HUD DV Bonus Project 4/2021 Update

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Presentation Roadmap

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HUD DV Bonus Collaboration: Building Futures and Family Violence Law Center

BUILDING FUTURES WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN

- **Expertise:** Building Futures plays a key role in Alameda County’s **Coordinated Entry System**, leading three mid-county resource centers that connect clients with shelter, interim housing, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing.

- **Key Project Staff:** Liz Varela and Jeffrey Suiter (no longer on project)

FAMILY VIOLENCE LAW CENTER

- **Expertise:** Family Violence Law Center helps diverse communities in Alameda County heal from domestic violence and sexual assault, advocating for justice and healthy relationships while providing survivor-centered legal and crisis intervention services.

- **Key Project Staff:** Erin Scott, Tunisia Owens, Nashi Gunasekara, Ja'Nai Aubry (no longer on project)
Project Scope

ASSESSMENT  RECOMMENDATIONS  TRAINING
System Assessment for DV survivors

ASSESSMENT METHODS

• Individual interviews with service providers in the homeless service system who work with CES and external DV service providers
• Brief surveys with DV providers
• Focus groups with street outreach homeless providers
• System policy and governance participation.

WHAT IS WORKING? WHERE ARE THE GAPS?

• System level modifications opens door for DV providers to participate.
• Focus on system performance and data provides evidence of gaps and opportunities for course correction.
• DV survivors have challenges accessing system resources
• DV providers concerns are not currently addressed by the Coordinated Entry
Recommendations

Short term
• Prevention
• Clarify
• Transparency
• System Mapping
• Training
Recommendations Continued

**MEDIUM TERM**
- Medium term
- Create a work around until a comparable database is available that does not preclude DV survivors not in HMIS from accessing the prioritized housing resource list
- Explore using alternative assessment tools, the VI-SPDAT has significant limitations.
- Also require that all persons administering the assessment be required to have DV training

**LONG TERM**
- Invest in developing actual DV system coordination and pay for a comparable database within the DV homeless service system
- Invest in one or more DV Coordinators for the entire CoC.
- Invest in a communication channel between external DV service providers and homeless service providers.
Training

POTENTIAL
- Homeless Street Outreach
- Street medicine
- Housing Problem Solving
- 211 crash course

LONGER TERM
- 211 DV scripts and annual training
- Homeless Assessment
- HRC staff
Questions? and Answers