

Safer Futures Evaluation

Model: Health care providers who are implementing a universal education based Intimate Partner Violence screening tool refer women experiencing IPV to a community-based IPV advocate.

Theory of Change



- Patient Centered, Trauma Informed Care
- Safety Assessment & Planning
- Education and Support

39% of patients reported that they told their health care provider today about experiencing an unhealthy relationship.



- Increased Safety
- Increased Self-Efficacy
- Reduced Chronic, Toxic Stress

55% of patients reported they had experienced an unhealthy relationship or been harmed by a sexual partner.

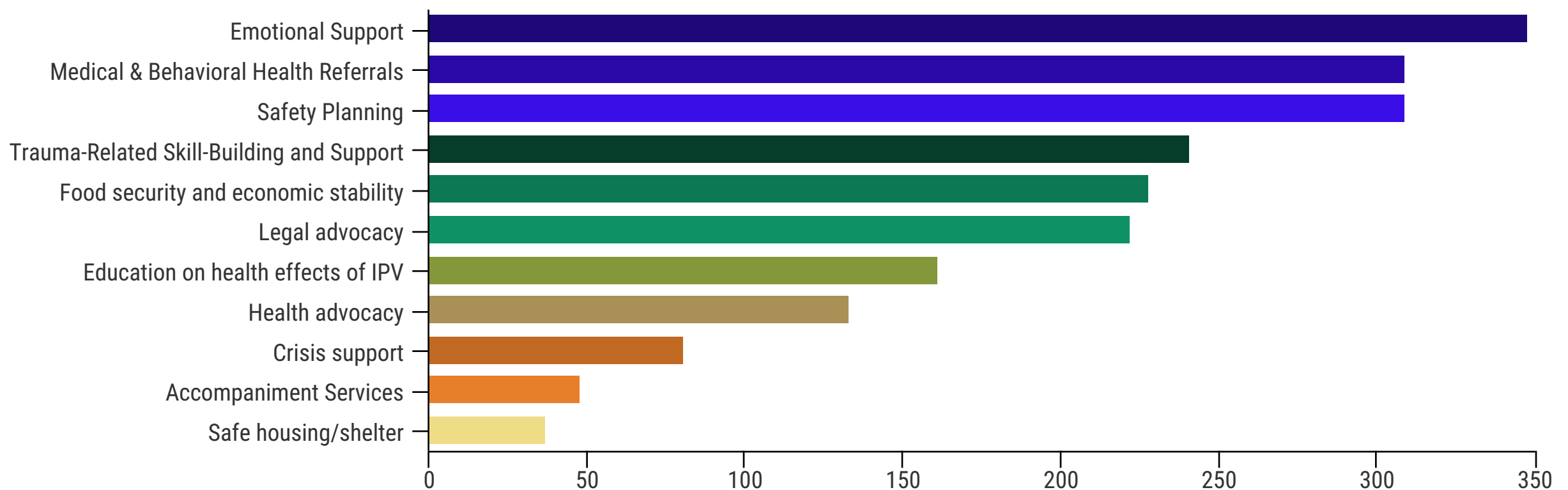


- Improved Health Outcomes
- Reduced Health Cost
- Greater Well-being

68% reported that they were likely or very likely to share the information they received with someone they know.

69% of patients reported that it was helpful or very helpful to receive information about healthy and unhealthy relationships and their impact on their health.

Advocacy Services Provided to Survivors Over 6 Months



"This has been a real game changer.... (it is) not just another screening. (Safer Futures) has helped me see how IPV is significant... Visits aren't longer. We figured out how to do it in a rural federally qualified health center with pretty high risk patients." --Provider

Impact on Survivors

Survivors described many ways in which advocate services benefited their health and increased access to vital health-related services.

After the abuser was arrested, a survivor was traumatized and her **"brain wasn't working."** It would have been very difficult for her to remember all the things she had to do to qualify for assistance.

Another survivor said that because of the advocate **"my baby didn't die."** The advocate supported the survivor in reducing stress in order to gain weight during her pregnancy.

Advocates encourage women to advocate for themselves. A survivor credited the advocate with helping her **"to be able to do it myself"**

Impact on Providers

As a result of Safer Futures

- Discussing IPV is now part of visits to the clinics.
- Clinic staff have increased knowledge about how relationships impact health as well as what to do if there is a disclosure of IPV.
- Screening happens which facilitates improved understanding of the patient, trauma, and chronic health conditions.
- Conversations about IPV are normalized and this reinforces the idea that all staff care about IPV and the patient.
- Clinicians and patients have an additional resource for support as well as connections to community resources.

