

A photograph of three young women standing with their backs to the camera, arms crossed, against a light blue background. The woman in the center is Black with her hair in a large, intricate braided bun, wearing a bright yellow V-neck t-shirt and blue jeans. She has a small gold hoop earring and a thin gold chain necklace. To her left is a woman with long, wavy hair that is pink at the ends and brown at the roots, wearing a maroon t-shirt. To her right is a woman with long, straight brown hair, wearing a blue and white horizontally striped t-shirt and blue jeans. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

OVERVIEW AND EVIDENCE ON PILLARS OF THE U.S. NATIONAL PLAN TO END GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

*Discussion Guide to Accompany
PowerPoint Slides*

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

This slide deck and guide were prepared by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Global Women's Health and Gender Equity to support state and local partners in introducing the guiding principles and key priorities of the National Plan to their constituents.

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The information presented in this slide deck comes from two separate sources:

1. The White House. (2023). U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence: Strategies for Action. May 2023. <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/National-Plan-to-End-GBV.pdf>
2. Evidence Brief for Key Priorities of the U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence. Johns Hopkins Center for Global Women's Health and Gender Equity and Bloomberg American Health Initiative. Baltimore MD. Prepared by Kristin Bevliaqua, Patricia Mahoney, Madison Bates, & Michele R Decker. 2026.

PURPOSE

This slide deck was created to provide state and local partners a ready-to-use tool to introduce National Plan guiding principles and priorities to a wide variety of constituent groups: organizational leadership, front-line staff, advocates, lawmakers, funders, and cross-sector partners.

ELEMENTS

Slides were created with minimal text, along with accompanying presentation notes in the notes field. Presentation notes are not intended as a strict guide to be followed word for word, but rather offer context and supportive text that presenters may choose to follow or not, depending on their audience and goals.

ACCESSIBILITY

The PPT contains Alt Text for screen readers.

SUGGESTED USES

How a partner uses this slide deck will depend on their specific needs and goals. Some suggested uses include:

- **Educate community members** about the U.S. National Plan and its role in GBV prevention and response.
- **Raise awareness** about research-informed GBV priorities and evidence-based solutions—within sector, or to foster cross-sector coordination.
- Explore National Plan guiding principles in reference to an identified GBV priority area to **guide action planning**.
- Explore National Plan goals and objectives as a framework for coordinated local action, and within specific priority areas to **guide action planning**.
- Use National Plan priorities to **contextualize** local data, **identify actionable gaps** at the local level, and use national learning to **inspire and guide local solutions**.
- **Identify areas of unmet need**.
- Use as an introduction to state-level or local-level data, with the goal of **identifying Plan-aligned opportunities for action**.
- Use as an introduction to state-level or local-level policy or programmatic needs, priorities, and/or planning, using the Plan's framework to **inspire and advance local action**.

GATHERING AN AUDIENCE

Convening a discussion using the National Plan to guide local action can be most impactful with a carefully selected set of participants, using participatory methods that encourage interrogation of local data and unmet needs alongside the Plan as a framework for action, with a focused discussion on one or more priority areas where action can be most effective.

Key suggested participants include:

- State and local violence advocacy coalitions
- Front-line service providers responding to GBV, including volunteer crisis responders and sexual assault nurse examiners
- State, city, and community leadership spanning health, justice, housing, and economic sectors
- Individuals with lived experience, using trauma-informed practices