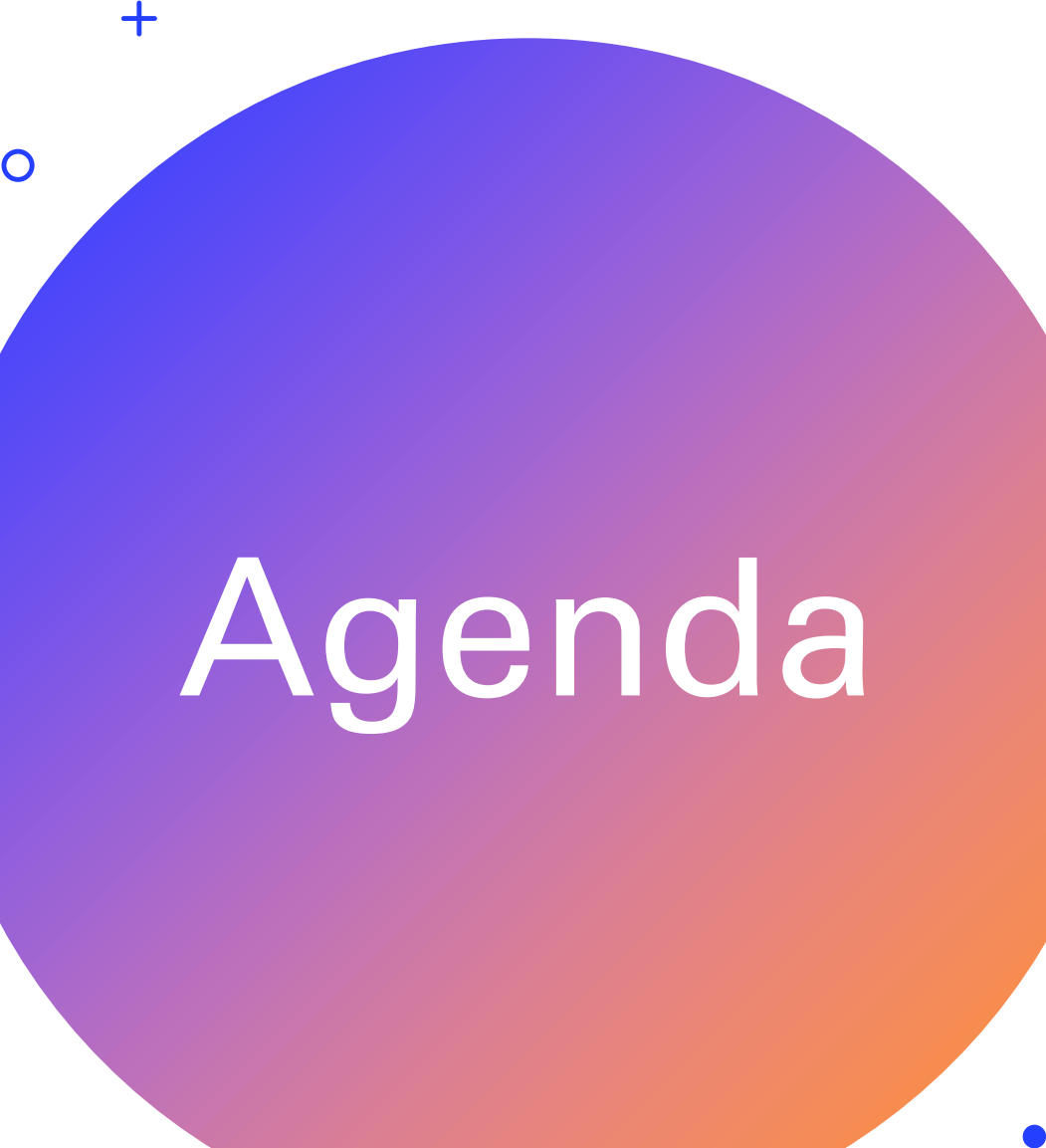


DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATED HOUSING ACCESS POINT

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Agenda

- Introductions in chat:
Name, pronouns,
agency, role
 - DVCHAP Background,
Context, Layout & Flow
 - Assessment & Placement
 - Questions & Discussion
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DVCHAP Background

What

- A parallel system to mainstream Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) in King County.
- Provides survivors access to DV housing resources.

