

EXPLORING THE INTERSECTIONS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS

An intersectional, collaborative approach to advocacy and housing



To create opportunities for positive change by promoting and supporting the full potential of individuals, the strengths of families, and the well being of the community.









Community Solutions is a comprehensive non-profit human services agency serving Santa Clara and San Benito Counties.

Since 1973, we have responded to the growing and changing needs of our community, serving several thousand people, From young children to older adults each year.

We provide a comprehensive spectrum of prevention, intervention, treatment, and residential services to help children, families and individuals overcome the challenges posed by:

·Mental health issues

·Substance abuse

·Trauma

·Severe family dysfunction

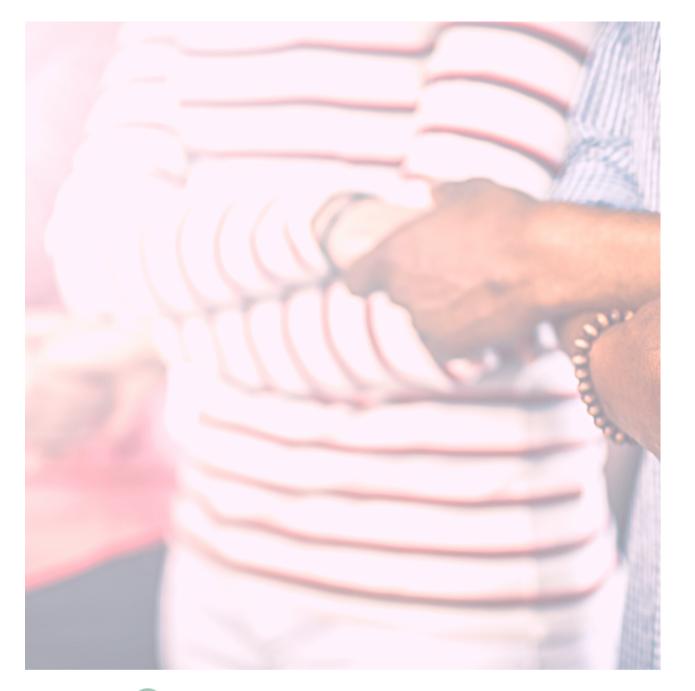
Gang influence

·Sexual assault

·Intimate partner violence

·Human trafficking

·Homelessness



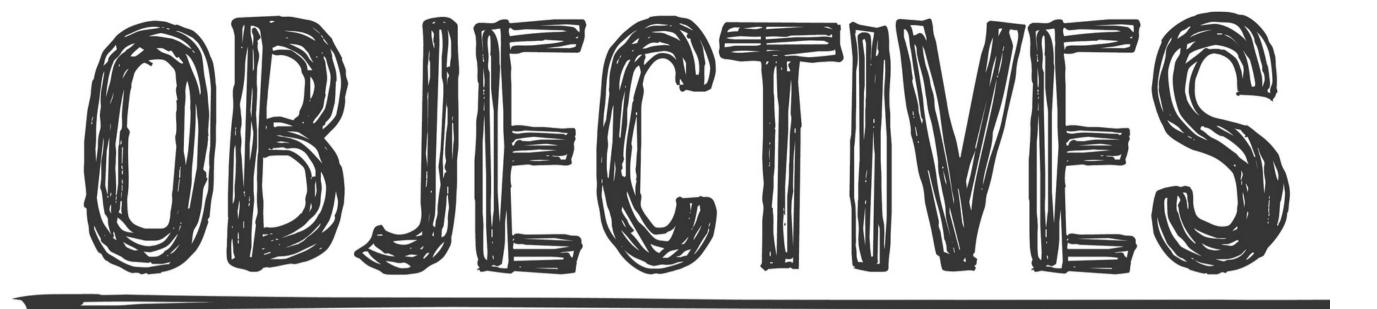




Our Solutions to Violence programs provide trauma-informed, survivor-centered and empowerment-based services to strengthen and support survivors of intimate partner abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking.



