



Domestic Violence Housing First Demonstration Evaluation: Summary of Findings Across 24 Months

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Study Aim



Examine whether the **DVHF model is effective in increasing housing stability and reducing abuse** over 24 months.

Method

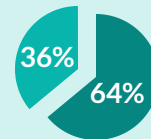
406 unstably housed DV survivors who had recently sought services from one of five DV agencies in the Pacific Northwest were interviewed (in English or Spanish) every 6 months over 24 months. We also examined agency records.

At 24 months:

- Retention rate 89% (363 participants)
- 30 participants had received no services and were excluded from analyses

Analysis compared two groups:

Receiving **SAU** (Services As Usual)



Receiving **DVHF** Services

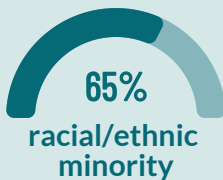
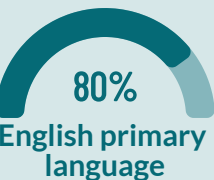
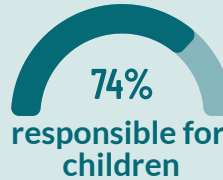
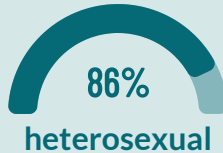
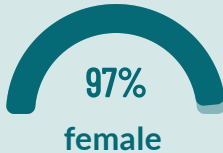
What is Domestic Violence Housing First (DVHF)?

DVHF involves using mobile advocacy and/or flexible funding to help survivors of domestic violence obtain safe and stable housing.



Participant Sample

19-62 years old
average age: 35



35% Hispanic/Latinx
35% White, non-Hispanic
19% Black
12% US Indigenous
<5% Asian, Middle Eastern
15% More than one race/ethnicity

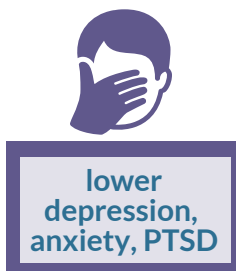


housing status at program entry:

- 42% homeless or living in a shelter
- 22% with family/friends without paying rent
- 3% transitional housing or treatment program
- 9% with family/friends and paying rent
- 24% in homes they owned or were renting

Results Across 24 Months

Compared to survivors who received SAU, at 6-months, 12-months, 18-months and 24-months, survivors who received the DVHF model reported:



*Domestic Violence includes physical, emotional, sexual, economic abuse, stalking, and use of children as an abuse tactic.

The DVHF model was **equally effective** regardless of race (comparing BIPOC with white survivors), **ethnicity** (comparing Latinx with non-Latinx survivors), or **rural/urban location of DV agency**.

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More information about DVHF:

<https://wscadv.org/projects/domestic-violence-housing-first/>

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