



Focus Groups Report

Survivor Solutions to Program and Systems Change

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 01** Increase access to affordable and safe housing for survivors throughout the housing continuum
- 02** Develop flexible funding for significant one-time costs and rental assistance programs that foster effective relationships between landlords and survivors
- 03** Co-locate staff to increase the care coordination among service providers
- 04** Limit restrictions to qualify for services throughout the various stages of a survivor's journey
- 05** Provide mobile advocacy services for services to help survivors obtain resources including restraining orders, public benefits, and affordable housing
- 06** Provide trauma-informed care services (including improvements to intake process)
- 07** Deliver trauma-informed care training to domestic violence and homeless services providers

HOUSING

SERVICES

TRAUMA

08 Foster opportunities for peer support (including advocacy efforts and support groups)

09 Increase access to information regarding legal rights of survivors (including custody, housing, and restraining orders)

10 Contribute to culturally sensitive de-stigmatizing efforts around domestic violence and homelessness

11 Provide translation services (especially for complex legal and medical matters)

12 Increase services to those without documentation (including legal assistance, language classes, and vocational opportunities)

13 Develop training and technical assistance for providers to better ensure system-wide progress on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion

14 Eliminate structural barriers to people with disabilities and provide reasonable accommodations

The Downtown Women's Center, along with co-lead Rainbow Services, with the support of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, is building and leading a cross-sector Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition (DVHSC) to create a client-centered system that increases access to safe housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families. Leading partners in the coalition include the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, Neighborhood Legal Services, and County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office.

To read the full report, visit
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