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**JOIN US**

We meet regularly as a working group to discuss housing issues, housing opportunities, housing policy, and best practices in supporting survivors.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

We support survivors in accessing and maintaining housing by answering questions, explaining available options, and providing support on common housing issues that survivors experience.

**DOING THE WORK**

We regularly advise and help survivors get their locks changed, terminate their lease, or transfer their subsidy after their housing is affected by gender-based violence.

**TRAINING**

We work with survivors, their support networks, and other important housing stakeholders to explain housing legal protections and obligations under local, state, and federal law.

We also provide training on best practices in supporting survivors in housing and creating safe and inclusive spaces.

**GATHERING DATA**

We request and utilize data about where gender-based violence is happening in subsidized housing and how housing policies are being enforced against survivors.

**SHARING INFORMATION**

We collect information about housing programs and resources so that we can share it directly with survivors who need help.

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We review and collaborate on housing policies for survivors, including admissions decisions, preferencing, or Violence Against Women Act Emergency Transfer Plans. Confidentiality is key for making housing safe.

We provide leadership in developing shelter and housing approaches that are trauma responsive, confidential, and safe for individuals and families escaping abuse and violence.

We advocate for approaches that are led by survivors’ needs and wants and focus on ensuring survivors are stably housed first, before moving on to other supports needed.

- Survivors are the best people to identify what they need and how they can stay safe. We support survivors in leading the process, identifying their goals, and deciding what is safe for them.
- Housing is a primary barrier to leaving an abusive relationship and reaching safety. As such, housing should be addressed first. Everything else can be figured out later.
- We work to limit barriers to leaving unsafe housing or accessing safe housing (such as requiring third-party documentation, delays in transferring housing subsidies, or charging penalties to ending a lease early).

We address policies that unfairly target survivors in housing and advocate against discrimination or retaliation based on GBV, including crime-free/nuisance ordinances or other systems that penalize survivors for contacting emergency services or for the acts of the people harming them, having an order of protection, or moving for their safety.

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