

Housing First Partners Conference

Supporting Survivors Through Rapid Re-Housing and Housing Navigation

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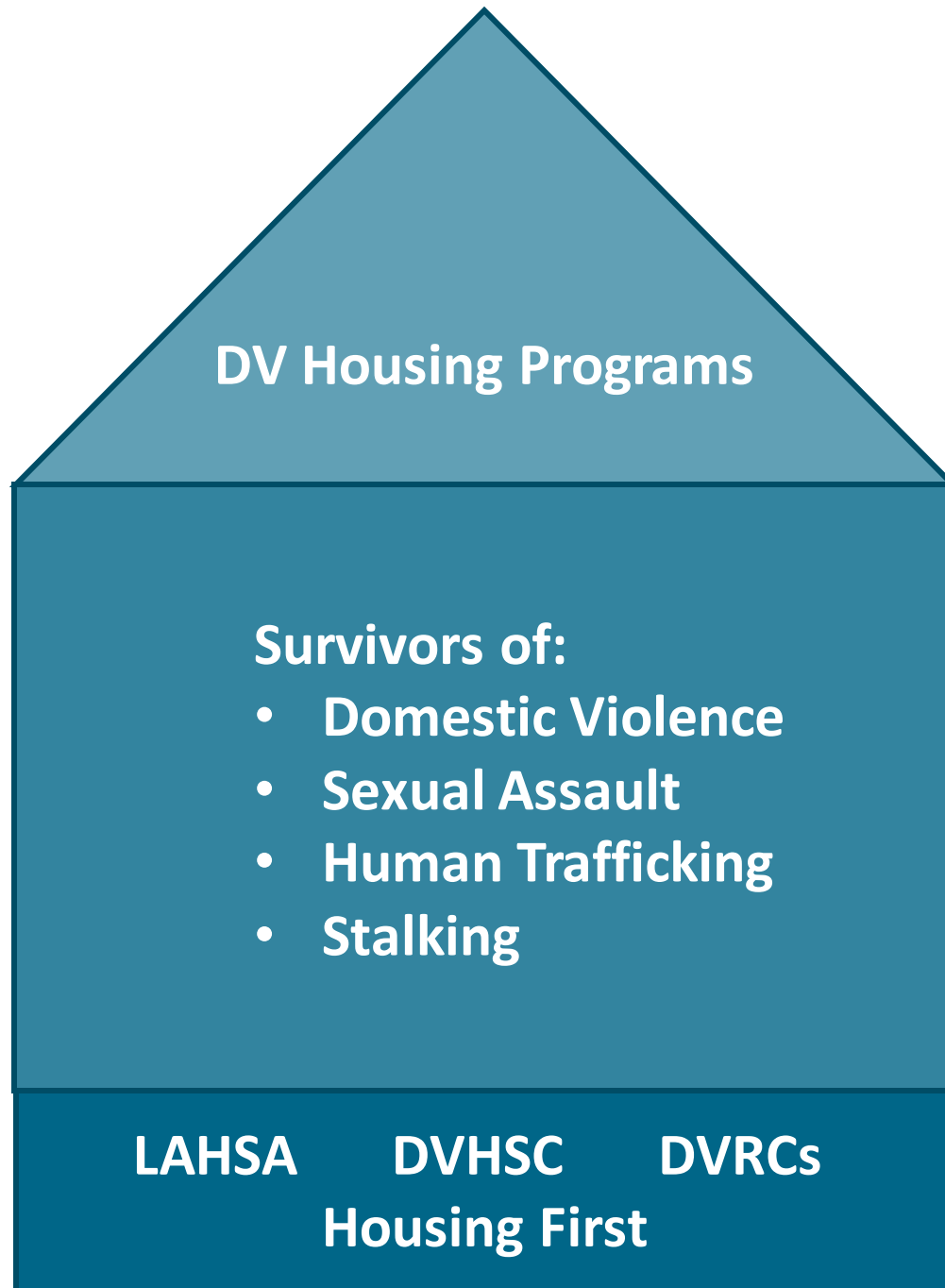
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Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is the lead agency in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, which is the regional planning body that coordinates housing and services for homeless families and individuals in Los Angeles County. LAHSA partners with over 100 nonprofit partner agencies throughout the County.