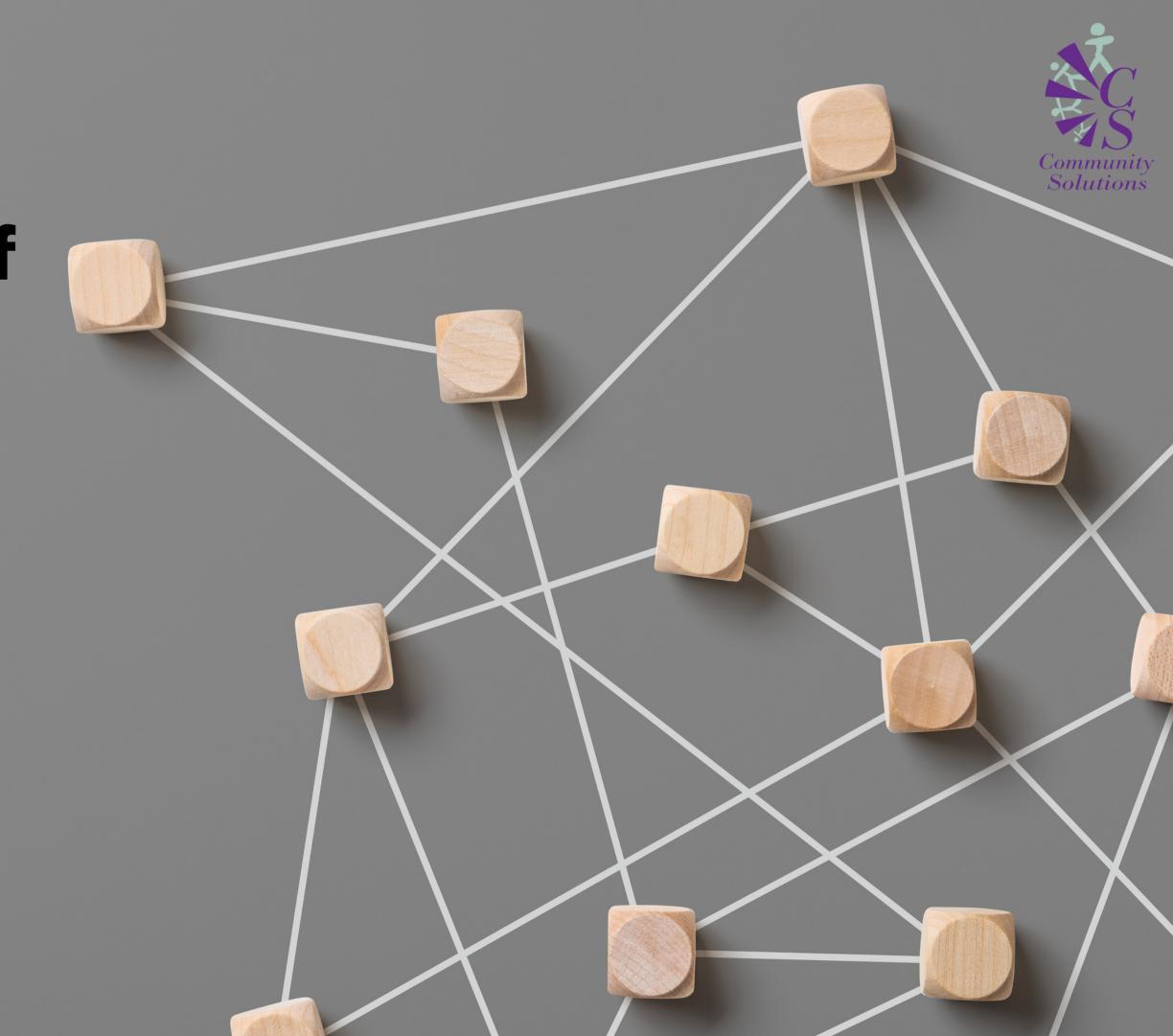
Additionally we work create change through education, prevention, and community outreach services





- 1. Increased understanding of how IPV, SA, and HT intersect
- 2. Increased understanding of the intersections of gender-based violence
- 3. Increased understanding of GBV's impact on homelessness
- 4. Barriers survivors face when trying to secure and maintain long-term housing.
- 5. Increased understanding of survivor needs for services and housing from crisis to stabilization/transitional to sustainability.

Increased understanding of how Intimate Partner Abuse, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking intersect.



