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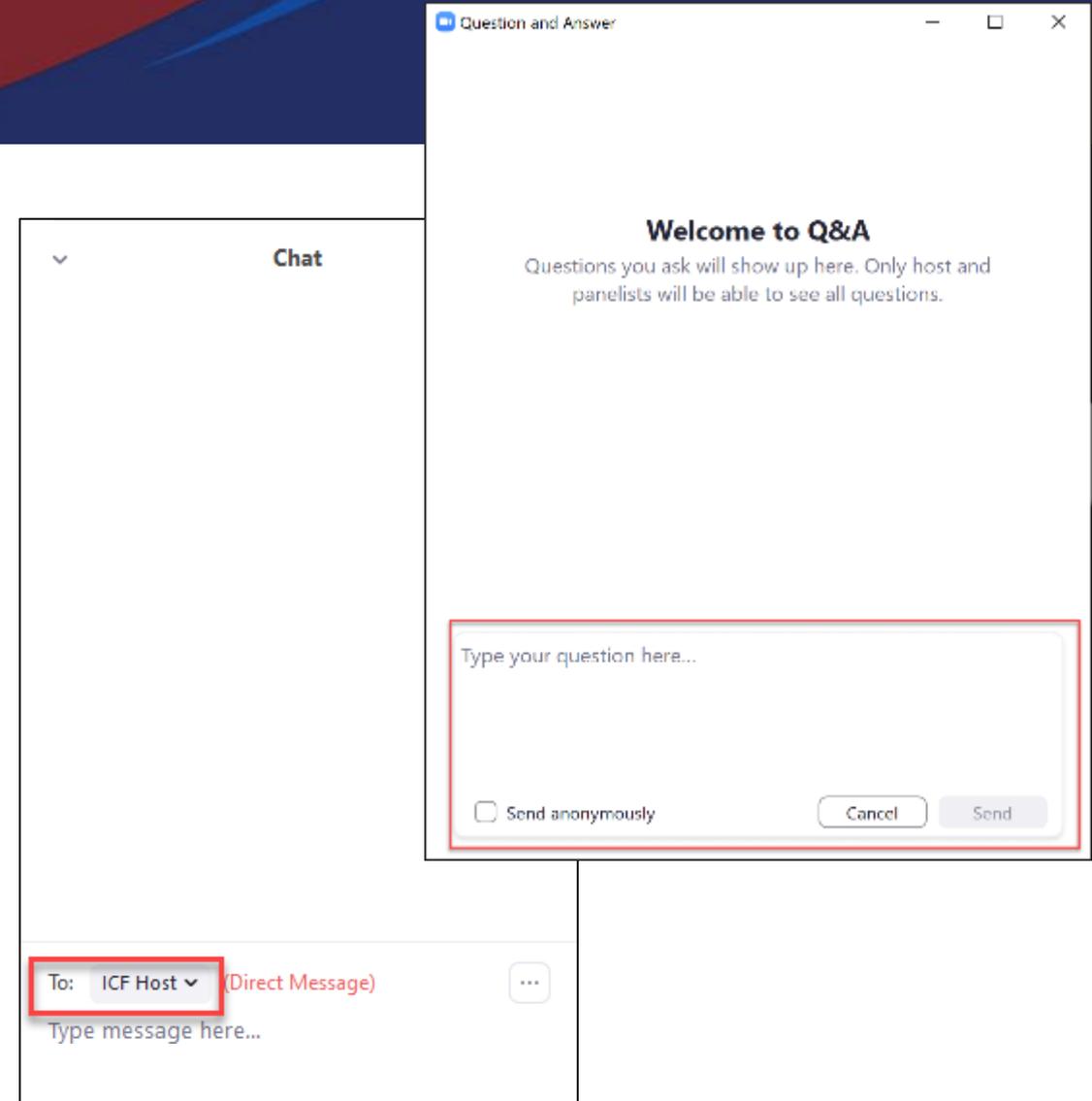
How to Identify Persons Impacted by Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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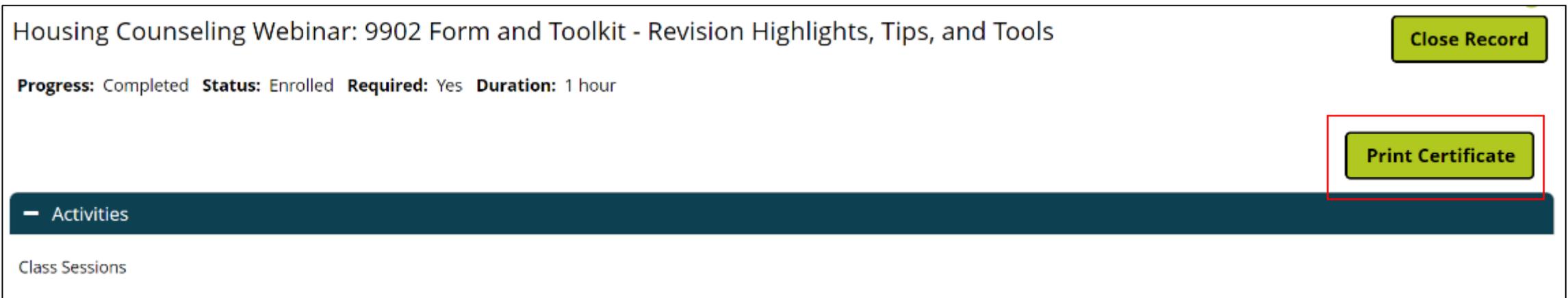
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Fringe Benefit Costs	This