Why

- In 2014, CEGV and member agencies were granted a waiver out of the system.
- Provide a more trauma informed avenue to access housing resources for gender-based violence survivors

System Comparison

Domestic Violence Coordinated Housing Access Point (DVCHAP)
Maintained and implemented by the Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence
For DV housing services <u>only</u>
Uses assessment tool developed by DV providers in King County
Assessments are only submitted when there is an opening posted
Assessments are submitted via a secure submissions link (Dropbox)- exception for DVHopeline
Accessed through DV Hopeline or gender-based violence advocates in King County community-based programs.

King County's Coordinated Entry for All (CEA)
Maintained and implemented by the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA)
For <u>all</u> housing services within the Continuum of Care (CoC), including youth and young adult programs
Uses a Housing Triage Tool and tiebreaking system
CEA referrals are submitted on a rolling basis
Households are enrolled directly through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is accessible by housing providers within the CoC
Access through trained CEA assessors at agencies and at Regional Access Points.

How to Access KCRHA's Coordinate Entry



1. Regional Access Point (RAP) Sites
2. Coordinated Entry Assessor Training
 - Limited to agencies with access to HMIS
 - *Not* required for access to DVCHAP
 - Offered monthly
 - Next training: [Register Here](#)

HMIS= Housing Management Information System

SYSTEM CONTEXT

Four Categories of Homeless:

1. Literally Homeless

2. Imminent Risk of Homelessness

3. Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes

4. Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence



Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

What is Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence (§ 578.3)?

Any individual or family who:

1. Is 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

Note: For the purposes of this binder, “Domestic Violence” includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member that either takes place in, or [they are] afraid to return to, their primary nighttime residence (including human trafficking).

DVCHAP Program Types



Transitional Housing

- Confidential site
- 1–2-year stay
- Serve survivors who need longer-term significant support and hands-on assistance to obtain permanent housing/resources.
- Individual units/rooms with either communal kitchen and bathroom amenities or in-unit amenities.

Rapid Re-Housing

- Short-term, up to 1 year
- Flexible rental assistance and move-in support for survivors seeking housing in private or affordable housing markets.
- Provides support for survivor in transition to self-supported living situation using a progressive engagement approach.

Joint Component/Bridge

- Duration of each phase and total program is program dependent.
- Combines Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing in a single program.

Permanent Housing

- Currently only offered through ADWAS: open to referrals from deaf community first and from DV community second.
- Confidential site

DVCHAP Housing Providers

Transitional Housing	Rapid Re-Housing	Joint Component/ Bridge	Permanent Housing*
  	 	   	 *ADWAS takes referrals from deaf community first and opens to DV community second

DVCHAP RESOURCE DETAILS

1. Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services' (ADWAS) A Place of Our Own Supportive Housing (PH)*	19 Individual units in confidential location; *referrals are taken from the deaf community first and opened to the DV community second
2. Broadview (Solid Ground) Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Program	21 Individual units in confidential location for up to 12 months (Facility: THP + Shelter)
3. Consejo Mi Casa Transitional Housing Program	4 rooms for families in communal space for up to 24 months
4. Consejo Villa Esperanza Transitional Housing Program	23 Individual units in confidential location for up to 24 months
5. InterIm CDA Solace Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Program	5 Individual units for families in confidential location for up to 24 months
6. LifeWire Hope Starts Here – DV Transitional Housing Joint Component	10 Transitional housing combined rapid rehousing program for up to 6-12 months (facility 25 units total: 10 THP + 15 Shelter)
7. LifeWire Hope Starts Here– DV RRH Joint Component	Joint component rapid rehousing program for up to 6-12 months
8. LifeWire Rapid Rehousing Program	Financial assistance, advocacy, housing search for up to 12 months
9. The Salvation Army Hickman House DV Transitional Housing Program Joint Component	10 Transitional housing combined rapid rehousing program for up to 6-12 months
10. The Salvation Army Hickman House DV RRH Joint Component	Joint component rapid rehousing program for up to 6-12 months
11. YWCA Rapid Rehousing Program	Financial assistance, advocacy, housing search for up to 12 months
12. YWCA Anita Vista Transitional Housing Program (Joint Component)	14 Individual units in confidential location paired with rapid rehousing for up to 12 months
13. New Beginnings Home Safe Bridge Housing (Joint Component)	17 short term residential housing combined rapid rehousing program



New Day Database

Don't have access to New Day?

Email Lea Aromin at lea@endgv.org

A process that will be **survivor-centered**, focused on what works best for survivors, rather than for advocates, programs or agencies while also incorporating **survivor and community feedback** for continuous improvement.

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Reduce the **burden placed on survivors** who are often reaching out to multiple providers seeking housing.