CDC: Connecting the Dots Links of Violence



| | | Type of Violence Perpetration | | | | | | | |
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| | | Child maltreat- ment | Teen Dating Violence | Intimate Partner Violence | Sexual Violence | Youth Violence | Bullying | Suicide | Elder Maltreat- ment |
| Individual | Low educational achievement | X ⁴² | X ⁵² | X 53 | | X ⁴⁶ | X ⁵⁸ | X ^{SS} | |
| | Lack of non-violent social problem-solving skills | X ⁴² | X ⁵² | X ₂₃ | X ^{57,56} | X ⁴⁶ | X ³⁷ | X ⁵⁵ | X ²⁷ |
| | Poor behavioral control/ Impulsiveness | X ⁴² | X ⁵² | X ⁵³ | X ³¹ | X ⁴⁶ | | X ⁴¹ | |
| | History of violent victimization | X ⁴² | X ¹⁰² | X ⁵³ | X 31 | X ⁴⁶ | X ⁶⁷ | X ⁴¹ | X ²⁷ |
| | Witnessing violence | X ⁴² | X ⁵² | X ⁴⁵ | X ³¹ | X ⁴⁶ | X ^{103,37} | X ⁸⁵ | |
| | Psychological/mental health problems | X ⁴² | X ⁵² | X 53 | | X ⁴⁶ | | X ⁴¹ | X ²⁷ |
| | Substance use | X ⁴² | X ₂₅ | X ₂₃ | X 31 | X ⁴⁶ | X ₂₈ | X ⁴¹ | X ²⁷ |

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| Risk | Factors | | | | | | | | |
| Societal | Cultural norms that support aggression toward others | X ^{33,76,77} | X ^{78,79} | X ⁵³ | X ³¹ | X ⁸⁰ | | | X ^{27,81} |
| | Media Violence | | | | X ^{57,82} | X ⁸³ | X ³⁷ | X ^{84,85} | |
| | Societal income inequity | X ¹⁰⁸ | | X ⁸⁶ | | X ^{87,88,89} | X ⁴⁷ | | |
| | Weak health, educational, economic, and social policies/laws | X ⁹⁰ | | X ⁵³ | X ³¹ | | | X ⁹¹ | |
| | Harmful norms around masculinity and femininity | X ⁹² | X ⁵⁴ | X ⁵³ | X ^{31,73,74} | X ⁹³ | X ⁹⁴ | | |

Correlation of Abuse

Children who were exposed to violence in the home were

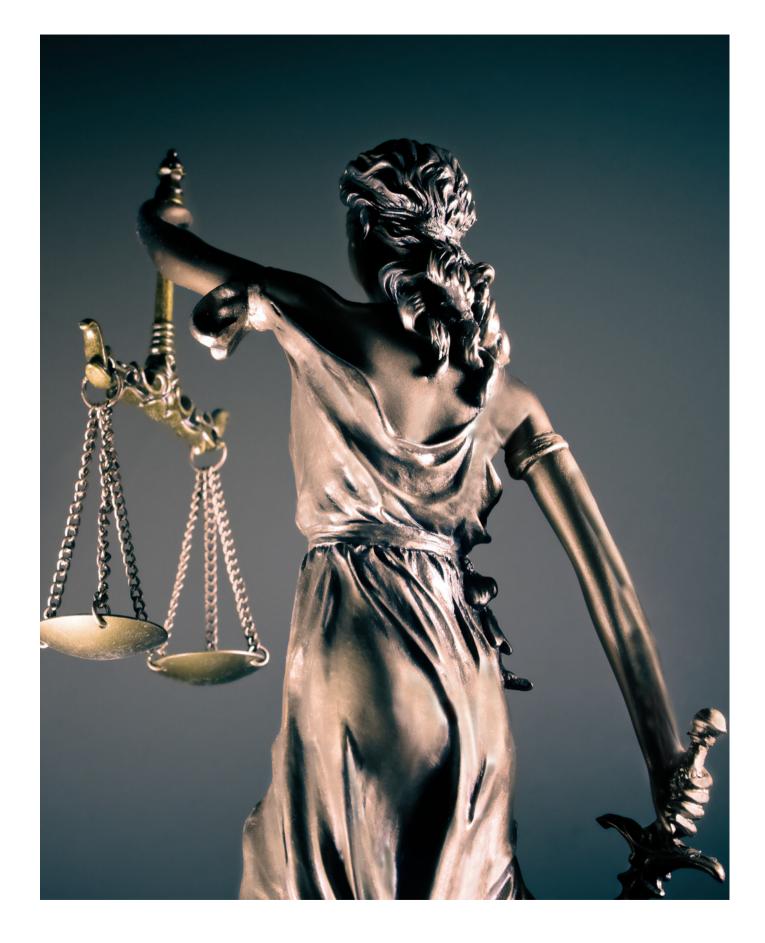
15X more likely to be physically and/or sexually assaulted than the national average.





