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Uzuri Holder is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the Program Manager for the Violence Recovery Program at Duke since 2021. She developed this Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program, the second of its kind in North Carolina, which launched in September 2022. Uzuri also spearheads the NC HVIP Collaborative, which meets bi-monthly for peer learning and development. Uzuri is also on the advisory board for the NC Office of Violence Prevention. She coauthored an article for the NC Medical Journal on the rise of HVIPs in the state.

With 20 years of experience in the field of social work, Uzuri has held significant roles, including Manager for Social Work in the Emergency Department, Cancer Center, and Med/Surg at NYC Health + Hospitals Queens. There she also served as the Victim Services Coordinator, assisting survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking. Throughout her career, Uzuri has worked in child welfare, specifically foster care and preventive services, as well as mental health.

Through her personal and professional experiences as a woman of color, Uzuri is passionate about working with marginalized and disenfranchised communities, helping them navigate systems to address poverty, healthcare, mental health, violence, and other issues. Uzuri holds an undergraduate degree in Human Services with a concentration in psychology from St. John's University and a Master's in Social Work from Hunter College School of Social Work. Uzuri is a certified Violence Prevention Professional and is licensed to practice Mental Health in New York and North Carolina.