

DVHTAC COVID-19 Special Topic Series

Emergency Transfers

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Federal Partners

- 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
- US Interagency Council on Homelessness

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 (NRCDV)
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)
- Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)

Race and Homelessness in the U.S.

- Over 78% of people experiencing homelessness were people of color – ***General population of the U.S. is almost 74% White, 12% Black, and 17% Hispanic/Latinx***
- Rates of American Indian/Alaskan Native homelessness were also disproportionately high – ***3 to 8 times higher than their proportion of the general population***
- ***DV/IPV/SV a common thread across genders and age ranges of people of color experiencing homelessness***

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.*



COVID-19, Housing, and Racial Equity



- As of April 28, black Americans are dying at 2.6 times the rate for whites, or 26 deaths per 100,000 people
- Many states are effectively erasing Native Americans from their data sets by classifying them as “other” – states tracking the demographic have found severely disparate rates of infection or death

COVID-19, Housing, and Racial Equity (continued)



- Research suggests that racial residential segregation is a fundamental cause of health disparities
- Communities of color disproportionately live in neighborhoods that are further from grocery stores and medical facilities due to historical racial discrimination and redlining in housing policies
- Many people of color live in federally assisted housing, including public housing and Section 8 programs that are often in segregated neighborhoods with less investments

Emergency Transfers: Overview

NASH's mission is to ensure that survivors of domestic and sexual violence have a full range of survivor-defined safe housing options, through improved access, increased resources, and innovative solutions, ultimately catalyzing a safe housing movement.

Our vision is to create a world where safe housing is a right shared by everyone.



Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

- What do VAWA's housing protections do?
- Who does the law apply to?
- What housing programs does VAWA cover?
- What housing rights do survivors have under VAWA?

VAWA Emergency Transfer Requirements

- Federal rules and guidance
 - Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - USDA Office of Rural Development (RD)
- Technical requirements
- Practical challenges

VAWA Emergency Transfers: Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Other Federally Subsidized Housing Programs

ABOUT US

The Shriver Center on Poverty Law fights for economic and racial justice. Over our 50-year history, we have secured hundreds of victories with and for people living in poverty in Illinois and across the country. Today, we litigate, shape policy, and train and convene multi-state networks of lawyers, community leaders, and activists nationwide. Together, we are building a future where all people have equal dignity, respect, and power under the law. Join the fight at povertylaw.org.



VAWA Emergency Transfers: Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Other Federally Subsidized Housing Programs

Family Break-Up & Other Safety Strategies Options for Providers and Victims

VAWA Emergency Transfers: Promising Practices, Strategies and Considerations for Continuums of Care (CoC)

Promising Practices, Strategies and Considerations for CoC's

- Review for operability
- Centralized liaison at the CoC/Balance of State (BoS) via Coordinated Entry System
- Expanding emergency transfer coverage to include emergency shelter, bridge housing, other short-term housing options
- Expanding definition of program participant/tenant to include individuals & families at motels/hotels
- Ensure funding recipients have immediate access to funds for security deposits, first months rent, etc.
- No documentation requirement
- Release of Information (ROI)

VAWA Emergency Transfers: Los Angeles Homeless Services Agency's (LAHSA) Interim VAWA Emergency Transfer Policy

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) as an independent, joint powers authority. LAHSA is the lead agency in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, which is the regional planning body that coordinates housing and services for homeless families and individuals in Los Angeles County. LAHSA coordinates and manages federal, state, county, and city funds for programs that provide shelter, housing, and services to people experiencing homelessness.



VAWA Interim Emergency Transfer Plan

- Who does it cover?
- What does it look like?
- What documents are needed?
- How are transfers being tracked?

Consortium COVID-19 Resources

- **Safe Housing Partnerships:** <https://safehousingpartnerships.org/news/>
- **NASH:** [DV and Housing-Related Coronavirus Resources](#)
- **NNEDV:** [COVID-19: Coalition Guidance for Programs by the National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)
- **NRCDV:** [Preventing & Managing the Spread of COVID-19 Within Domestic Violence Programs](#)
- **NSVRC:** [Resources for Covid-19 Response](#)
- **CSI:** [HUD and DV Resources -Covid-19](#)

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Discussion/ Questions



Take a Short Survey: What survivor and/or staff needs are you seeing during COVID?

The Domestic Violence and Housing Assistance Technical Consortium (DVHTAC) is asking all of our Special Topic Series participants to complete a short survey about survivor and staff needs during the COVID crisis. The survey will take about 5-7 minutes to complete. We will be using this information to better meet the needs of programs and survivors.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PP5SHXB>

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