

# DVHTAC COVID-19 Special Topic Series

## Housing Access for Survivors in Communities of Color

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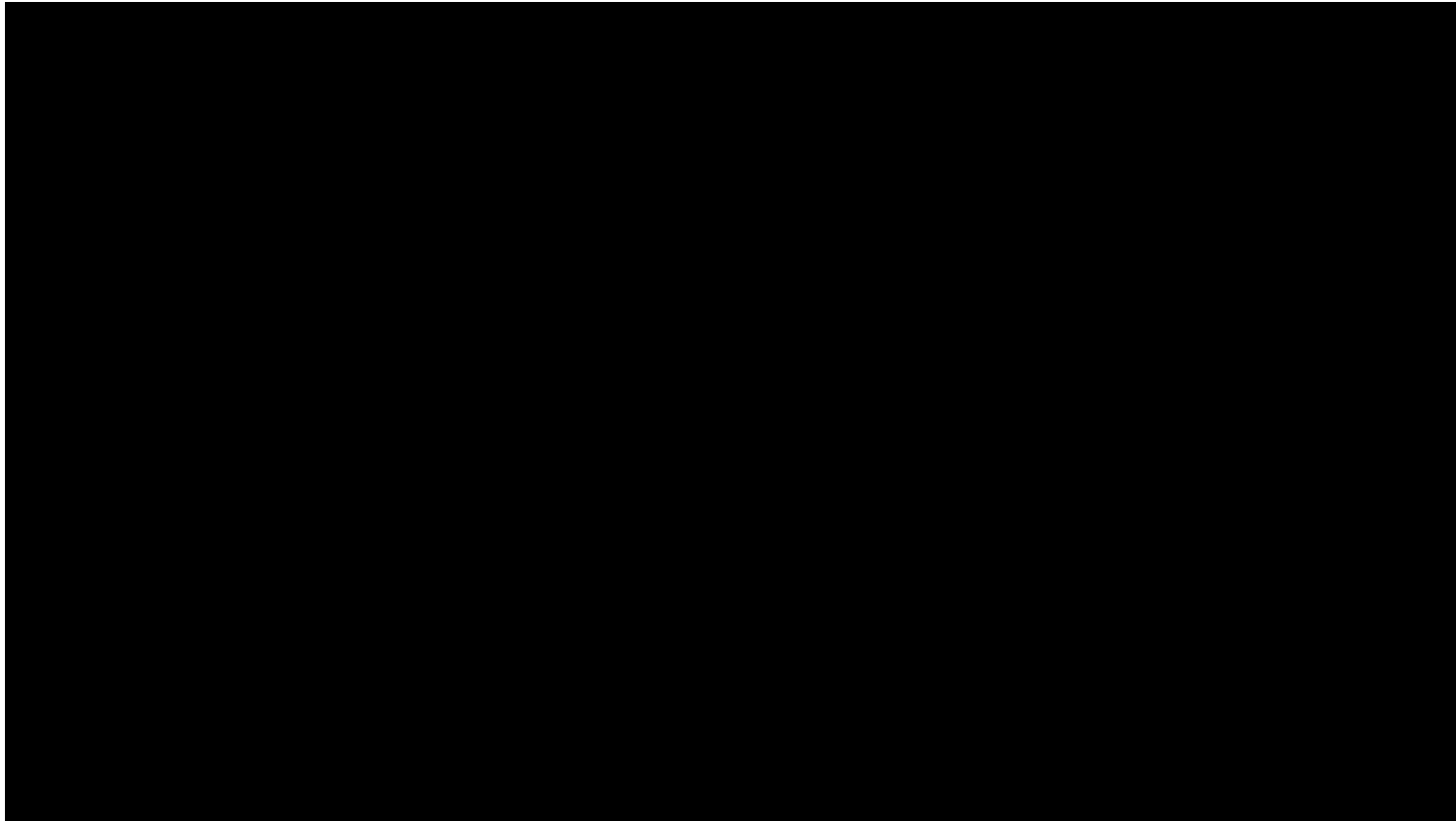
## Federal Partners

- 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



# Panelist Discussion

Maitri

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# Panelist Questions:

1. What are some of the biggest challenges to for survivors finding a safe place/shelters?
2. What are some of the common challenges survivors are currently experiencing? What kinds of supports would help to address those challenges?
3. Are there programs or services that make it easier to navigate/understand/work through the homelessness system and to make it more accessible and safe for survivors?

4. How is racial equity and HUD's [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Racial Equity Analysis Tool](#) incorporated in your community? Does your system have data and information on who is accessing their homeless service system and the outcomes of survivors and families?
5. Who are the people clients ask for help and support in their everyday life?

6. How can the homelessness assistance system, like shelters and housing programs, be survivors centered and trauma informed during COVID?
7. How have you shifted your housing and shelter services during COVID to center survivors of color that are most impacted by COVID?
8. Have you created innovative partnerships and accessed new funding resources or housing stock during COVID for survivors?

# 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



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