

Community Hospital Opportunities



- Consider your community hospital as a strategic partner
- SB 697 requires hospitals to provide community benefits to justify tax exempt status
- Every three years a Community Needs Assessment must be completed to drive Community Benefit Plan



- Review plan for references to domestic violence
- Review Office of Statewide Planning & Development for profitability of your community hospital
- Review Annual Reports to the Community provided by your community hospital for profitability and community benefit



- Evaluate facilities of each community hospital for potential space to co-locate program
- Have your highest ranking collaborator, community leaders, & members who have major influence meet with President /CEO of the community hospital selected



- Utilize information from above plus the following:
 - It is estimated 1 in 5 women will be abused during pregnancy
 - Homicide during pregnancy now surpasses automobile accidents as the leading cause of death
 - Pregnant women have a higher risk of experiencing violence during pregnancy than they do of experiencing problems such as high blood pressure, gestational diabetes or premature rupture of membranes



- The incidence of violence in pregnancy may range from 4 to 17%. These figures may significantly underestimate the problem, as many women do not report their experience of violence.
- 1 in 6 abused women report that her partner first became abusive during pregnancy. According to the Center for Disease Control at least 4 to 8% of pregnant women (over 300,000) per year report suffering abuse during pregnancy



- In addition, your community hospitals are usually among the largest employers in your service area
- The majority of hospital employees are women
- Annually, compared to males, females experience over 10 times as many incidents of violence by an intimate. This translates to 572,032 violent victimizations at the hands of an intimate compared to 48,983 incidents committed against men.