webinar discussed the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) cost principles related to fringe benefits and how to properly document and calculate fringe benefits.	February 15, 2022
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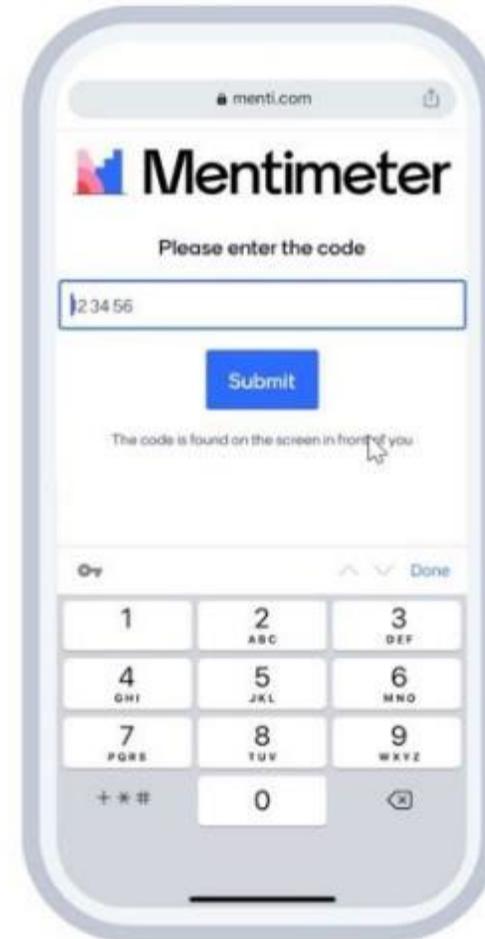
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Agenda

