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**Housing Survivors of Sexual Assault Webinar: Chat and Q&A**  
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August 18, 2020 from Thomas Bednar to everyone: 3:01 PM 1-855-797-9485  
Access code: 161 854 7220

August 18, 2020 from Marissa Ybanez to everyone: 3:05 PM I am not sure how to  
mute my microphone?

August 18, 2020 from Samantha Hof to everyone: 3:05 PM I cant hear anything

August 18, 2020 from Samantha Hof to everyone: 3:05 PM is there a number to  
call to listen in?

August 18, 2020 from Abt Associate to everyone: 3:05 PM All participants are  
automatically muted. If you need to call in the number is +1-415-655-0002 and the meeting id is 161  
854 7220

August 18, 2020 from Marissa Ybanez to everyone: 3:05 PM I could hear, but don't  
know if my sound is loud on my end?

August 18, 2020 from Marissa Ybanez to everyone: 3:05 PM Oh okay, thank you.

August 18, 2020 from Christie Bevis to everyone: 3:05 PM Thanks for confirming  
that we are muted. :) )

August 18, 2020 from Marissa Ybanez to everyone: 3:06 PM Thank you :)

August 18, 2020 from Marissa Ybanez to everyone: 3:09 PM I can't hear anything

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August 18, 2020 from Marissa Ybanez to everyone: 3:10 PM My sound came back now. It cut off for a minute or two

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 3:11 PM @Marissa - glad you are back.

August 18, 2020 from Abt Associate to everyone: 3:12 PM In order to manage bandwidth, only the cameras of the presenters are turned available to be turned on.

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 3:12 PM  
[www.safehousingpartnerships.org](http://www.safehousingpartnerships.org)

August 18, 2020 from Samantha Hof to everyone: 3:12 PM Samantha Hof, from ICAP in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 3:13 PM @Samantha - welcome!

August 18, 2020 from Jill Robertson to everyone: 3:14 PM Welcome everyone!  
Please feel free to ask any questions here in the chat.

August 18, 2020 from Jared Hunter to everyone: 3:15 PM what is the number an individual or case worker would call to receive services?

August 18, 2020 from Karla Vierthaler to everyone: 3:16 PM I will cover that next Jared--great question!

August 18, 2020 from Marissa Ybanez to everyone: 3:16 PM What services do you guys provide for immigration? We get many clients without papers, etc., and get denied services for not having identification, etc.

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August 18, 2020 from Karla Vierthaler to everyone: 3:17 PM Our programs would (should) work with anyone, regardless of immigration status.

August 18, 2020 from Marissa Ybanez to everyone: 3:19 PM Okay great. I am out in California (Riverside County). I work at a Rape crisis center as well, was just wondering if there were other resources as well. Thank you :)

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 3:20 PM RAINN - <https://www.rainn.org/>

August 18, 2020 from rebekah moses to everyone: 3:20 PM Here is a link for contact info for state, territorial and tribal coalitions which can connect to direct services: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/local-resources>

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 3:21 PM @Rebekah Moses - thank you!

August 18, 2020 from rebekah moses to everyone: 3:21 PM @LC sure thing :)

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 3:22 PM National Sexual Violence Resource Center - <https://www.nsvrc.org/>

August 18, 2020 from Jared Hunter to everyone: 3:24 PM will these stat graphics be available post presentation?

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 3:25 PM @Jared - yes. The entire slide presentation will be posted on the HUD Exchange in a couple of days



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August 18, 2020 from Trent McElyea to everyone: 3:41 PM That also depends on the state. Many states require shelter stay documentation through HMIS, at the very least for chronic homelessness.

August 18, 2020 from Justin Marino to everyone: 3:43 PM I was specifically looking for guidance on getting Survivors into a PSH program. Self certification can be used but I am under the impression only 25% of CoC PSH program participants can self-certify

August 18, 2020 from Justin Marino to everyone: 3:43 PM CoC PSH Program guidelines are regulated by HUD

August 18, 2020 from Jill Robertson to everyone: 3:44 PM @Justin there are limites on self certification. Please go to HUD Exchange for details on the 25% limit on self certification.

