# Supporting Survivors in Achieving Permanent, Affordable, Safe, and Accessible Housing

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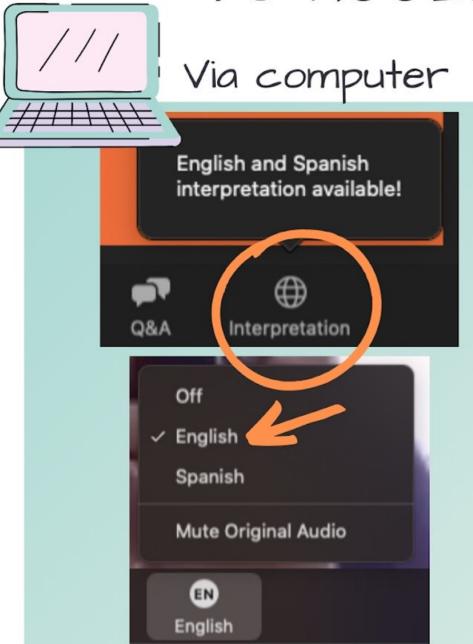


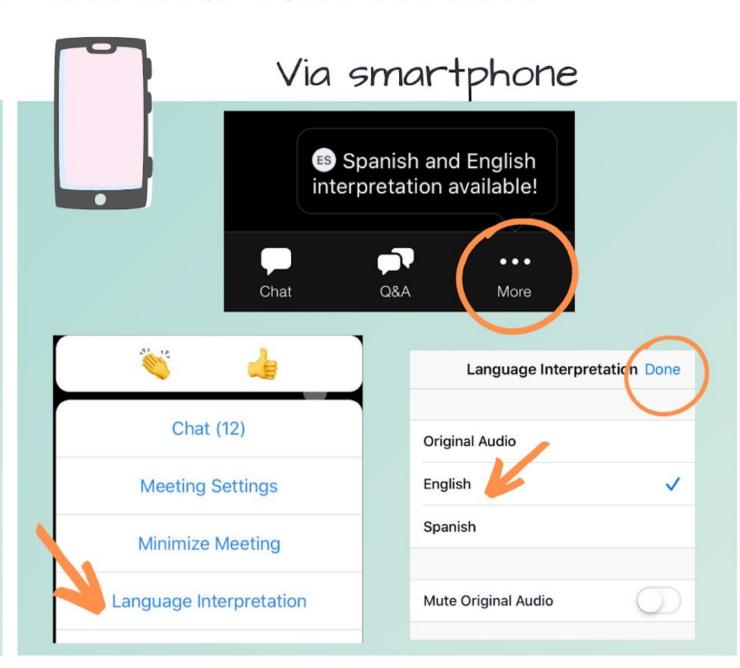
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## Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium (DVHTAC)

#### FEDERAL PARTNERS

- Family Violence Prevention and Services Program/HHS
- Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs/HUD
- Office for Victims of Crime/DOJ
- Office on Violence Against Women/DOJ
- US Interagency Council on Homelessness

#### TA PROVIDERS

- Collaborative Solutions, Inc.
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- National Network to End Domestic Violence
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center
- Safe Housing Alliance
- Safety, Training, Technical Assistance, Resources and Support (STTARS) Indigenous Safe Housing Center



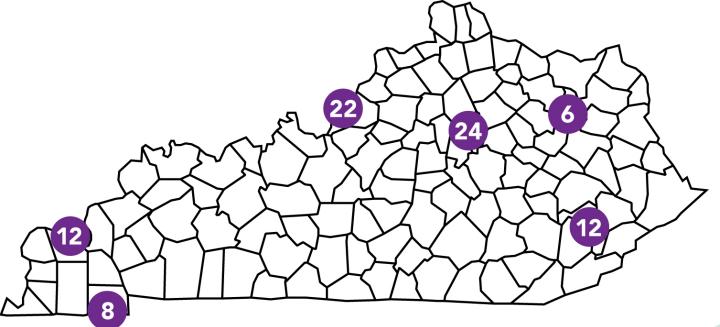
## Housing Development



### 84 units of housing in five communities

5 KCADV member programs refer families, provide advocacy

Over 250 families housed since 2011





KDVA Homes - 2011

21 units on campus of Center for Women and Families in downtown Louisville. Rental assistance via LMHA. Graduation vouchers available.





## Morehead

Families in six townhouse-style units in the Appalachian foothills receive rental assistance through the DOVES and **KCADV** housing grants.



