



Housing Advocacy and Beyond

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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

Five Technical Assistance Providers

- National Alliance for Safe Housing (NASH)
- Collaborative Solutions, Inc. (CS)
- National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV)
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)

Panel Discussion

- Introduce the Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium (DVHTAC) and DV/SA mainstream and culturally specific organizations and credit building agencies expanding housing resources to survivors
- Provide a national overview of the critical intersection of domestic violence, race and homelessness/housing
- Learn about best practices when adapting and implementing HUD and other federally and locally funded housing programs
- Highlight federal funding opportunities and innovative approaches and research to support expanded housing options



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National Network to End Domestic Violence



NNEDV is a social change organization dedicated to creating a social, political and economic environment where violence against women no longer exists.

- NNEDV's Collaborative Approach to Safe Housing for Survivors Project provides training and technical assistance to improve coordination between domestic violence and homeless services.
- NNEDV's Safety Net Project addresses the intersection of technology and abuse, and provides training and technical assistance to advocates, law enforcement, legal services, social services providers, survivors and other stakeholders.





Good Credit is an Asset

We help organizations move people from poverty to prosperity by supporting credit building:

- **Programs**
- **Practitioners**
- **Products**
- **Policies**



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INDIVIDUALLY WE POWER CHANGE.
TOGETHER WE POWER A MOVEMENT.

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Daya's mission is to empower South Asian survivors of domestic and sexual violence through culturally specific services and to educate the community in an effort to end the cycle of abuse.

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services

- Long-term, holistic case management
- Crisis intervention
- Long-term mental health treatment
- Assistance with safety planning, protective orders, police reports and public benefits
- Legal consultation and representation
- Financial assistance for housing, legal services, transportation, childcare and education
- Support provided in multiple South Asian languages

THE PROBLEM

Housing instability is 4x more likely for women who have experienced domestic violence



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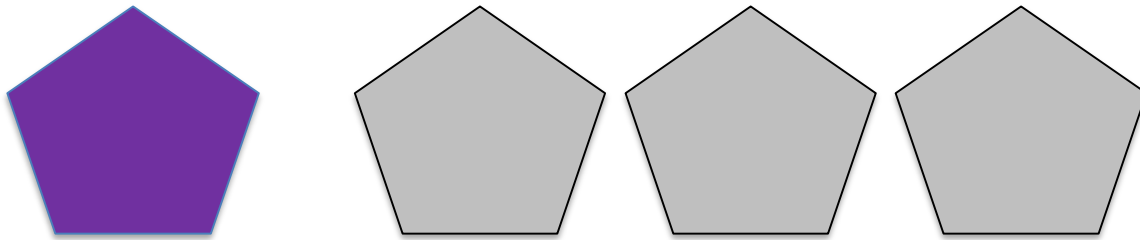


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THE PROBLEM

One in four homeless women cite domestic violence as a major contributor to their homelessness



Domestic Violence & Homelessness

Barriers to Safety: Understanding the Intersection

As a direct result of the power and control dynamics related to their abuse, survivors often face unique barriers to accessing shelter and affordable housing.

Poor Credit & Ruined Rental Histories



Often caused by abusers running up credit card bills or lying about paying rent, utilities, childcare and other bills. This affects a survivors' ability to pass a landlord background check.

Lack of Steady Employment



Caused when victims are forced to miss work as a result of violence, or are fired as a result of stalking and harassment that occurs at the workplace.

Housing Discrimination



The most common cases of this occur when landlords evict victims from housing due to repeated calls to the police or property damage caused by the abuser.

Loss of Subsidized or Other Affordable Housing



Caused by lease or voucher policy violations committed by the abuser.



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Intersectional Lens – Race & Homelessness

SPARC – Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities – a project of the Center for Social Innovation, began working with 8 communities across the U.S. in 2016 to understand racial inequities in homelessness.

They found that:

- Over 78% of people experiencing homelessness were people of color. By comparison, the general population of the U.S. is almost 74% White, 12% Black, and 17% Hispanic/Latinx.
- Rates of Native American homelessness were also disproportionately high. In SPARC communities, homelessness among American Indian/Alaskan Natives was 3 to 8 times higher than their proportion of the general population.

Among people experiencing homelessness in SPARC communities

82.6% of young adults ages 18-24

73.1% of single adults 25+

70.3% of family members

are people of color.*



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SPARC collected 175 oral histories from people of color experiencing homelessness and conducted 21 focus groups.

- People did not become homeless because of lack of financial resources, but rather as a result of fragile social networks marked by two weak points: *lack of financial capital and lack of emotional support.*
- SPARC calls this phenomenon “network impoverishment” – not only is the individual or family experiencing poverty, but the network itself functions in an impoverished state.



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UNDERSTANDING THE INTERSECTIONS

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

EMPLOYING KEY APPROACHES

PUBLIC POLICIES

- **Information on 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
 - **Comprehensive resource collections on key approaches** to addressing and preventing housing instability among survivors
 - **Access to relevant federal laws, regulations, and polices**
- Use the site to [Contact the Consortium for technical assistance and training!](#)

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