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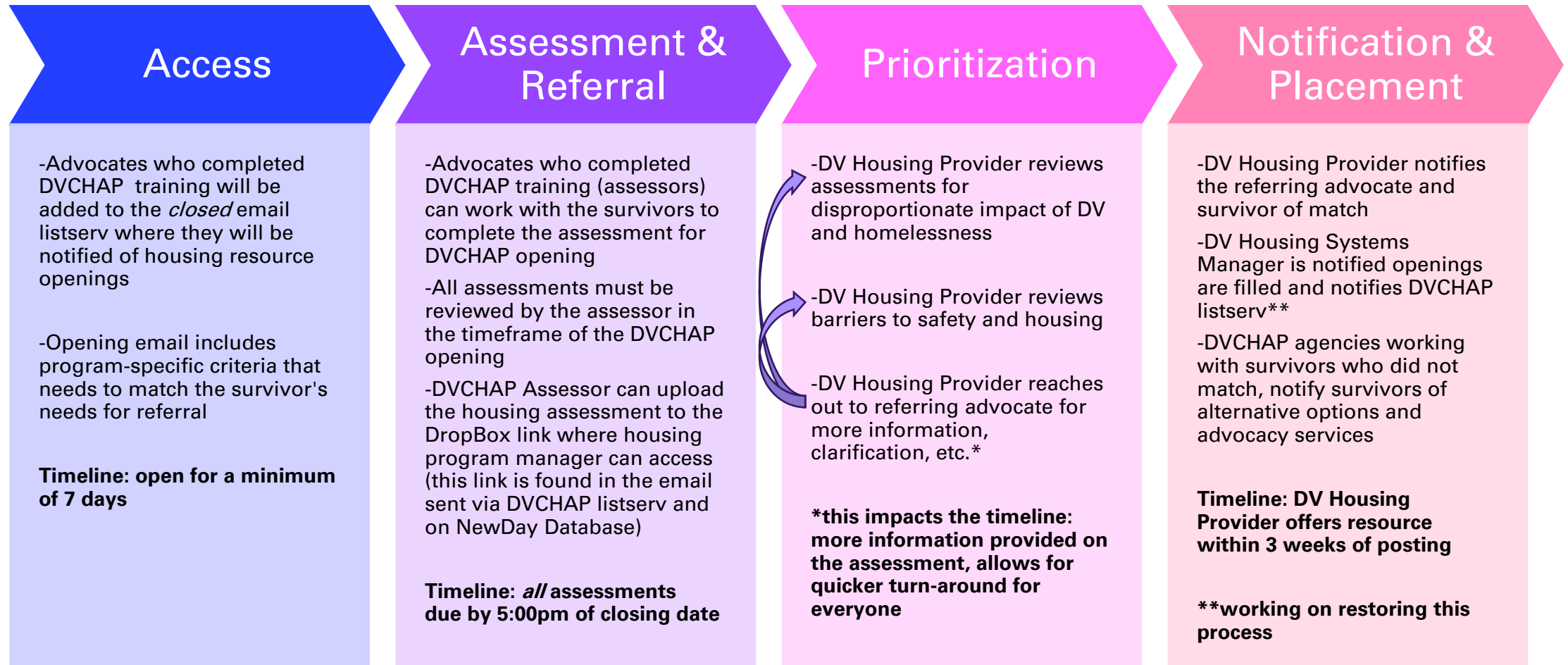
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Create a **low-barrier, transparent path** to housing options that demonstrates a **clear commitment to increasing racial equity and addressing disproportionality** within the domestic violence housing system.

Provide clear and consistent messaging to survivors, providers, and larger community about structure, purpose, benefits and limitations of the system.

Guiding Principles

DVCHAP System Flow



Notification Email to DVCHAP ListServ

Hello,

The Agency's PROGRAM has **NUMBER (#) unit(s) available:**

Bedroom unit for HoH survivor + 1-# dependents. Details (ex: The unit requires the use of stairs.)

OR

Rapid Rehousing Openings for details (ex: survivor with dependents).

Please REVIEW the program description and eligibility checklist prior to submitting a referral.

Deadline to submit: Day, Month # by 5:00pm

Do not instruct applicants to contact program staff directly, they will be in touch with you after the date closes and the applications have been reviewed and prioritized.

Please upload all applications to this link: [DropBox link](#).

~END OF EMAIL~

****PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL SURVIVOR PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION****

i.e. Do not email filled assessments

(Why not? This violates VAWA)

You *may* email Hannah at Hannah@endgv.org with questions/clarifications that do not include PII.

