



Media Advisory

For Thursday, May 16 at 1 pm EDT

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Top Federal Leaders to Share Strategies for Addressing Domestic & Sexual Violence & Harassment @ Work

Needs Assessment of State Workplace Protections for Survivors to be Released

Senior federal government leaders who are taking unprecedented steps to make workplaces safe for people facing domestic or sexual violence or harassment will discuss recent progress and the work still ahead Thursday at **Workplace Solutions: Addressing Domestic & Sexual Violence & Harassment @ Work**. The online and in-person event will take place:

Thursday, May 16th, 1:00pm - 2:30pm ET

With

Wendy Chun-Hoon, Director of the Women's Bureau at the U.S. Department of Labor

Rosie Hidalgo, Director of the Office of Violence Against Women

Maya Raghu, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Chair Charlotte A. Burrows at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Brigid Schulte, Director of Better Life Lab at New America

Ana Lopez van Balen, Vice President of Economic Security & Justice at Futures Without Violence

Esta Soler, Founder & President, Futures Without Violence

Media can register for the online event here: <https://bit.ly/4ad6vXt>.

Research shows few survivors are aware of the state and federal workplace protections designed to protect and support survivors. But there are gaps in protections that need to be filled, so all survivors will be able to take leave and qualify for unemployment, even if they voluntarily leave their jobs because of abuse. At Thursday's event, Futures Without Violence leaders will discuss findings from conversations with hundreds of survivors, employers, and state agencies about the state-level employment protections now in place for survivors, and the gaps in these state-level protections, which can reduce the economic insecurity survivors face if they are pushed out of their jobs due to abuse.

Futures Without Violence runs the federally funded national resource center, [Workplaces Respond to Domestic & Sexual Violence](#).

To attend Thursday's event in person in Washington, D.C. or to receive an embargoed copy of the needs assessment on Wednesday, May 15, a day ahead of the event, contact Lisa Lederer at lisa@prsolutionsdc.com.

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ABOUT FUTURES WITHOUT VIOLENCE:

For more than 35 years, FUTURES has been providing groundbreaking programs, policies and campaigns that empower individuals and organizations working to end violence against women and children around the world. Striving to reach new audiences and transform social norms, FUTURES trains professionals such as doctors, nurses, judges and athletic coaches on improving responses to violence and abuse. FUTURES also works with advocates, policymakers and others to build sustainable community leadership and educate people everywhere about the importance of respect and healthy relationships. More information is available at www.futureswithoutviolence.org.