- HUD Welcome
- Trauma-Informed Approaches to Providing Services
- Referrals and Support Services
- Tools and Resources
- Q&A



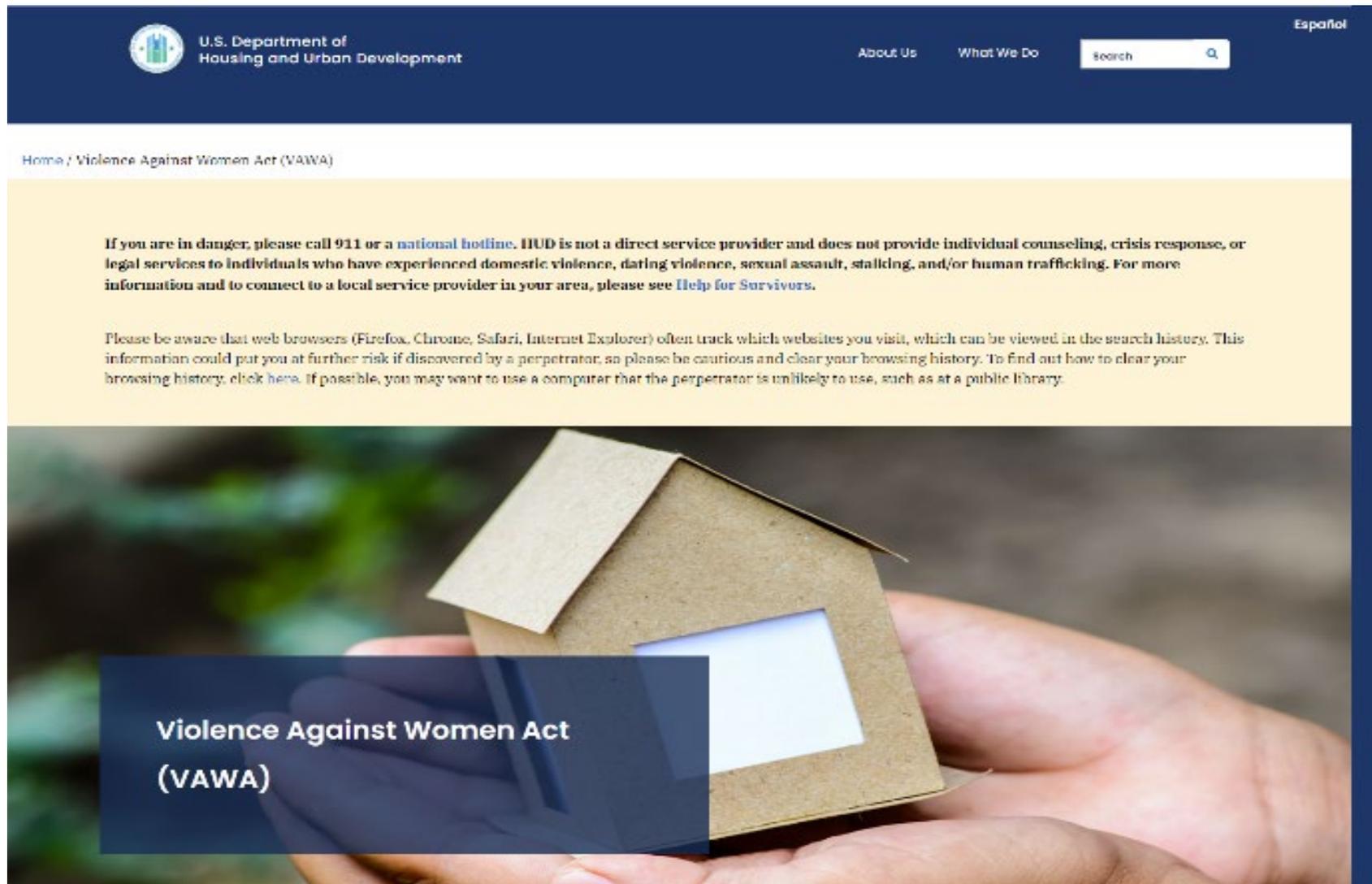
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HUD VAWA Website | www.hud.gov/vawa



- This new HUD [website](http://www.hud.gov/vawa) is a clearinghouse for all things related to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- It includes FAQs on housing protections, trainings, related forms and legal authorities, as well as referrals to direct services for survivors

Series Introduction



HOUSING COUNSELING

Housing Services for Persons Impacted by Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Webinar Series

