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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.

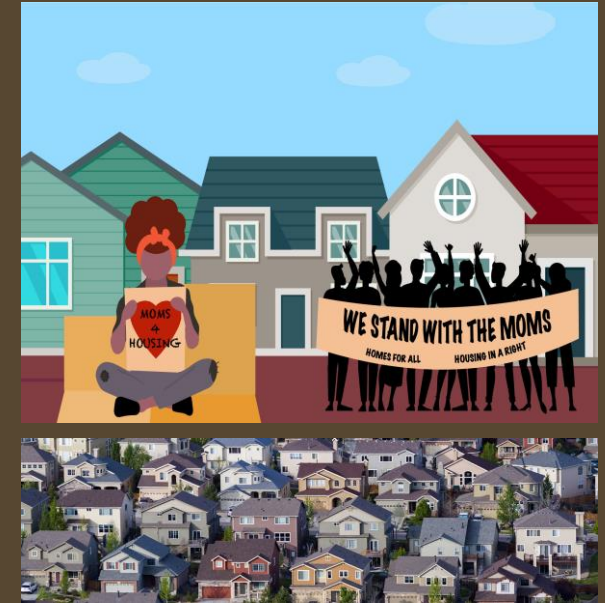
WHAT IS WORKING? WHERE ARE THE GAPS?

- 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