Why are we here?



A top-down view of a collaborative workspace. Several people are seated around a table, their hands visible as they interact with devices. There are three laptops open on the table. A person on the left holds a yellow smartphone. Another person on the right holds a clear plastic cup. A notebook with a green cover and a smartphone are also visible. A small decorative object with yellow spheres is in the center. The background is a light-colored grid pattern.

Domestic Violence Unit

LAHSA's Domestic Violence Unit

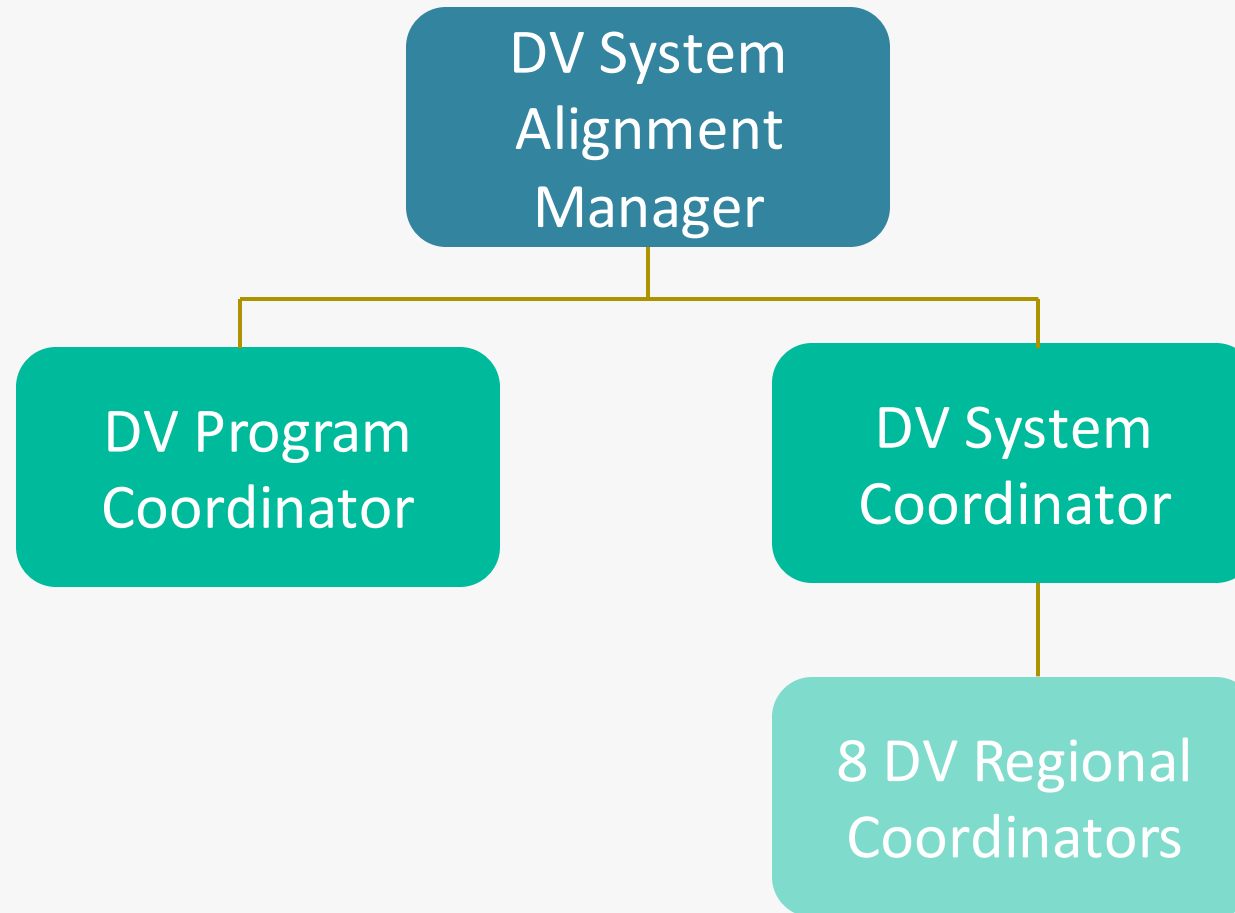
Domestic Violence System Alignment focuses on aligning initiatives and resources between a network of victim service providers and the coordinated entry system to reduce homelessness amongst the population experiencing domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking.