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2023



HUD's Office of
Housing Counseling

- Understand the unique needs of those experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Learn how to provide services in a trauma-informed way, sensitive to the range of experiences survivors may have had
- Identify key housing referrals and resources and protections available to survivors under VAWA 2022
- Find federal and other resources to assist survivors with related needs, including legal services, social services, and more

Check Out All the Sessions

Today: How to Identify Persons Impacted by Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

- Identifying consumers who have been impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault
- Using a trauma-informed approach to work with clients in a housing context
- Understanding key resources and referrals for consumers impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault



March 9, 2023: [Housing Protections for Persons Impacted by Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#)

- What VAWA housing protections are and who they apply to
- Best practices to help consumers access VAWA housing protections
- Tools and resources that housing counselors and housing providers can use to help consumers access VAWA protections



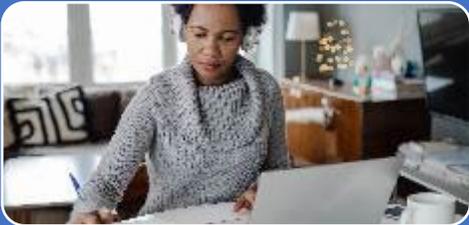
Trauma-Informed Approaches to Providing Services

Applying New Approaches

The goal of this training is to help housing providers and housing counselors:



Learn to identify population members to better serve people who are impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault



Develop new skills and approaches for trauma-informed and trauma-responsive work to offer better services to everyone regardless of whether they are impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault



Provide information about population-specific referral routes

Defining Terms - VAWA Definitions

Under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking are defined as follows:

Domestic Violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant funding and, in the case of victim services, includes the use or attempted use of physical abuse or sexual abuse, or a pattern of any other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse that may or may not constitute criminal behavior, by a person who

- a) is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, or person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim;
- b) is cohabitating, or has cohabitated, with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- c) shares a child in common with the victim; or
- d) commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction

Defining Terms – VAWA Definitions (contd)

Dating violence means violence committed by a person—

- a) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- b) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - i. The length of the relationship
 - ii. The type of relationship
 - iii. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

Sexual Assault is any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

- a) fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or
- b) suffer substantial emotional distress

Source: <https://www.hud.gov/vawa>

Defining Terms – Trauma-Informed

- **Trauma-Informed Approaches:**

- ✓ Are approaches delivered with an understanding of the vulnerabilities and experiences of trauma survivors, including the prevalence and physical, social, and emotional impact of trauma
- ✓ Recognize signs of trauma in staff, clients, and others and respond by integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices, and settings
- ✓ Place priority on restoring the survivor's feelings of safety, choice, and control

- Programs, services, agencies, and communities can be trauma-informed

Source: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/model-standards/6/glossary.html>

Defining Terms – Trauma-Responsive

Trauma-Responsive Practices can be used by service professionals to enhance the health and well-being of trauma-exposed clients:

1. **Screening and Assessment Gathering:** Information from clients about their trauma history and trauma-related symptoms
2. **Psychoeducation:** Sharing information and support that can help clients to better understand and cope with trauma
3. **Cognitive and Emotional Regulation:** Enhancing a client's ability to effectively manage and respond to negative thoughts and emotional experiences
4. **Motivation Enhancement Techniques:** Helping clients resolve ambivalence about their trauma and increase their motivation to engage in help seeking or other adaptive coping strategies
5. **Referral to Treatment:** Assisting a client in gaining access to mental health treatment or other specialized services

Source: https://uwm.edu/icfw/wp-content/uploads/sites/384/2018/10/trauma_responsive-3.pdf

Strengths-Based v. Needs-Based Approaches

Strengths-Based Approach

- Client-led and centered on individual's strengths for outcomes
- Clients are encouraged to affect change within themselves
 - Allows people to see themselves at their best and recognize their own value
- Takes environment into account

