

Domestic Violence, Homelessness, and Housing Supports





Section 1

The Connection Between Domestic
Violence and Homelessness



**Domestic violence
is a primary cause
of homelessness**

How and Why Does This Happen?



Power & Control



Access to money



Isolated from
family and friends

Share examples



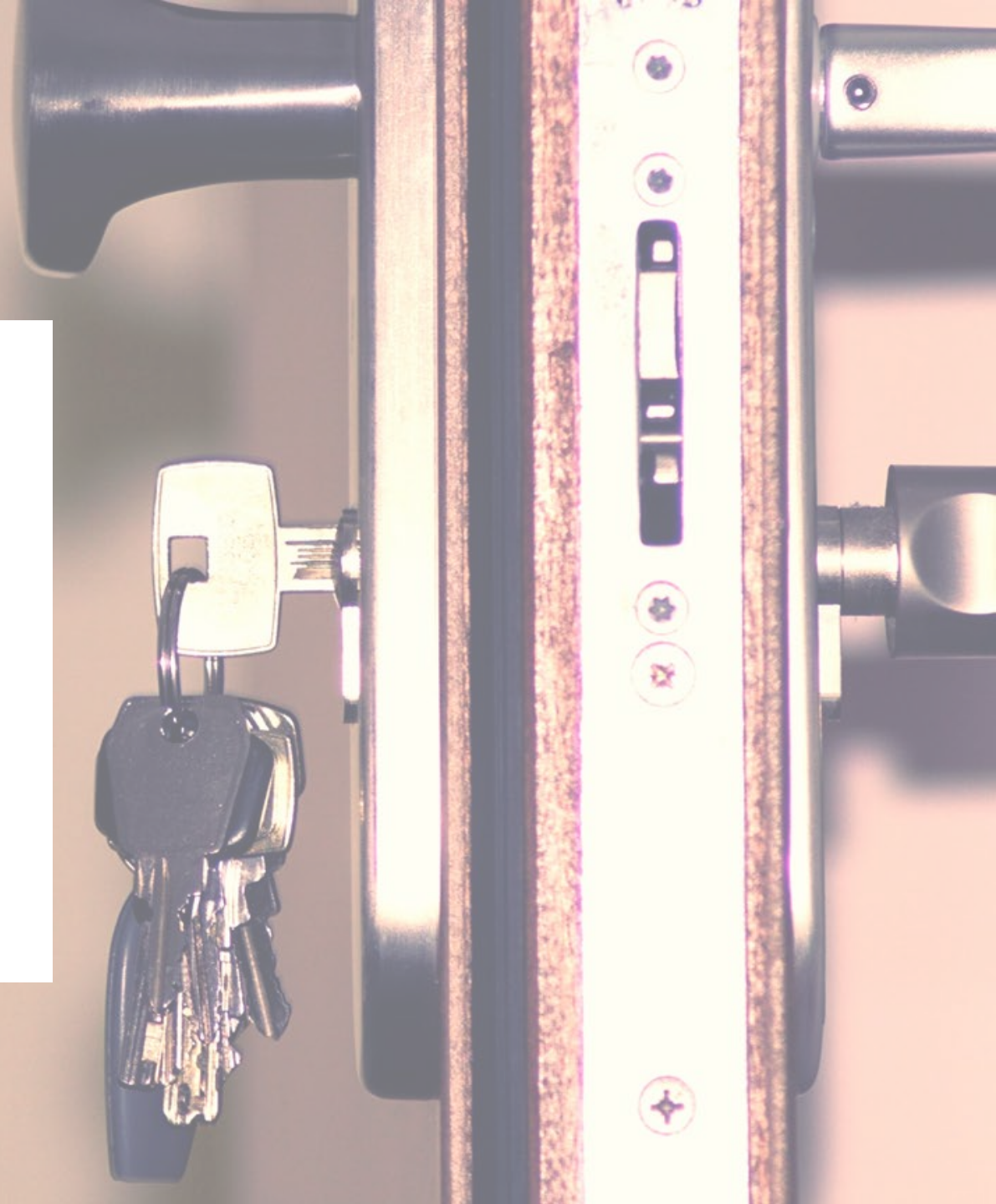
Landlords & Zero Tolerance

- Landlords penalize victims
- "Zero tolerance for crime" policies
- Evict tenant when violence occurs victim OR perpetrator



Barriers to Renting or Buying a Home

- No credit or poor credit
- No landlord references or poor ones
- No current income or not enough current income
- Outstanding fines, bills, or back payments
- Criminal charges





Lack of Affordable Housing

A lack of alternative, affordable housing often leads victims to stay in or return to violent relationships

Section 2

Housing Ideas, Options, & Resources



Provider Connections

- Connect with local DV Services
- Know what services your local provider offers



Housing Options Through Your Local Provider May Include:

- Shelter/emergency housing
- Emergency solutions grant homeless prevention funds
- Transitional housing
- Rapid rehousing
- Permanent supportive housing
- Public housing authority vouchers
- Tax credit and low-income housing advocacy



Housing Subsidies = Less Likely to Experience IPV



VAWA Policies & Protections

- Right to a home
- Safe housing
- Reduces homelessness
- Decrease evictions, assistance denials, fleeing





Know Your Resources, Make Connections



**What resources
are available?**

Section 3

Economic Justice and Flexible Funding

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Economic Justice

Every human deserves access to equitable income

EJ Resources in Action

- Childcare costs
- Work clothes
- Interview clothes
- Car repair or maintenance
- Helps survivors get to work
- Helps survivor complete schooling



A close-up photograph of a green-painted wooden door. A heavy, rusty metal chain is wrapped around the door and secured with a brass padlock. The paint on the door is peeling and cracked, suggesting age and wear. A keyhole is visible on the right side of the door.

Barriers

- County or program may not have access
- Rural areas may have limited resources
- Not guaranteed income or stability
- Not long term income
- Vary in volume and amount



Takeaways:

- Allows survivors to heal and thrive
- Aligns with "Housing First"
- Sustains survivor independence
- EJ = Equitable Access

Flexible Funding

- Support survivors in a variety of ways
- Maintains homelessness diversion
- Rental assistance or state funding
- Direct or Indirect Housing Costs



Section 4

Reminders



Kindness & Compassion (with boundaries)

- Show kindness and compassion
- Offer support and encouragement
- Gently and compassionately draw boundaries
- Be clear about what you can/cannot offer and do





No Judgment Zone

- Don't press for information
- Connect with feelings
- Focus on strengths



Safety

- Offer a range of options
- Survivor to identify what they need
- Ask about safety

**This is what it
means to be
trauma informed!**





Questions?

Federal Housing Resources

National Low Income Housing Coalition:

nlihc.org

National Housing Resource Center

hsgcenter.org

National Fair Housing Alliance NFHA

nationalfairhousing.org

NNEDV Housing TA

[Housing – NNEDV](#)

Women's Law (VAWA & Housing Protection)

[Federal VAWA Housing Protections | WomensLaw.org](http://WomensLaw.org)



PA State Resources

Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania

housingalliancepa.org

Stabler Foundation (Flex Funding Source)

[Stabler Foundation Application Requirements](#)

PHARE (flex funding source)

[PA Housing Affordability Fund - PHARE Program | Housing Legislation \(phfa.org\)](#)



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