We aim to resolve systemic gaps that impact survivors who are experiencing homelessness and housing instability in LA County.

In collaboration with the 8 SPA Based Domestic Violence Regional Coordinators, this work is done through:

- Referral guidance
- Service coordination
- Case consultation
- Resource sharing
- Relationship building
- Education and Training
- Policy and Funding Advocacy

Domestic Violence Systems Alignment Unit





Domestic Violence Regional Coordinators

The DVRC position addresses the intersection between victimization due to DV/SA/HT and homelessness per SPA through building and maintaining collaborative networks with community partners in order to provide a full scope of supportive services and resources for victims/survivors experiencing homelessness to become stabilized.

Domestic Violence Regional Coordinator Role

LAHSA established the DVRC scope of work on a systemic level to address coordination of service, infrastructural development, and policy and funding advocacy.



SPA 2 - San Fernando Valley

Adults & Families -

LA Family Housing

Youth - The Village Family Services

SPA 1 - Antelope Valley

Adults, Families & Youth -

Valley Oasis

SPA 4 - Central Los Angeles

Adults - The People Concern

Families - PATH

Youth - LGBT Center

SPA 3- San Gabriel Valley

Adults & Families -

Union Station Homeless Services

Youth - Hathaway-Sycamores

SPA 5 - West Los Angeles

Adults & Families -

St. Joseph Center

Youth - Safe Place for Youth

SPA 6 - South Los Angeles

Adults & Families -

SSG HOPICS

Youth - CRCD

SPA 8 - South Bay / Harbor

Adults, Families & Youth -

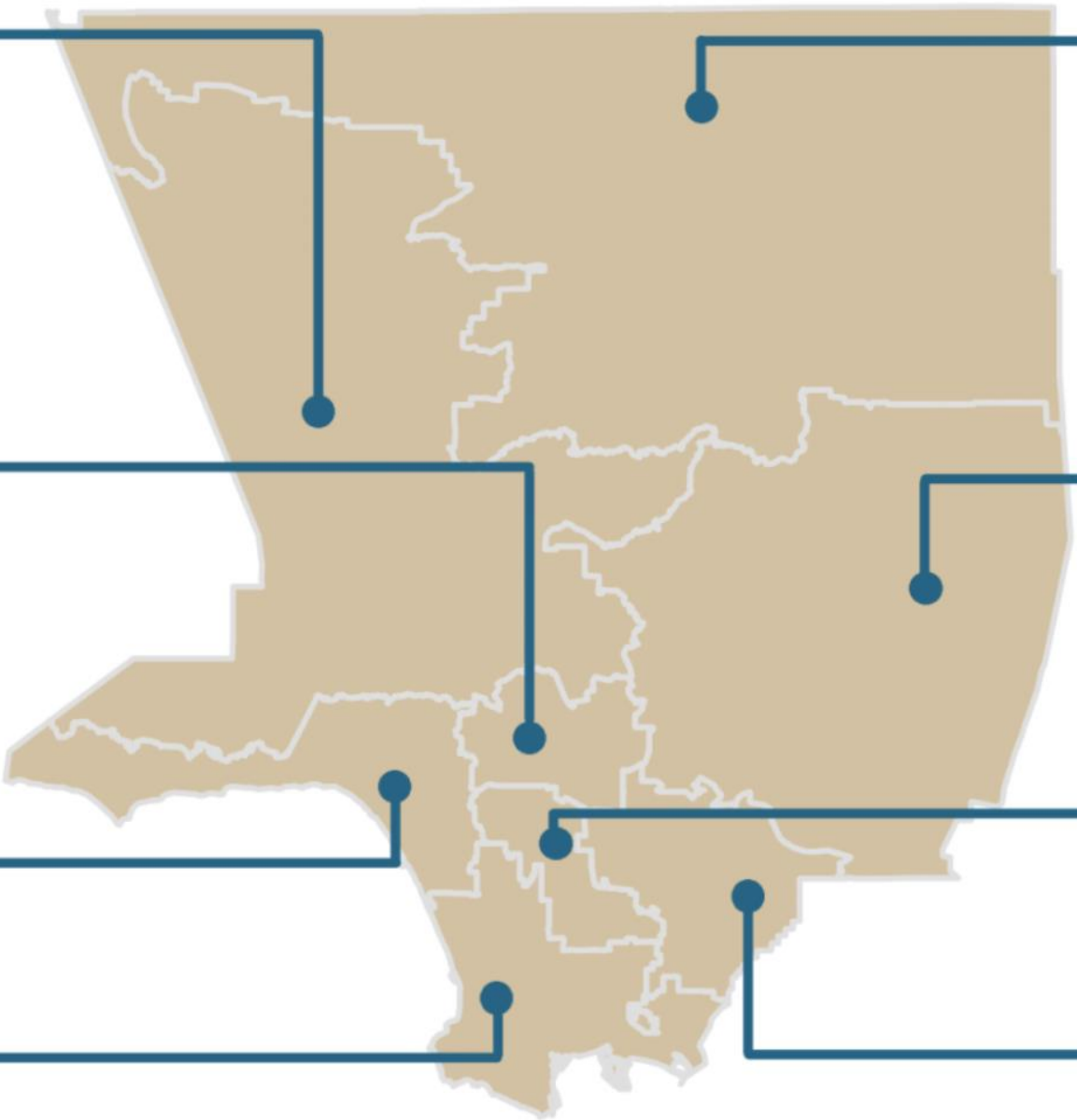
Harbor Interfaith

SPA 7 - East Los Angeles

Adults - PATH

Families - The Whole Child

Youth - Jovenes



Overview of Domestic Violence

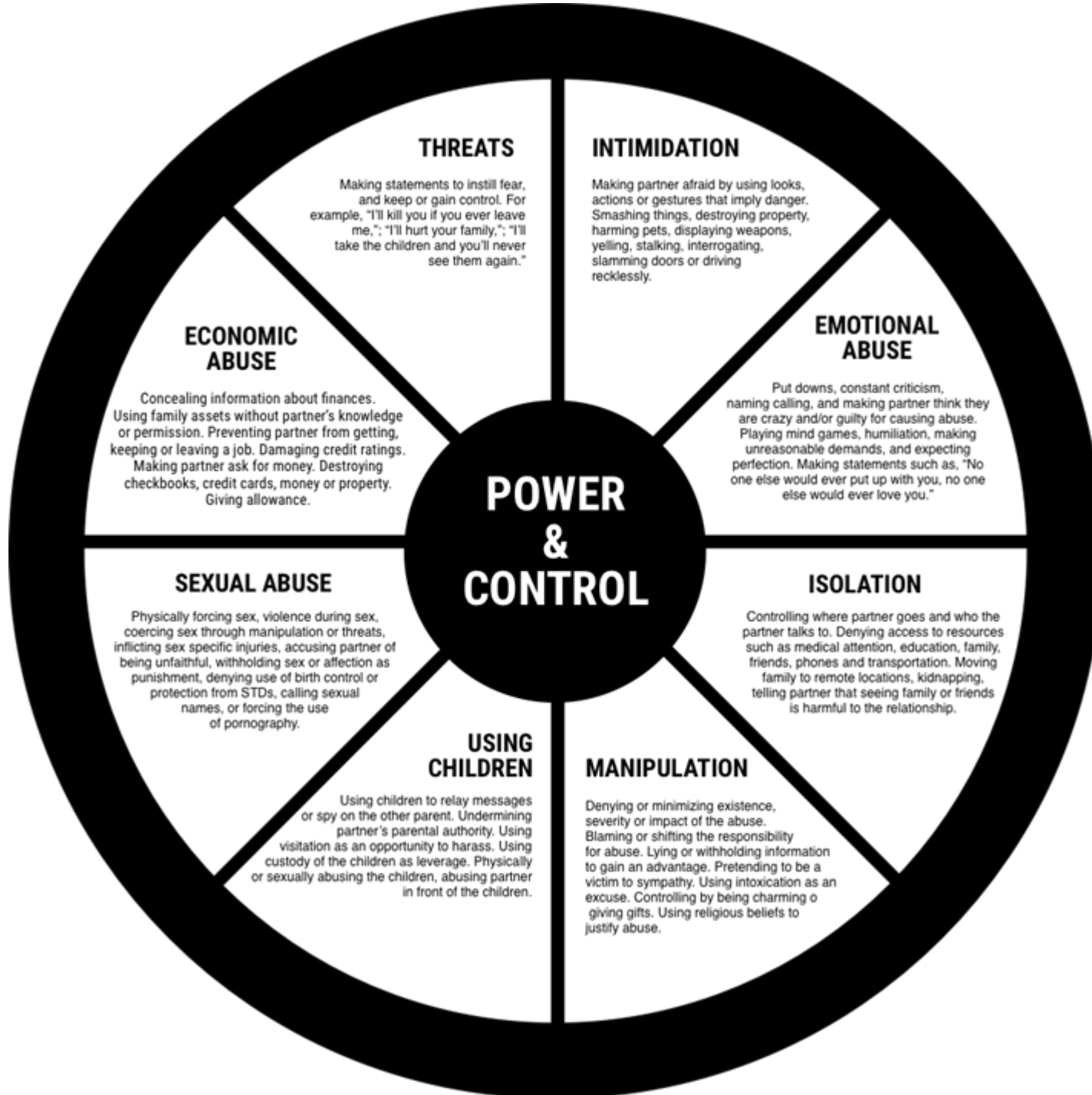
Definition of Domestic Violence

A **pattern** of behavior over time where one partner exerts control over another.

- **Coercive control** is at the center of DV.

Control can take the form of any type of abuse:

- Emotional
- Psychological
- Financial
- Spiritual
- Physical
- Sexual
- Stalking



Power & Control Wheel

1 in 4

women will
experience
domestic
violence

1 in 9

men will
experience
domestic
violence

47%

of homeless
individuals in LA
have
experienced
domestic violence

HUD Category 4 Homeless definition

A family or individual:

