



Co-Location Webinar Series

April 1st and 8th, 9:30 – 11:00 AM PT/ 12:30 – 2 PM ET

In a 2017 national safe housing needs assessment, 14% of DV/SA organization respondents and 16% of culturally specific respondents reported that their organizations had staff co-located at one or more homeless/housing organizations. While this model was used by a relatively small number of programs, its impact was large, with 77% of DV/SA organizations and 76% of culturally specific respondents reporting that the practice assisted survivors with their housing needs.

These two webinars will each spotlight a trio of programs whose projects provide working examples of the value of co-location (or "co-working," within the pandemic-necessitated virtual context), including how they facilitate safe housing outcomes for survivors.

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Webinar 1: Co-location/Co-working to Increase Access for Survivors

Co-location of DV/SA advocates in various settings can deepen cross-system relationships, provide ready support to survivors navigating those systems, and create multiple opportunities for cross-training and systemic change. An advocacy presence can impact practices to enhance survivor safety, cultivate a deeper understanding of DV/SA dynamics, trauma, and racial inequities, and can often bring the critical issue of safe housing to the forefront. This webinar will explore what makes for successful co-location/coworking partnerships, including bridging cultural differences across fields, addressing confidentiality considerations, and ensuring clear delineation of roles while working onsite together. Panelists will also provide insight to how such partnerships can be structured, how they improve survivors' experiences, increase racial and gender equity, and how they can contribute to survivors' access to safe housing options.

Panelists:

Oregon Department of Human Services Co-Located Advocacy Program

- Amber Harchuk, DV Program Lead, OR DHS
- Norma Obrist, Director of Social Services, Tides of Change (Tillamook, OR)

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Home Visitor Partnership

- Leigh Hofheimer, Reproductive Justice Program Coordinator, WSCADV
- Dani Aguilar, Community Outreach Coordinator, YWCA Yakima
- Bianca Cruz, Bilingual Family and Children's Advocate, YWCA Yakima

Homeless Navigator in Oklahoma City embedded in Palomar (a Family Justice Center)

- Jessica Bishop, Housing Navigator, Homeless Alliance

Webinar 2: A Deep-Dive into DV/SA and Homeless/Housing Co-location/Co-Working Partnerships

This webinar will explore the ways in which DV/SA advocates, embedded in homeless/housing systems, and vice versa, can create access and increase racial and gender equity for survivors and support homeless/housing advocates to understand the unique safety needs and barriers survivors face.

Panelists:

La Casa de Las Mujeres: Partnership with San Francisco Housing Authority

- Beatriz Vasquez, Community Programs Manager, La Casa de Las Mujeres, San Francisco, CA

YWCA of Greater Portland: Partnership with Housing Authority of Portland

- Jaidra Hennessey, YWCA Director of Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs, Director of Housing Programs

New Opportunities in Connecticut: Partnership with the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence's DV RRH Programs

- Anthony Roldan, Bilingual Housing, New Opportunities

Register here:

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