



Navigating the Housing Spectrum, a Roadmap for Advocates

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Tribal Domestic Violence Advocacy Programs and Shelters

Core Services

- Safety Planning
- Advocacy
- Education
- Support
- Shelter
- Medical
- Legal
- Housing
- Confidentiality

Role of Advocacy

- An advocates role is to act as the biased supporter of Indian women experiencing violence, advocating for their expressed interests, including safe space and other resources to gain control over their lives; to provide expertise founded on women's experiences within justice, social service and medical systems; and to prioritize women's safety and offender accountability in all aspects of advocacy, including maintaining confidentiality.

Connections Between Housing Instability and Domestic Violence

Housewife

Loss of Income/job

Isolation

Forced to be involved in illegal activities: prostitution/drugs/etc.

Two incomes needed to support children

Self employed: Need house/dwelling to sell product

In school

Need computer

Partner provides childcare

Childcare provided at home

Illness/disability

Homelessness and Domestic Violence

- Can't get money for housing
- Rent is too high
- Number of people in household
- Childcare needs
- Sharing Rent
- Paying Mortgage on home
- Mortgage in someone else's name
- Hotels
- Pets
- Safe neighborhood

Housing Needs of Survivors

- Safety
- Need to be financially independent
- Finish School
- No credit in my name, or bad credit
- No available housing
- Don't want to move away from family

Spectrum of Housing Options for Survivors

- Temporary emergency shelter/hotel vouchers
- Domestic violence shelter
- Homeless shelters/tiny homes
- Rental properties (houses, apartments, duplexes etc.)
- Public Housing
- Condos and Townhouses
- Group Homes
- Rooming Houses
- Senior Housing
- Veteran's Housing
- Assisted Living
- Rehab Facilities
- Long-Term Care
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Housing
- Tribal Housing

Navigating the Housing Spectrum

- Pay first and last months rent, and security deposit, application fees
- Utilities, deposits
- Get on waiting lists
- Stay with parents/friends/relatives: temporarily while on waiting list
- Fill out applications: Long term care/assisted living/etc.

Navigating the Housing Spectrum

SAFETY

- Accessibility
- Availability
- Affordability
- Acceptability

Working with Tribal Housing Authorities

- Safety and confidentiality are critical
- Training on domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking and MMIW
- Understanding processes, getting on waiting lists
- Develop policies that take into account that s/he may have a poor housing record.
- Prioritize victim/survivors women

Conclusion

- Housing industry is highly regulated
- Working with tribal housing authorities, property managers, rental agencies and landlords
- Training and technical assistance needs of tribal domestic violence programs and shelters