VIOLENCE COMMITTING INCEST physical Se ANGER/EMOTIONAL ABUSE: PEER PRESSURE: Putting her/him down. Threatening to expose Making her/him feel bad INTIMIDATION someone's weakness or about her or himself. spread rumors. Telling Instilling fear through looks, Name calling. Making actions, gestures, property malicious lies about an her/him think she/he's SEXUAL TOUCHING ! KISSING individual to peer group. crazy. Playing mind destruction . Using adult size school, juvenile detention. games. Humiliating one · Yelling · Being violent to foster homes, relatives, another. Making the other parent, pets, etc. psych wards her/him feel guilty. ISOLATION/EXCLUSION: USING SC **USING ADULT** Controlling what another does. Treating her who she/he sees and talks to, PRIVILEGE Making all ISOLATION what she/he reads, where she/he PUSHING Acting like Treating children as servants . **ABUSE** TEEN goes. Limiting outside involvement. Using jealousy COE castle." Be Controlling access to peers/adults. Punishing, bossing, always winning food Saparage define men siblings, other parent, grandparents · Denying Input in visitation and to justify actions OF **POWER** roles. custody decisions - Interrupting Threatens CHILDREN harm • The AND family • T INTIMIC KICKJNG SEXUAL COERCION: victi CONTROL Making: ECONOMIC Manipulating or making threats Thr by using **EMOTIONAL ABUSE THREATS** to get sex. Getting her **ABUSE** gestures. pregnant. Threatening to take Put downs, name calling . Using Destroyi Threatening abandonment, suicide, workers, the children away. Getting children as confidents • Using children, physical hara confinence Abusing -Creates debt bondage that someone drunk or drugged to get or give information to other weapon! to other loved ones **ECONOMIC** can never be repaid . Takes to get sex. parent · Being inconsistent ABUSE Shaming children some or all money earned VIOLENCE WOUNTHAR SWARD IN SO Forbids victim to have access to MINIMIZE/DENY/ THREATS: their finances or bank account BLAME: Making and/or carrying Forbids victim to go to school farm out threats to do some-Making light of the abuse and not taking concerns thing to hurt another. USING PRIVILEGE Threatening to leave, to about it seriously. Saying the abuse didn't happen. commit suicide, to report Treats victim like a servant • servants, her/him to the police. Shifting responsibility for Defines gender roles to make Making her/him drop abusive behavior. Saying subservient • Uses nationality charges. Making her/him she/he caused it. do illegal things. to suggest superiority • Uses certain victims to control other victims . Hides or involvement • using jealousy destroys important Somostic to justify actions. VIOLENCE IMIZING, papers YING Forces BLAMING maxing light of the abuse Uses rape as a weapon and the children to relay messages situation . Denies that and not taking her concerns · using visitation to harass her means of control •Treats victin anything illegal is about it seriously . saying the threatening to take the abuse didn't happen . shifting responas an object used for monetary occurring • Places blame children away. sibility for abusive behavior • saying gain • Normalizes sexual on victim for the she caused it. iolence and selling sex trafficking situation PHYSICAL VIOLENCE SEXUAL **Labor Trafficking**

VIOLENCE



Linkages of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Perpetration



- Researchers in Ohio found after looking at the Rape Backlog kit testing exam the criminal histories of 259 known perpetrators of sexual assault found that:
 - 12% of serial offenders had at least one reported domestic violence arrest prior to the sexual assault
 - 34% of them had a least one domestic violence arrest afterward



Cindy's Intersections

Cindy became homeless when she left her roomate Greg after he severely beat her.

Then, he coerces her into sleeping with other men for money.

When she refused, he would kick her out of their apartment.

Is Cindy a victim Of IPA/SA?HT?

What in her story indicates HT?

What in her story indicates IPA?

What in her story indicates SA?

AMP Model

What was the action that her abuser used? What is the means that her abuser used? What was the Purpose that her abuser used?

Community

Action

- Recruits
- Harbors
- Transports
- Provides
- Obtains or so attempts

Means

(Force, Fraud, Coercion)

- Causing or threatening serious harm
- Physical restraint
- Debt bondage
- Abuse of legal process
- Withholding documents

Purpose

- Commercial sex acts
- Labor or Services

John's Intersections

John broke up with Vincent.

Vincent claimed John was in debt to him.

Then, he coerced John into working for his family business.

John hasn't been paid in 5 months.

Is John a victim Of IPA/SA?HT?