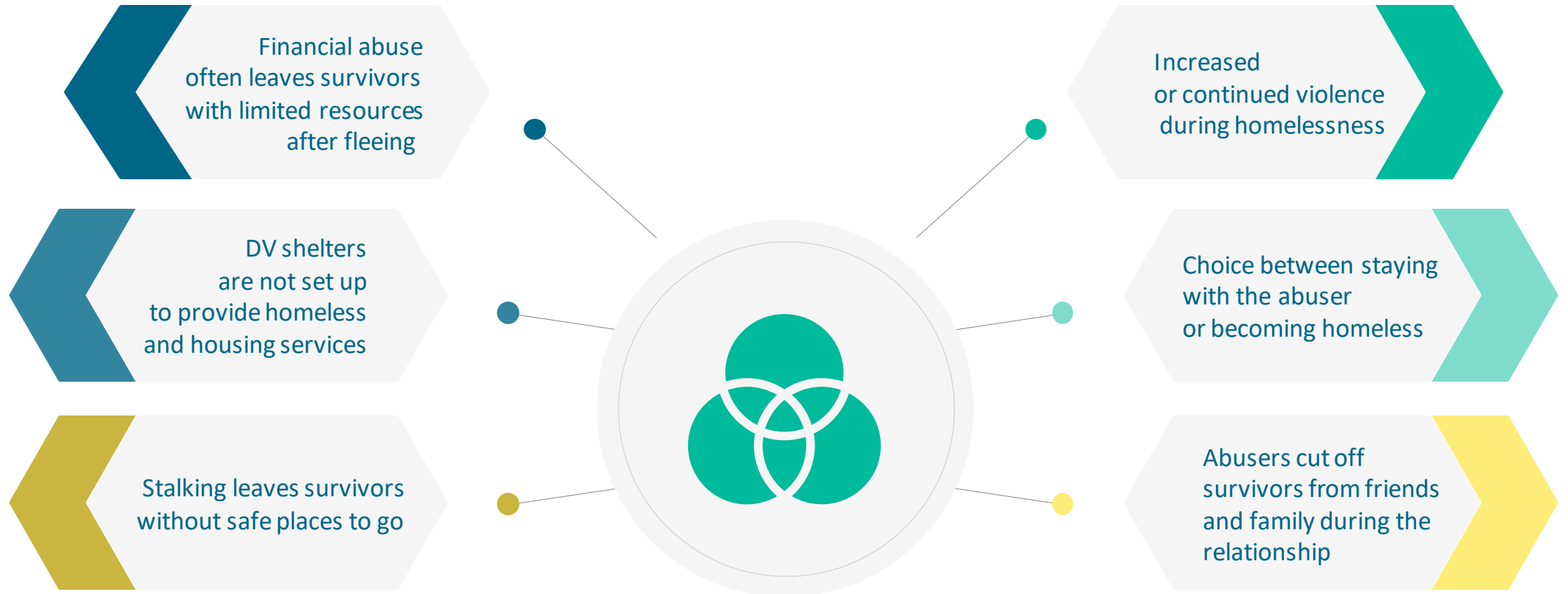
- Experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions;
- Have no identified residence; AND
- Lack the resources needed to obtain other permanent housing.

