

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & HUMAN TRAFFICKING RAPID RE-HOUSING

NEW FUNDING AVAILABLE

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is partnering with the CT Department of Housing to administer a new federal grant aimed at reducing homelessness specifically among domestic violence and human trafficking survivors. The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) grant of \$1.7 million will be used to assist eligible survivors with rent and security deposits and provide services to help stabilize housing for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking.

This is a systemic collaboration between domestic violence, human trafficking and housing providers that will enhance survivor access to housing resources and provide ongoing trauma-informed, survivor-centered support services necessary to achieve financial and housing stability for survivors.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Rapid re-housing is an intervention designed to help survivors quickly exit homelessness, return to housing in the community, and not become homeless again in the near term. The service model includes three core components:



HOUSING LOCATION



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



CASE MANAGEMENT

A short-term rent subsidy is offered to families enrolled in the program based on income with an ultimate goal of housing independence. Just enough assistance is provided for the shortest period of time possible to maintain stable tenancy while offering case management to identify barriers and connect families to community supports.

Domestic Violence Advocates from Connecticut's 18 domestic violence organizations and Human Trafficking Advocates from the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI) with expertise in supporting survivors provide housing-focused case management with survivor-centered approaches to rebuilding self-esteem, developing essential life skills, and establishing financial independence by supporting goals to increase income and self-sufficiency. Advocates will continue to offer the traditional safety planning, counseling, risk assessment, and other support services already provided.

Simultaneously, utilizing existing housing expertise, Housing Specialists within homeless service organizations will work in partnership with Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Advocates to quickly secure and stabilize housing for families and to serve as liaison between the landlord and family.

ELIGIBILITY

The program has been uniquely designed to meet the needs of families who qualify as literally homeless under HUD Category 4 - any family who is 1) fleeing or is attempting to flee domestic violence, 2) has no other residence, and, 3) lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

Survivors with children in need of housing services should call the statewide hotline (888.774.2900 English; 844.831.9200 Español) to be connected with their local domestic violence organization where they can complete an intake screening. Referrals can then be made to CCADV if rapid re-housing is an appropriate match. The program aims to support more than 80 families with housing and support services in the first year.