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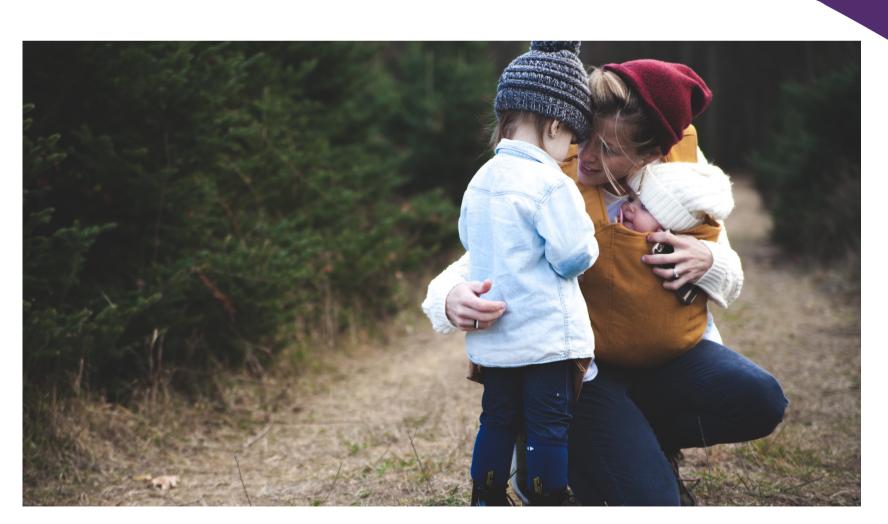


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of women currently unhoused are accompanied by minors







4196

of them stated their homelessness was caused by violence.



5496

of the unhoused women surveyed have faced some form of violence, abuse, harassment, or threats while experiencing homelessness

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of the unhoused women attribute the of their homelessness due to domestic violence

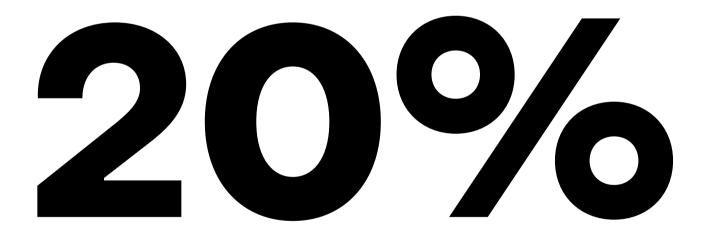


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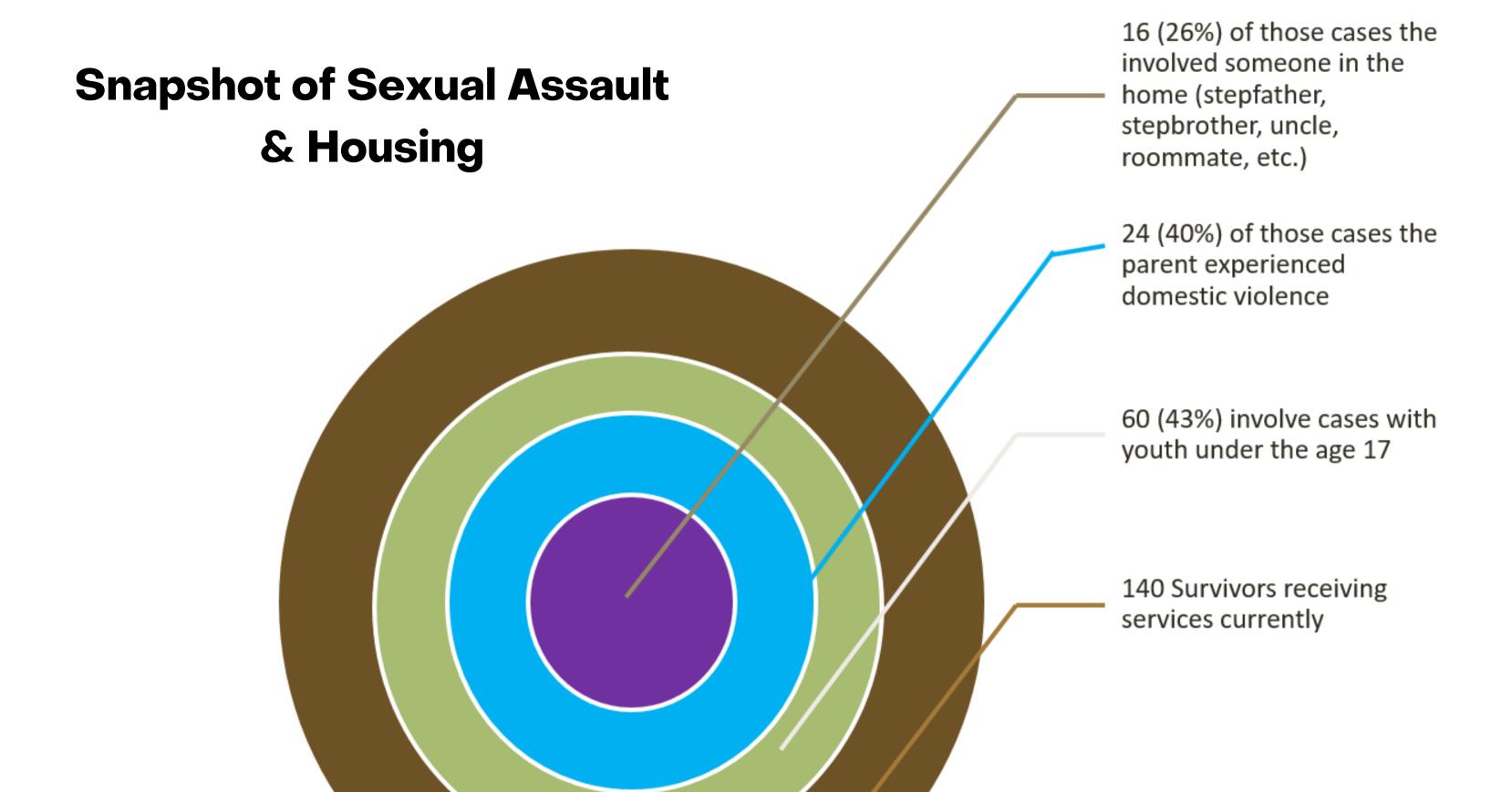
of women returned to an unsafe home because they had nowhere else to go