COVER SHEET

King County Domestic Violence Coordinated Housing Access Point

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Please fill out all fields thoroughly.			
Referring Agency			
Name of Applicant		Pronouns:	
Applicant Safe Contact Info			
Date of Referral			
Primary Language	Interpretation Needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Advocate Name			
Advocate Contact	Phone Number:	Email:	

Please DO NOT submit any other documents that contain personally identifying information, i.e. ID, SSN, income verification, etc.

The DV Housing Provider will collect that information later on in the process, as needed.

Handwritten assessments and snapshot photos will not be accepted.

Please indicate referral type (you can check both):

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All assessments must be reviewed by the assessor in the timeframe of the DVCHAP opening



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- Market solution
- Mobile advocacy: no on-site assistance

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
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- Confidential location
- Shared site with other survivors
- Range of requirements and assistance on-site

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

***MUST BE COMPLETED & UP-
TO-DATE AS PER VAWA***

Domestic Violence Coordinated Housing Access Point (DVCHAP)

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (ROI)

This release of information pertains to the Domestic Violence Coordinated Housing Access Point (DVCHAP). GBV advocates submit the DVCHAP Housing Assessment with the consent of DV survivors being referred. DV housing providers prioritize housing resources and make referral decisions based on information collected in the DVCHAP Housing Assessment.

Members of the DVCHAP Advisory Group and GBV advocates who have made referrals to the opening, will convene to do final prioritization and make decisions on which households will be offered the housing resources that have recently become available.

This release of information will be valid until "reasonable" date, or at least 90 days after signing. Consent can be revoked at any time, verbally or in writing. [RCW 70.123.076 \(2\)\(a\)](#)

I, Survivor's Name authorize Advocate's Name, to share information in the DVCHAP Assessment with (list the program or programs you are referring to):

Housing Agency + Program

I understand that if prioritized for housing, assessment information will be shared in the DVCHAP community case conferencing process to determine final placement and alternative options.

Survivor's Name

Verbal Consent? ☒

Signature (please write-in name)

Advocate's Name

Gender Based Violence Advocate (please write-in name)

RELEASE OF INFORMATION



- Discuss with the survivor:
 - Why the information is being shared
 - Who will have access to the information
 - What information can be shared under this release
- “The release must specify the duration for which the information may be shared”

King County Domestic Violence Coordinated Housing Access Point Part I Domestic Violence Narrative
<i>Script: This assessment will ask you questions about your strengths, barriers and resources as it relates to domestic violence and housing. We'll submit this assessment to the housing provider and you will hear back within 3 weeks, either directly from the housing provider or me, your primary advocate. You will either be:</i> 1. Offered this housing resource 2. An alternative housing option 3. Or you and I will have to explore other options instead <i>Some of the questions I'll be asking you may be intrusive in nature and ask for more detail than you may want to disclose. You do not have to answer any questions that you feel uncomfortable with. The goal of this assessment is to provide you with the best services possible and identify what resources may help eliminate barriers to stable and safe housing.</i>
The purpose of this step of the process is to briefly capture the survivor's experience of domestic violence and the safety issues that's led to their current housing instability. This is the space to note any immediate safety concerns that the survivor feels comfortable disclosing.
Can you please tell me a bit about what's going on for you right now that what has led you to apply for this DV Housing resource? Please answer the prompts below. Prompt: 1. Who is the person making you feel afraid and unsafe; what is your relationship with them? 2. How long have you been in this relationship? 3. What's happened in your relationship to make you feel unsafe? 4. In what ways can the program work with you to support your safety?
5. What areas are unsafe for you, if any? [Please specify specific areas in Seattle or King County] Why are those areas unsafe?

Under the HUD definition of Homelessness Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence:

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If a survivor is **pregnant**, even without other children, this household is considered a **family** and qualifies as with **children under the age of 18**.

King County Domestic Violence Coordinated Housing Access Point Part II Assessment of Resources and Barriers					
Household Composition					
Household member	Race and Ethnicity	Gender	Age	Currently living with?	Relationship to primary contact?
				N/A	Head of Household
				☐	
				☐	
				☐	
				☐	
				☐	
				☐	
Please share any information relevant to household composition. Will any of these factors below impact the size or members of your household?					
Pregnancy?	Divorce/Separation?	Custody issues?	CPS Involvement and/or reunification?		
Current Living Situation: Where did you stay last night?					
Please utilize dropdown options and use the space below to share more details.					
Where do you sleep most of the time?				Select One	
What is your current housing situation: (1) How long have you been there? (2) How long can you stay?					
(3) What's happening that you need to leave?					
(4) What other housing options have already been explored? (5) What options worked? (6) What options didn't work? If you feel comfortable, please explain what happened.					

