



NATIONAL NETWORK
TO END DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE

Safe Housing for Survivors: DV/SA Housing First and Rapid Rehousing

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Housing Justice Network

DV & Housing TA Consortium

Four Federal Agencies

- Family Violence Prevention & Services Program/HHS
- Office on Violence Against Women/DOJ
- Office for Victims of Crime/DOJ
- Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs/HUD

Four Technical Assistance Providers

- National Alliance for Safe Housing (NASH)
- Collaborative Solutions, Inc. (CSI)
- National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDDV)

SAFE HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS

The new website for the Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium

UNDERSTANDING THE INTERSECTIONS

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

EMPLOYING KEY APPROACHES

PUBLIC POLICIES

- Data, infographics, literature reviews, and reports that describe the intersections between domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, and housing
- Strategies for building effective and sustainable partnerships across systems and case studies of successful collaborations
- In-depth resource collections organized around four key approaches to addressing and preventing housing instability among survivors
- Access to relevant federal laws, regulations, and policies

Have questions? Need TA? Want training?
Contact the Consortium directly through the site!

Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium
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National Landscape

2017

HEALS Act: Helping
End Abusive
Relationships Act

2018

HUD CoC DV Set
Aside for DV
Survivors RRH

2020

End Family & Youth
Homelessness

An Array of DV Survivors' Housing Options

*Crisis response
and safety*

Emergency
Shelter

Immediate safety &
confidentiality
Comprehensive advocacy
Exploration of options
Supportive services

*Recovery and
stabilization*

Transitional
Housing

Financial assistance
Economic and employment
support and advocacy
Specialized services to
address impact of abuse

*Housing and
economic stability*

Permanent
Housing

Housing First/Rapid rehousing services
Affordable and subsidized housing
Home purchase assistance
Specialized services to address impact
of abuse
Prevention-help remain safely in homes

*Safety Planning, Advocacy, Access to Trauma-Informed Services to increase Housing
Stability*

Why DV Housing First?

DV shelters lack capacity;
many prioritize high
current DV danger

Over half of survivors who
identify a need for
housing services don't
receive them

Survivors often faced with
choice of return to abuse
or coping with chronic
homelessness with little
hope of housing

DV Housing First: wscadv



DV Housing First Tenets

- Meeting survivors where they are
- Accompanying survivors on the journey
- Safety planning
- Holistic focus, not just housing

- Individualized flexible funding
- Funding not limited to rent assistance
- Engagement is often not linear

Mobile
Advocacy

Flexible
Engagement

Trauma-
informed
Practice

Community
Engagement

- Establish emotional safety
- Restore control
- Facilitate connections
- Recognize trauma healing is not linear

- Partnerships with housing providers
- Partnerships with other community resource providers
- Systems change

Core Components of Mainstream RRH

1. Housing Identification

- *Recruit landlords, address barriers, help secure a unit*

2. Rent and Move-In (Financial) Assistance

- *Support quick move out of homelessness and stabilize in permanent housing; typically six months or less*

3. RRH Case Management and Services

- *Make supports available to aid stabilization*

RRH for DV/SA Survivors?

Confidentiality: Some survivors need/want confidentially-located shelter; Need for personal data kept confidential

Some face high barriers and may need long-term subsidy or master-leasing

Others want to return to/remain in previous housing once abuser vacates

Many survivors want to establish themselves and their children ASAP in a neighborhood setting – Rapid Re-housing may be a good fit

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RRH DV-Specific Considerations

Landlords
may
anticipate
trouble
w/ abuser

Survivors
may have
no or
negative
housing
history,
bad credit

Survivors
may have
pets they
can't
leave
behind

Housing
in high-
crime
areas may
trigger
trauma

Some
locations
unsafe
due to
abuser's
proximity

DV RRH Services, support and systemic issues: DV-Specific Considerations

Trauma impacts (survivor and children)

Ongoing legal issues

Fears about child custody, deportation

Isolation from social supports

Interrupted/sabotaged employment history

Ruined credit from abuser, bad credit, inexperience with finances

Criminal record

Chemical dependency

Stalking-prone abuser

Gender and racial discrimination in housing markets

Displacement/gentrification and lack of affordable housing

Employment discrimination and pay inequity

Additional Considerations

- Training for all staff—cross systems training
- Survivor-led safety planning and housing location
- Education/advocacy with landlords
- VAWA housing protections/rights
- Prepare survivor to talk about impact of DV on housing history
- Flexible period of rental subsidy
- Provision for second (or third) placement if safety becomes compromised: Emergency Transfer Process
- Partnerships
- Trauma-informed approach
- Informed consent, opting in around data storage and sharing

Considerations in Working Within Cultural Communities & COCs

- In urban areas, affordable housing may not be available in traditional neighborhoods of some cultural communities due to gentrification
- Survivor's ties to cultural community may present housing location challenges; must balance safety with access to natural support systems
- Relocation to available affordable housing may create displacement and further trauma and loss (such as Native American survivors who must move off-reservation)

Questions and Discussion



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