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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