Survivor you are working with to find housing

Shelter
Vehicle
Friends or Family
Outside
Hotel Voucher
Hotel without Voucher
Rental with Subsidy
Rental without Subsidy
Own Home
Medical Facility
Living with PCH
Transitional Housing
Homeownership
Other (describe below)

PCH = Person Causing Harm

Housing History and Possible Barriers to Housing

Please talk about your housing history for last 2 years: **(1) What was your last stable residence? (2) How many times have you been homeless in the last 2 years (3) How long were you homeless each time?**

Have you applied for/on any list (like Section 8) through any Public Housing Authority? Please describe.

Script: It can be difficult to talk about debt and personal finances. This information will not be used to screen you out but instead can help determine what you might need to eliminate barriers to housing. Please share any information you feel comfortable sharing.

Have you ever had a rental application denied? Please share any information about the denial that you would like.

When was the last time you looked at your credit report? Please share any relevant information about this.

Type of Debt	To Whom	When	Amount	Details
Housing debt, including any evictions with resolved debt.				
Utility Debt				
Debt related to any Public Housing Authority				
Other debt or credit issues				

Tenant Based vs. Project Based ***separate lists***

Section 8 = Housing Choice Voucher (HUD funded)
Low-income Housing (public)
Low-income Housing (private)
Single-Room Occupancy Voucher Program (THA)

Non-List Program(s):
Special Portfolio (SHA)
Non-subsidized Tax Credit Program (SHA)
Collaborative Housing (private) (SHA)
Other Rentals (public & private) (KCHA)- flat rate & percentage
Moderate-Income Housing (KCHA)- flat rate
Manufactured Homes (KCHA)

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TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

SSI = Supplemental Security Income

SSDI = Social Security Disability Income

ABD = Aged, Blind, Disabled (WA State)

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Income and Financial Resources					
Can you tell me about the financial resources available to you? Do you have access to these resources?					
Source	Amount	Details	Source	Amount	Details
TANF			Unemployment		
Child Support			Pension		
SSI or SSDI			Income F/T		
Alimony			Income Temp		
ABD			Income Other		
Please indicate if you receive any assistance below that is not traditionally counted as income.					
Other resources	Monthly Amount	Details			
Food Stamps					
Tribal benefits					
School Loans					
Can you talk about ways that you currently make money now or in the past? Please share any details you want.					
Do you foresee changes in how and how much money you make in the next 3 months? Please share any details you want.					
Additional Information					
FOR ADVOCATES: Please include other notes or comments that provides context. FOR SURVIVORS: Please include any feedback about this process that you may want to share.					

Systemic Barriers to Housing

SCRIPT: Historically, systems in our society have been set up so that some groups of people have a harder time accessing the things they need to be healthy and safe over other groups.

What other factors not already discussed have made it consistently hard to to get in and stay in safe and stable housing? Please elaborate as you feel comfortable.

For Example: Physical Health; Mental & Emotional Health; Gender Identity; Children-Related; Race/Ethnicity; Substance Use; Education; Employment; Criminal History; Immigration; Language Access; Legal Issues; Credit & Debt

Are there any past or upcoming legal issues that could make it challenging to look for housing and/or gets in the way of being stably housed? Yes ☐ No ☐

