DVHTAC COVID-19 Special Topic Series

From Shelter Model to Mobile Advocacy

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Federal Partners

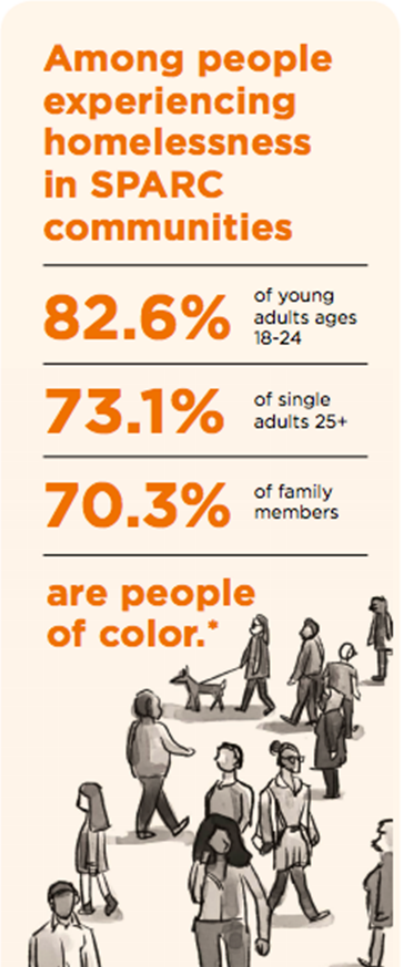
- Family Violence Prevention & Services Program/HHS
- Office on Violence Against Women/DOJ
- Office for Victims of Crime/DOJ
- Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs/HUD
- US Interagency Council on Homelessness

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***



COVID-19, Housing, and Racial Equity

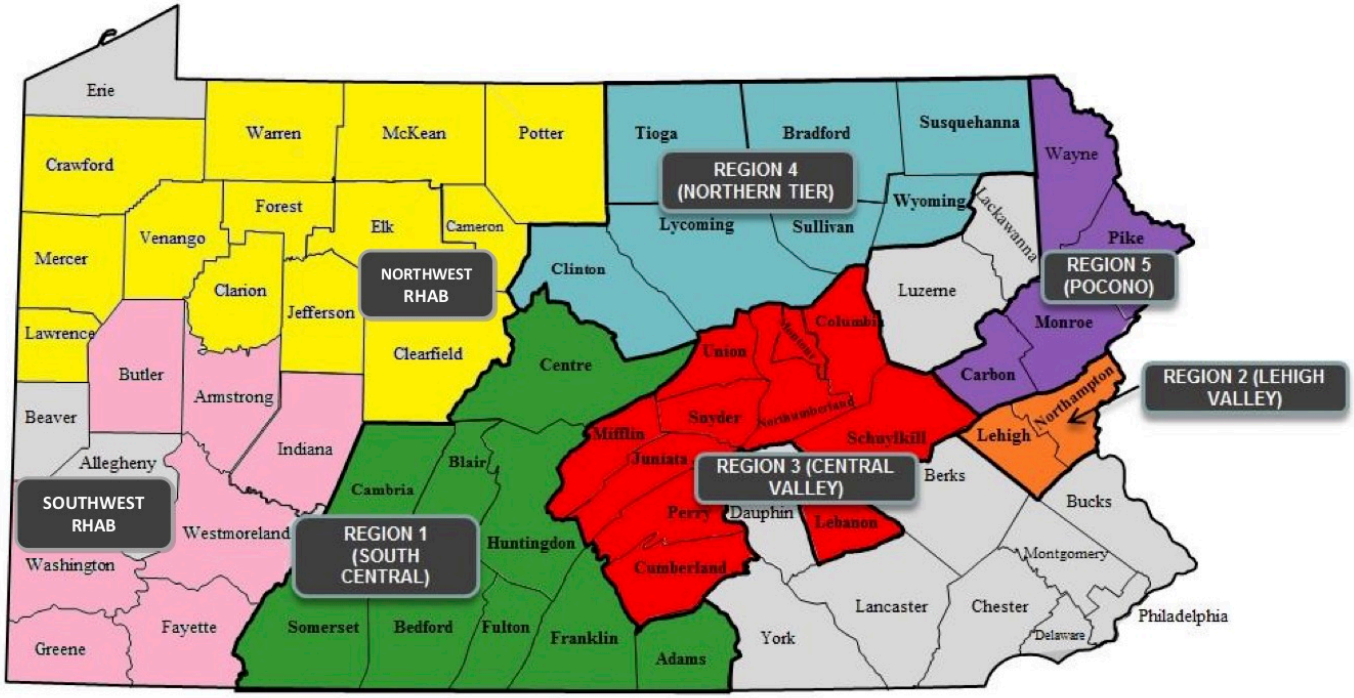
- As of April 28, black Americans are dying at 2.6 times the rate for whites, or 26 deaths per 100,000 people
- Many states are effectively erasing Native Americans from their data sets by classifying them as “other” – where tracked, states have found severely disparate rates of infection or death
- Research suggests that racial residential segregation is a fundamental cause of health disparities

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

- Communities of color disproptionately live in neighborhoods 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
  - Challenges are exacerbated for people of color living in rural communities, being counties away from facilities and service agencies

PA's Eastern & Western Continuums of Care

(PA Balance of State)



- Eastern CoC, Region 1 (South Central) – Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Somerset
- Eastern CoC, Region 2 (Lehigh Valley) – Lehigh, Northampton
- Eastern CoC, Region 3 (Central Valley) – Columbia, Cumberland, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Union
- Eastern CoC, Region 4 (Northern Tier) – Bradford, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wyoming
- Eastern CoC, Region 5 (Pocono) – Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Wayne
- Western CoC - Northwest RHAB – Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Forest, Elk, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Venango, Warren
- Western CoC - Southwest RHAB – Armstrong, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington, Westmoreland

Technology

Mobile Phones:

Google Voice

Google Duo

Chat Options

Video Conferencing:

doxy.me

Zoom

Google Hangouts

What do we take forward?

- Virtual advocacy can work! (with the right supports)
- Facilities aren't always needed
- Offering options for hotline, support groups increases access
- Negotiation with funders is essential

transitions
SAFER FAMILIES. SAFER COMMUNITIES.

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> RESOURCES

Digital Services Toolkit

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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

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 advocate for what programs need right now.

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

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