Prevent street-based
homelessness

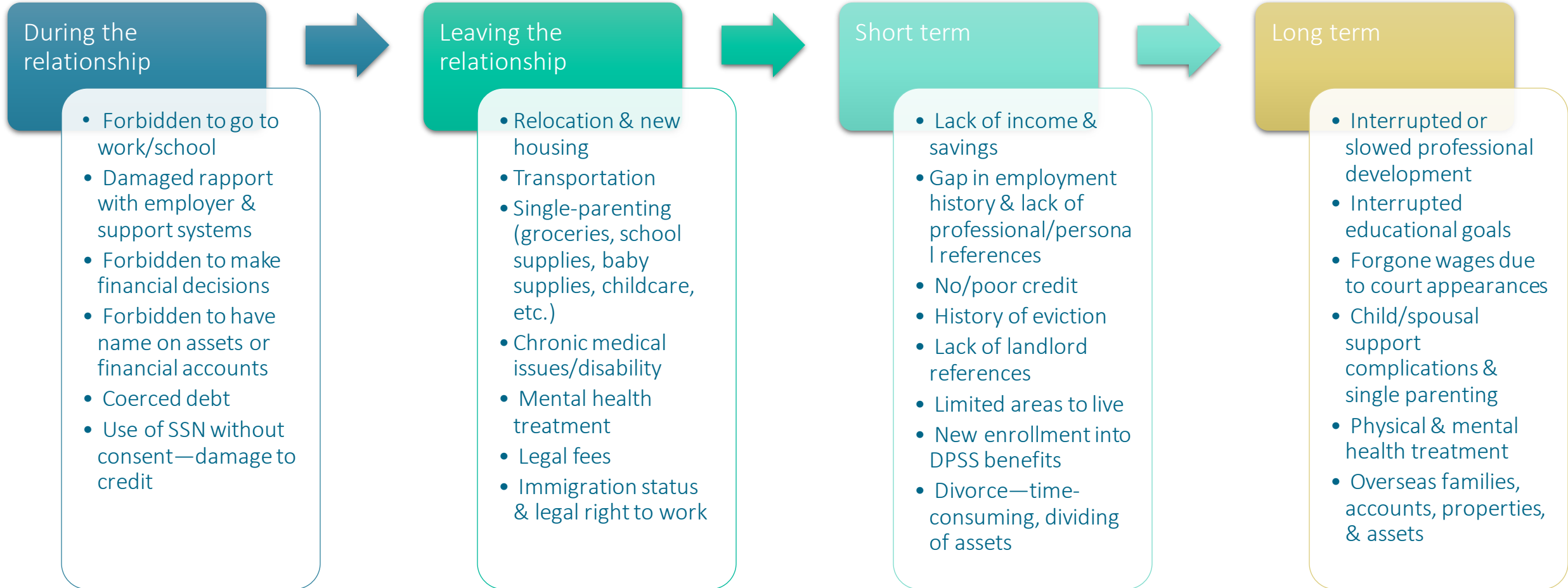
Specific setting for DV: couch
surfing

Specific consideration:
Lack the resources

Intersections with Homelessness



The Economic Ripple Effect of Intimate Partner Violence

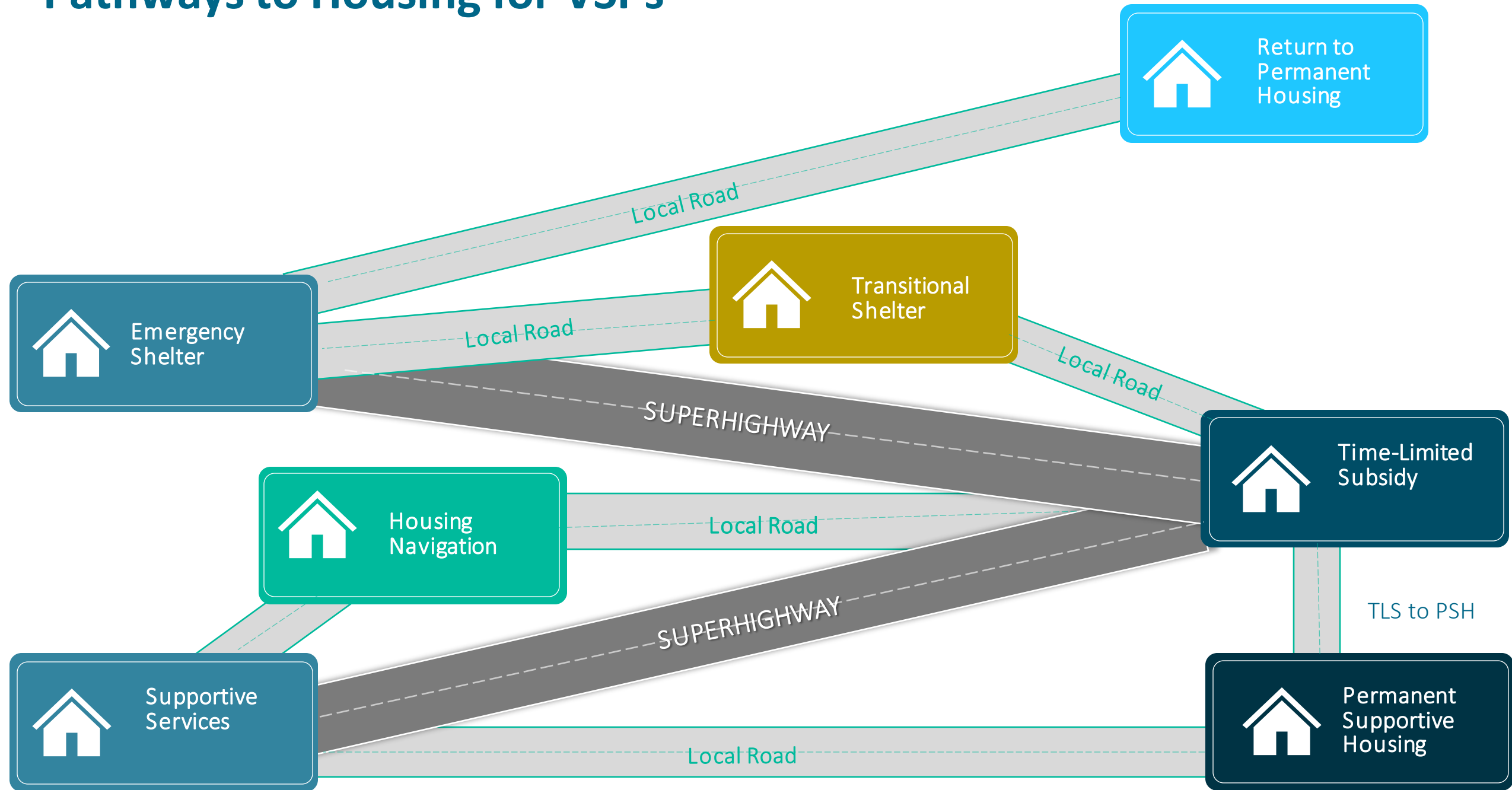


Housing First Model Adapted to DV

Housing First Core Principle	Working with Survivors
Housing and Services with No Preconditions	Survivors may have previous evictions, poor credit score, lack of job history, etc. due to abuse, and still deserve case management and program access.
Individualized and Person-Driven Services	Survivors are not a monolith. Allow the survivor to guide their own case management.
Participant Choice	Allow the survivor to choose where they live and who they live with.
Safety	Allow the survivor to determine what safety means for them.
Community Integration	Connecting survivors with peer support. Connecting them with jobs in social services.

Domestic Violence Housing Programs

Pathways to Housing for VSPs





Domestic Violence Transitional Housing

- Transitional Housing for DV/IPV Survivors is a housing first, low barrier, harm reduction-based trauma-informed crisis response program that provides safe, client-driven support services and access to temporary residence for people experiencing a housing crisis due to DV/IPV.
 - Client Choice
 - Supportive Services and connection to resources