For Example: Protection Order Dissolution/Divorce Warrants Upcoming Court Dates

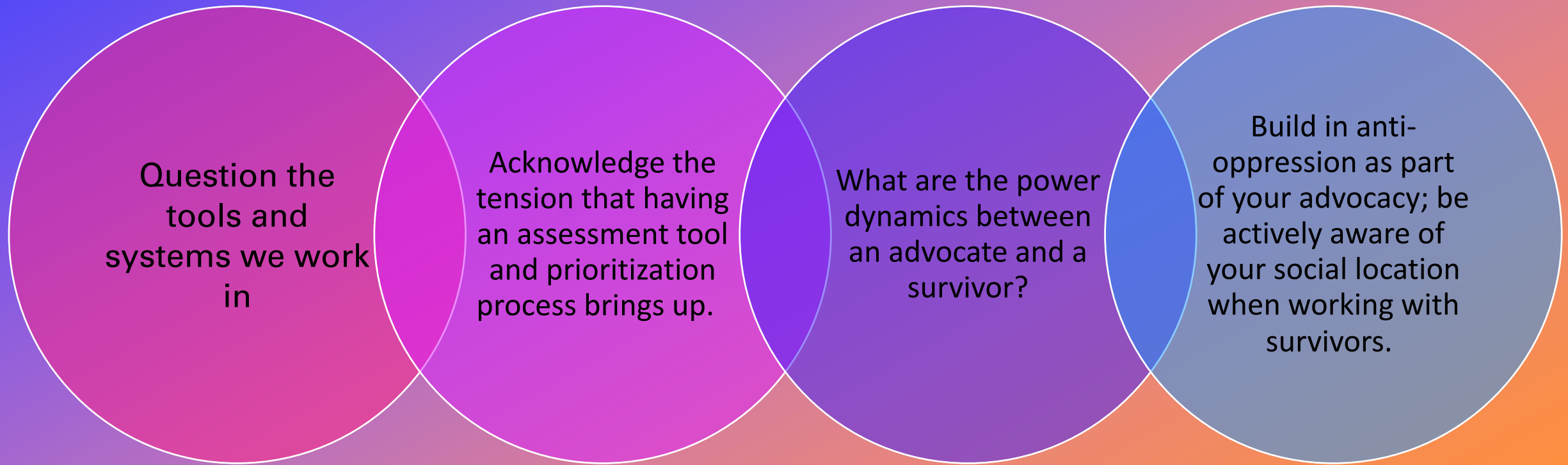
Are there any current or ongoing healthcare issues that you'd like to share, **including any accommodations** that haven't been mentioned yet?

DVHOPELINE HOUSING ASSESSMENT

DVHopeline Housing Assessment					
Advocate:		DVCHAP Resource:			
Caller Name:		DV Shelter:			
Pronouns:		Housing Assistance:			
ROI Completed:		Transportation Needs:			
Primary Language:		DATE:			
# of adults:		# of children:			
Housing status:		Safe contact info:			
Current city & zip:		Type of residence:			
Unsafe Areas:					
What is the caller's current housing situation? Please give a brief overview of DV, foremost safety concerns, urgency, barriers, etc.					
What has already been tried? Describe access to other options and resources, if any.					
What supports are needed going forward? Discuss short term and long term planning, as relevant.					
Optional for all except for referrals into DV Coordinated Housing Access Point (DVCHAP)					
Monthly rent:		# months at residence:			
Monthly income:		Income source:			
# past evictions:		# times homeless:			
Relationship to person causing harm:		Interpreter needed?			
		Language:			
Head of Household:					
Age:		Gender:		Employment:	
Race:		Ethnicity:		Immigrant:	
Disabilities:		Primary Language:		Refugee:	
Please note accessibility needs, if any:					

Children or Other Household Members:					
Name:		Name:		Name:	
Age:		Age:		Age:	
Gender:		Gender:		Gender:	
Race/Ethnicity:		Race/Ethnicity:		Race/Ethnicity:	
Accessibility Needs:		Accessibility Needs:		Accessibility Needs:	
Relationship to caller:		Relationship to caller:		Relationship to caller:	
Name:		Name:		Name:	
Age:		Age:		Age:	
Gender:		Gender:		Gender:	
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Relationship to caller:		Relationship to caller:		Relationship to caller:	

Harm Reduction Approach



Key Questions & Considerations

What is this for?

Why are we asking?

How does it help
match housing
resources with
need?

How does this
assessment help us
support survivors?

How could this
assessment
process cause
harm?

What is the best
way to ask this
question? Is there
a better way?

DV Emergency Shelter

Separate from DVCHAP

- Short-term intensive support (up to 90 days) at a confidential location
- Survivors call DV Hopeline or DV shelter directly for bed availability





Hotel Voucher Programs



Emergency Receiving Shelter

Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
specific

Housing Authorities (& Waitlists)

Dates provided are not closure dates, but dates websites last checked.



HCV closed as of 1/29/25



OPEN as of 1/29/25



Closed as of 1/29/25



Closed as of 11/27/24



HCV closed as of 1/29/25



Waitlists (separate)
OPEN as of 1/29/25

What other housing resources do you use?



Additional Resources

- LGBTQIA+ Fair Housing Toolkit: Introduction - HUD Exchange
 - Equal Access Rule: KCRHA HUD's Equal Access Rule Training - September 9, 2024
- Safe Housing Partnerships
- Building Changes' Training on Diversion
- What other training topics would be useful for you?

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Questions, Feedback, & Contact

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