

# HOUSING ADVOCACY AT THE NETWORK



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.

## POLICY + IMPACT WORK



We create housing policy that is survivor-led, trauma-informed, and accessible to survivors with disabilities or limited English proficiency.

We help communities prioritize survivors in housing and create affordable housing options.

We challenge housing policies that adversely or unfairly impact survivors, like crime free ordinances or rules that hold survivors responsible for the acts of the people harming them.



## JOIN US



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



## NEED HELP?

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# HOUSING VALUES AT THE NETWORK

## SURVIVOR-LED HOUSING FIRST APPROACH.



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).



## TRAUMA-INFORMED, CONFIDENTIAL, AND SAFE HOUSING.



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 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.**



## ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES.



We address survivor-specific needs in housing, including **making housing accessible to survivors with disabilities or who have limited English language proficiency** as well as preventing discrimination or retaliation based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or having experienced gender-based violence.



## FAIR HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS.



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.



## REACH OUT!

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