 - Housing focused case management
 - Safety, well-being, and housing stability
 - Up to 24 months





Domestic Violence Housing Navigation Overview

Housing Navigation bridges a critical gap in services in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA Coc). It provides housing-focused supportive services for people experiencing homelessness in locations identified by LAHSA with the goal of helping them identify, apply for, secure and move into permanent housing within 120 days of Navigation Enrollment.

Assist participants in locating appropriate housing that meets their needs and expressed desires.

Prepare the participant for the leasing process and ensure all documents are collected.

Accompany Participant when meeting with landlords.

Provide transportation to and from unit viewings.

Provide financial assistance for necessary application fees and security deposits.

Conduct necessary housing inspections.

Participant’s choice must be considered and be a part of the assessment and planning for appropriate housing.



Domestic Violence Time-Limited Subsidies (TLS) Overview

Time-Limited Subsidies is a category within **Permanent Housing**.

TLS connects individuals and households experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a **tailored** package of assistance that may include the use of **time-limited** rental and financial assistance and **targeted** supportive services.

TLS programs assist individuals, youth and families with solving the practical and immediate challenges to obtaining permanent housing while **reducing** the amount of *time* they experience homelessness, **avoiding** a near-term *return* to homelessness, and **linking** to *community resources* that enable them to achieve housing **stability** in the *long-term*.

Joint Component Program Overview

- Transitional Housing (TH) is a category within Interim Housing.
- Time Limited Subsidies (TLS) or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is a category within Permanent Housing.
- Program allows for participants to exercise client choice in determining whether TH or TLS is the appropriate housing intervention.
- There are no preconditions set.



Funding

Federal

- DV Regional Coordinators
- DV TLS/Joint Component

State

- Other DV Rapid Re-Housing Programs

Local

- DV TLS
- DV Housing Navigation

Implementation in Your Community

Discussion



What is the current landscape of the homeless and DV intersectional space? What effort have been done to improve the communication/partnership between homeless and DV?



Does your CES (assuming they have a similar arrangement) have specialized staff regarding DV, HT, and SA?



Are there any Councils or organized groups for Victim Service **Providers** in your community? How can you engage them?

Thank You!

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