August 18, 2020 from Nat Wadman to everyone: 3:45 PM from what we experienced is also related to the limited resources of sexualt assault and sexual violence and how specific cultures are so complex to articulate sexual assault and sexual violence experiences so it is much easier to articulate domestic violence as presenting problem. But once when you build rapport and trust with cultural lens, the experiences of sexual assault/sexual violence would come out. This also realtes to how DV housing program are much more than SA/SV single issue.

August 18, 2020 from Jill Robertson to everyone: 3:46 PM @Michellet Gustafson Here is the link on the change for determining homelessness and the documentation.  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/news/huds-definition-of-homelessness-resources-and-guidance/>

August 18, 2020 from Karla Vierthaler to everyone: 3:51 PM Yes, it is. HUD said they would release the recording 2-3 days after the presentation. Glad it is helpful!

August 18, 2020 from Karla Vierthaler to everyone: 3:51 PM This was in response to a question on whether the presentation was being recorded:)



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August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 4:07 PM @Shanda-Joy Laws and Rachel Brown. Thank you so much. Glad you are finding it beneficial.

August 18, 2020 from Samantha Hof to everyone: 4:08 PM Very informative and fantastic presentation! I am a Housing Stabilization Coach and I work with DV families with ICAP

August 18, 2020 from Noemi Jimenez to everyone: 4:10 PM I just wanted to know how does this work to facilitate services for those trapped in the sex working field or human trafficked do you work with the attorney generals office etc?

August 18, 2020 from Karla Vierthaler to everyone: 4:15 PM Our programs definitely do work with trafficked victims, but we do generally refer people to organizations who work specifically with trafficking victims.

August 18, 2020 from Karla Vierthaler to everyone: 4:16 PM for more in depth assistance

August 18, 2020 from pat turner to everyone: 4:17 PM Here in VT we have Coordinated Entry and an assessment is done with all people who are presenting as homeless, part of that assessment is asking the questions around Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence, and whether they are fleeing or attempting to flee. They are immediately referred to local Sexual Assault/ Domestic Violence program. Often we can collaborate with them to achieve an assessment and assist them with shelter etc.

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 4:17 PM @Noemi Jimenez - The Freedom Network has a training and technical assistance program focused on the intersection of homelessness and human trafficking. You can reach out to them at [www.freedomnetworkusa.org](http://www.freedomnetworkusa.org)

August 18, 2020 from Karla Vierthaler to everyone: 4:18 PM Vermont does great work around sexual violence and housing issues!

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August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 4:18 PM @Pat Turner - that sounds like a strong partnership. Thank you for sharing.

August 18, 2020 from Trent McElyea to everyone: 4:19 PM Another part of trauma-informed care is understanding the vulnerability matrix as it pertains to intersectionality of an individual ie a trans woman of color who is homeless has more vulnerability to potential trauma

August 18, 2020 from Denise Albertson to everyone: 4:26 PM @ Lisa Coffman - what meetings are taking places tomorrow & next week? They are geared towards ESG & CoC providers?

August 18, 2020 from Kimberly Leach to everyone: 4:27 PM Thank you SO much for this presentation! I have so many notes!

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 4:27 PM Here is the resource to submit a complaint regarding sexual harassment in housing - [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/online-complaint](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint)

August 18, 2020 from Kate Easter (she/her) to everyone: 4:28 PM Can you please repost the links the registration info for the presentations on Wednesday, 8/19, and next week?

August 18, 2020 from Isabel Camacho to everyone: 4:28 PM I agreed with the VISPADT to be a major barrier for victims of a crime; such as domestic violence and sexual assault.

August 18, 2020 from Abt Associate to everyone: 4:28 PM Correction:

August 18, 2020 from Jill Robertson to everyone: 4:28 PM @Rebekah and David S - there will be some options coming out soon. Check out the [safehousingpartnerships.org](http://safehousingpartnerships.org) for more info

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August 18, 2020 from Chantell Welch to everyone: 4:28 PM Great Presentation!  
Thank you.

