DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING FIRST

Domestic Violence Housing First (DVHF) supports survivors and their children to rapidly get into new housing or safely stay in their own, so they can have a safe and stable home. Housing is a human right.



3 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STABILIZE SURVIVORS IN HOUSING

ASK WHAT SURVIVORS NEED, RATHER THAN TELLING THEM WHAT IS OFFERED

- Meet where it is safe and convenient for survivors
- Allow survivors to lead the process and choose their own goals

PROVIDE FLEXIBLE FUNDING

- Make access to funds low barrier
- Dispense funds quickly
- Ensure participation in advocacy services is voluntary, not mandatory

RESTORE SURVIVORS' CONNECTION TO THEIR COMMUNITY

- Build relationships and provide
 DV education to the community
- Provide culturally relevant services
- Acknowledge racial discrimination in housing and work to overcome it

RESEARCH SHOWS DVHF IS AN EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

DVHF is highly effective with survivors of color, Indigenous, and immigrant and refugee survivors. Survivors reported:



GREATER HOUSING STABILITY



INCREASED SAFETY



REDUCED PTSD,
DEPRESSION,
ANXIETY



GREATER
PROSOCIAL
BEHAVIOR
FOR CHILDREN



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DVHF RESEARCH RESULTS