SAFE HOUSING

#### **Paducah**

- Residents of 12 duplex-style units on shelter campus receive rental assistance through Section 8 housing vouchers from city of Paducah
- Graduation vouchers available







KCADV Homes Lexington

24 apartments

\$4.6 million project

Rental assistance via LMHA block grant

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## Third Project Hazard KY Nov 2019

Fair housing complaint settled in September 2019

Tax credits awarded in 2017 for \$2.78 million project in the Appalachian mountains



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## **Coming Home!**





Think about the future:
picnic area, playground, and utility bills



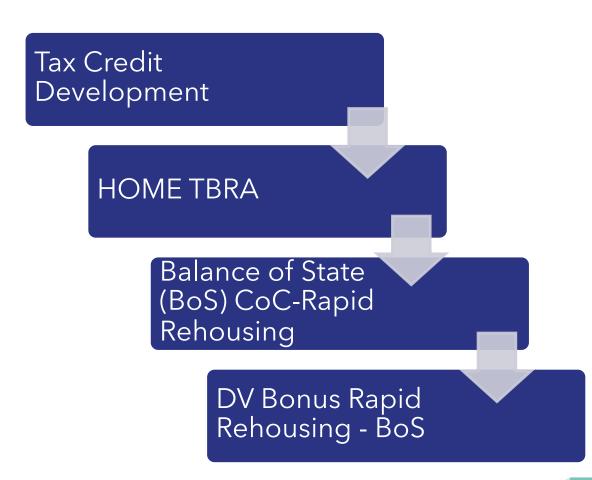
# FUNDING TO SUPPORT HOUSING



## Why did KCADV get into the housing business?

- >Housing is the No. 1 request from survivors in our programs
- ➤ Kentucky needs more safe, decent affordable housing. Through development, we are increasing the stock with well-built, energy-efficient homes
- >Operating rapid rehousing housing allows us to provide supportive services and connect survivor households to permanent housing
- >We've been in a position to provide assistance and attention at critical junctures to delay or avert evictions

# Current Housing Resources at KCADV



SAFF HOUSING

## **VSPs and Coordinated Entry**

- ➤ Regional VSPs actively participate in all 15 regional Local Prioritization Communities (LPCs) for Coordinated Entry; 2 are the lead agency for their LPC
- KCADV developed language to use with survivors during Coordinated Entry triage process
- ➤ KCADV goal of protecting survivor's privacy in development and implementation of Coordinated Entry System
- ➤VSP Inclusion Process for KY BoS Coordinated Entry rooted in national best practice from NNEDV and HUD

# KCADV-A Strong Leader In Supportive Housing Best Practices

- >We practice Housing First use of evidence-based, low-barrier, housing-focused practices
- Emphasis on rehousing survivors when initial housing placements fail rather than exiting them from program
- Partnered with KHC to provide 2-day intensive best practice training on low-barrier shelter practices and housing-focused case management to VSP and homeless service CoC member agencies
- >Work to build strong landlord relationships that facilitate faster housing placements

# The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit drives affordable housing development in the US



The **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit** program is responsible for 90% of affordable housing production



Created under the Tax Reform Act of 1986



Works as an incentive for investors to provide capital for low-income housing projects



A portion of the housing must serve low-income families who earn no more than 50%-60% of the Area Median Income for at least 30 years



Typical rents are not affordable for very poor families (less than 30% AMI), so rental assistance is a must for "supportive housing" projects



## Building permanent housing through LIHTC

- ►Initiated by set-aside in 2007 QAP. First round of credits created 48 units in Louisville, Paducah, Morehead, and Murray that opened for occupancy in 2011.
- >2<sup>nd</sup> award derailed by NIMBY response in Hazard resulting in Fair Housing lawsuit
- >3<sup>rd</sup> award created 24 units in Lexington that opened for occupancy in late 2016/early 2017
- >4<sup>th</sup> award created 12 units in Hazard that opened for occupancy in November 2019
- >All projects have rental assistance and supportive services
- > Recent application was not selected for funding. We will resubmit.



## Development: A unique collaboration:

KCADV, our programs and property management company work together to:

## -KCADV/Developer

Ensure vacancies are filled smoothly

## -Member Programs

Quickly resolve problems with rental assistance, maintenance

## -Property Management

Support residents and address issues before they lead to eviction/loss of housing

Flexible Funding is key

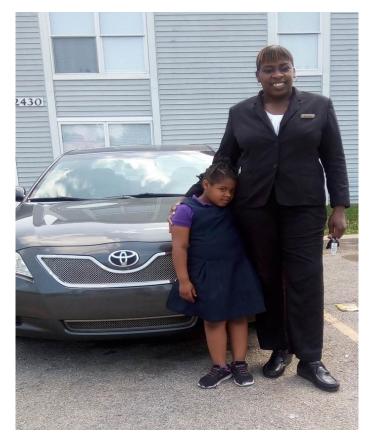


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# What can happen when we meaningfully invest in people





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