra Romo is the Director of the Center for Advocacy, Prevention & Empowerment (CAPE) at California State University, Dominguez Hills. With more than 15 years of experience as a domestic violence and sexual assault counselor-advocate, she supports survivors through crisis response, safety planning, and systems navigation. At CSUDH, she leads confidential survivor advocacy services and strengthens partnerships between the campus and community organizations. Mayra also serves on the Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Council, collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to improve cross-sector responses and

increase survivor access to care. She is pursuing a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership for Justice at CSUDH, where her research focuses on building capacity among sexual assault and domestic violence counselor-advocates, including training, professional judgment, and navigating complex institutional systems while prioritizing survivor-defined needs.

Dr. Rita Gallardo Good (she/her)



Dr. Rita Gallardo Good is the Chair of the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls and has devoted more than 30 years to public service across higher education, state agencies, the Legislature, and local government. She most recently served as Vice President of Partnerships and Policy Engagement for the Campaign for College Opportunity, strengthening statewide coalitions focused on equity and student success. Previously, she was the Senior Associate Vice President for Public Affairs and Advocacy at Sacramento State, where she

was the highest-ranking Latina on campus and led statewide advocacy and public-facing initiatives. Her career also includes leadership roles at CalSTRS, CalPERS, and in the California State Senate.

A first-generation college graduate, Dr. Gallardo Good earned degrees from Los Angeles Harbor College, the University of La Verne, and Sacramento State, where she completed her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. She lives in Long Beach with her husband, Ross.

Dr. Regina Smith (she/her)



Dr. Regina Smith exemplifies fearless leadership through her advocacy for students', women's, and cancer survivor's rights. As a Vice President of Los Angeles Community College District, Dr. Smith faithfully and successfully fights for social justice, educational equity, and inclusion for the underserved. Upon completing her second Master of Arts degree, she wrote a thesis on women of color experience at historically white universities. Dr. Smith's doctoral dissertation from the University of Southern California (USC) was on factors that hinder and promote over 200 women's advancement in higher education. She has also been an educator and leader in health services, as a senior consultant for the California State Legislature Health Committee. She Chaired the Los Angeles County Baldwin Hills American Cancer Society Relay for Life, where she provided current research and data trends. She was also the lead fundraiser, advocate for cancer survivors and care givers, and educator to the community on cancer prevention. As a Commissioner on Women, Dr. Smith's goal is to create a gateway to educate and build strong alliances and resources to assist women in accessing doors that would otherwise be closed.

Lisbet Pérez (she/her/ella)



Lisbet Pérez is a passionate advocate for survivors of domestic violence, leveraging her personal experience as a young immigrant mother who overcame domestic violence to empower others. In her professional role as a Victim Advocate, she creates a bilingual supportive community for survivors through advocacy, peer-coaching, and education. A sought-after public speaker, Lisbet shares her experience globally, inspiring action and sparking crucial conversations about inclusive spaces for survivors. Her tireless efforts have created safer, survivor-led spaces for immigrant women and families impacted by abuse, making a significant local, national and international impact.

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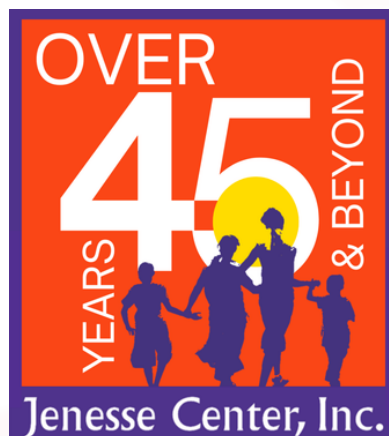
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