Needs-Based Approach

- Focused on client needs or deficiencies and solutions to overcome these challenges
- Clients often feel as though they are defined by their shortcomings
 - Can lead to emotion fatigue and feelings of powerlessness



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Discussion: Providing Services

Housing Referrals

Homelessness

- **Emergency shelter:**
 - Provides immediate help for people who will otherwise spend the night in a place not meant for human habitation
 - Common points-of-access include: 211/other central number, Community Action Agencies, libraries, employment centers, and other drop-in centers
- **Homeless-dedicated housing:** site- or voucher-based subsidized housing plus case management and supportive services

Low-Income Households

- **Public housing authorities (PHAs):** Offer subsidized housing through the Housing Choice Voucher program (also called Section 8)

Housing Counseling

- **Housing counseling agencies:** Provide one-on-one and group education on financial counseling, credit repair, rental issues, homebuying, homeownership, and foreclosure prevention



Non-Housing Referrals and Support Services

Legal Referrals

Victim services

Protection orders

Family law (custody, divorce, child support, child welfare system assistance)

Immigration (VAWA self-petition and U and T visa)

Employment (Family and Medical Leave Act and state-by-state protections)

Social Services and Public Benefits

Medical

- [Dental- Give Back a Smile program](#)
- [Healthcare and Medical Assistance | benefits.gov](#)

Mental health

- [NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)
- [FindTreatment.gov](#)

Food/nutrition

- [SNAP Eligibility | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [Food Assistance Programs | Nutrition.gov](#)

Income

- [Government Benefits | USAGov](#)
- [Workforce Development Solutions | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#)

Childcare

[Child Care Financial Assistance Options | Childcare.gov](#)

Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime

- Many services available:
 - [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\) \(Compensation/Assistance\)](#)
 - [State Support | Office for Victims of Crime \(ojp.gov\)](#)
 - [Elder Fraud and Abuse](#)
 - [Domestic Violence, Stalking, Sexual Assault](#)
 - [Human Trafficking](#)
 - [Support for American Indian/Alaska Native Victim Service Resources](#)
 - [Directory of Crime Victim Services](#)



Additional Federal Resources

- [DOJ Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\)](#):
 - [OVW organization and community funding](#)
 - [OVW grant programs](#) – to help strengthen services for victims and hold offenders accountable.
- The Department of Health and Human Services [Family Violence Prevention and Services Act \(FVPSA\) Program](#) funds community resources:
 - Hotlines: [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#), [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#), [National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline](#)
 - [State & U.S. Territory Coalitions – National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)
 - [Domestic Violence Resource Network](#)

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Tools and Resources

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- [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\) – HUD.gov/vawa](https://www.hud.gov/vawa)
- [HUD's Violence Against Women Press Release](#)
- [Domestic Violence and Homelessness - HUD Exchange](#)
- [Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium Coordinated Entry Webinar - HUD Exchange](#)
- [Housing Survivors of Sexual Assault Webinar Series - August 18 - HUD Exchange](#)
- [NFHTA Forum | Violence Against Women Act, Part 1: Understanding Survivors' Experiences - HUD Exchange](#)
- [NFHTA Forum | Violence Against Women Act, Part 2: Legal Protections for Survivors - HUD Exchange](#)
- [Person-Centered Data Reporting Guidance](#)
- [ESG: Emergency Solutions Grants Program - HUD Exchange](#)
- [CoC: Continuum of Care Program - HUD Exchange](#)



Questions and Answers



Housing Counseling Training Digest

- [Visit the Training Digest on the HUD Exchange](#)

Upcoming Trainings:

Combating Appraisal Bias Series

[Housing Counseling and FHEO Agencies Combining Forces to Combat Appraisal Bias](#) March 15, 2023

Housing Services for Persons Impacted by Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Series

[How to Identify Persons Impacted by Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#) February 23, 2023

[Housing Protections for Persons Impacted by Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#) March 9, 2023

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