DVHTAC COVID-19 Special Topic Series:
Landlord Engagement: Partnering to Safely House DV & SV Survivors

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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)
The Intersections Between Domestic & Sexual Violence, Racism and Homelessness
COVID-19, Housing, and Racial Equity

• Black people are dying at a rate more than 1.5 times higher than their population share

• Many states are effectively erasing Native Americans from data sets by classifying them as “other” – where tracked, states have found severely disparate rates of infection or death

• Research suggests racial residential segregation is a fundamental cause of health disparities
COVID-19, Housing, and Racial Equity (continued)

- Communities of color disproportionately live in neighborhoods further from grocery stores & medical facilities due to historical racial discrimination & red-lining in housing policies.

- Many people of color live in federally assisted housing, including public housing & 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 & service agencies.
Nebraska Domestic & Sexual Violence Program Network
Barriers to Housing in Rural Nebraska

• Housing inventory
  • Affordability
  • Low vacancy rates
  • Aging, substandard stock
  • Lack of accessible units

• Needs of survivors
  • Relocation issues
  • Transportation
  • Safety/ anonymity
Landlord Engagement Initiatives

• Urban CoCs
  • Landlord Summits
  • Landlord awards
  • Systems-wide outreach
• Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)
  • Property manager educational series
  • Outreach to PHAs
• Housing programs outreach
  • Population-specific
Statewide Partnership Helping Survivors

• Playbooks including Domestic Violence
• Community Response
• Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project
• Housing Navigator Project
• And more…

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Discussion / Questions
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
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