August 18, 2020 from Lisa Coffman to everyone: 4:28 PM @Denise - No. The meeting tomorrow and next week are targeted towards organizations providing services to survivors of sexual assault. Those webinars will be a high level introduction of the SNAPS Housing Assistance Programs and how they can access them on behalf of their clients

August 18, 2020 from Isabel Camacho to everyone: 4:29 PM Excellent presentation.  
Thank you!

August 18, 2020 from K Brown to everyone: 4:29 PM Will this presentation audio recording and slides be made available to us?

August 18, 2020 from K Brown to everyone: 4:29 PM Awesome!

August 18, 2020 from K Brown to everyone: 4:29 PM THANK YOU for all of this information

August 18, 2020 from Isabel Camacho to everyone: 4:29 PM How we can register for tomorrow's and next week meetings?

August 18, 2020 from Isabel Camacho to everyone: 4:30 PM Excellent presentation.  
Thank you!

August 18, 2020 from rebekah mores to everyone: 4:30 PM thank you, condencia, karla, and elizabeth!

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August 18, 2020                                      from Debbie Fox to everyone: 4:30 PM                      Thank you all! Amazing job!

August 18, 2020                                      from Wendy Blackburn to everyone: 4:30 PM                      Thank you!

**Q&A Session for Housing Homeless Survivors of Sexual Assault**

-Melanie Allison - 2:52 PM

Q: It will not let me select the phone to call in

Priority: N/A-

-Thomas Bednar - 2:56 PM

A: You can call in at 1-855-797-9485      Access code: 161 854 7220

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-Denise Albertson - 2:55 PM

Q: please provide call in information

Priority: N/A-

-Thomas Bednar - 2:56 PM

A: 1-855-797-9485      Access code: 161 854 7220

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-Amy Foster - 3:12 PM

Q: Are we on auto-mute? I can't figure out how to ensure I'm muted.

Priority: N/A-

-Jeanne Goodman - 3:13 PM

A: Yes, all participants are muted. If you have questions you can send them here in Q&A or in chat. -

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-Michele Wolf - 3:32 PM

Q: Our program actually does shelter SV survivors if safety is an issue. I think the reason it is usually DV is because that is where the funding comes from.

Priority: N/A-

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-debi cain - 3:34 PM

Q: All- how can sexual assault programs insure that DV and homeless programs are trained in sexual assault?

Priority: N/A-

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-Danielle Tobey - 3:37 PM

Q: Here in Los Angeles. That is the problem the head of household will have to qualify for services even in it is the child who was assaulted. If the head of household is not the victim it is not a factor in becoming eligible for supportive housing

Priority: N/A-

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-Danielle Tobey - 3:46 PM

Q: For American Indian children that roughly 70 percent of murdered and missing indigenous people are former foster youth. I have seen are assaulted in foster care and just moved to a different home. Many time out of the system and experience homelessness.

Priority: N/A-

-Jill Robertson - 4:21 PM

A: @Danielle good points-

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-Guillaume Stewart - 3:48 PM

Q: What are the benefits of earlier detection and linkages to services for homeless populations that experience sexual violence?

Priority: N/A-

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-Amber Killian - 3:51 PM

Q: will this webinar be available for viewing after?

Priority: N/A-

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-Danielle Tobey - 4:12 PM

Q: Development of stream line protocols in responding to sexual violence. Possibly legislation that will hold people accountable for not addressing or acknowledging the victims pain and journey to healing. possibly legislation.

Priority: N/A-

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-melinda banahene - 4:16 PM

Q: Is it possible to work with survivors of both DV and sexual assault and provide appropriate services?

Priority: N/A-

-Jill Robertson - 4:19 PM

A: @Melinda ues it is possible to work with survivors of DV and SA and provide services. But you have to train your staff appropriately for both needs.-