of unhoused women were pregnant while they were experiencing homelessness

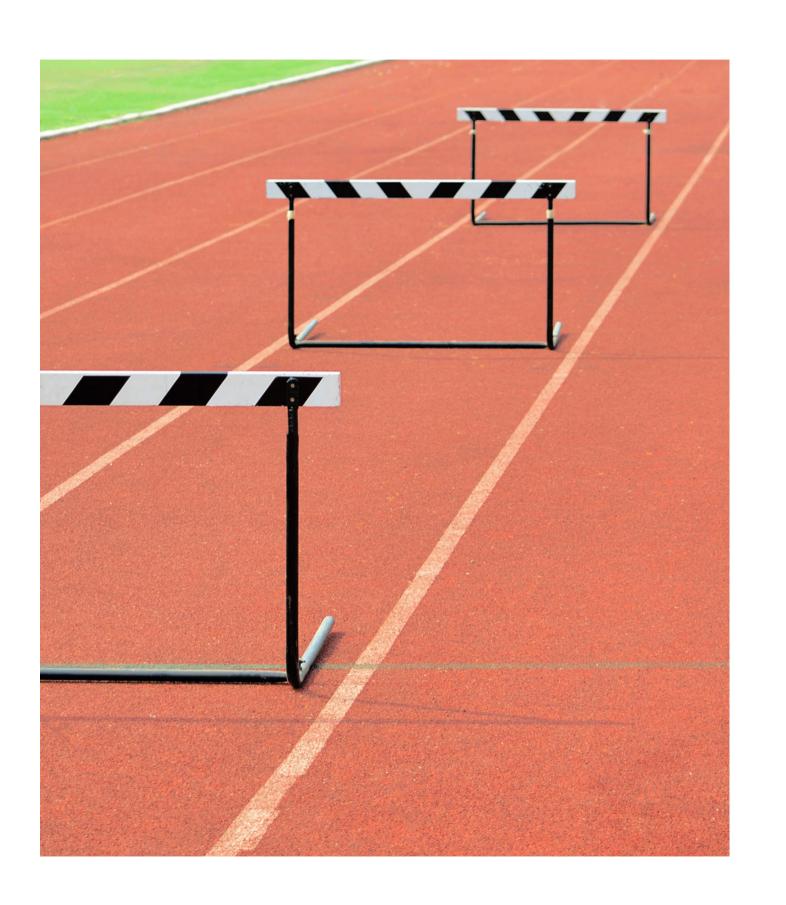






Barriers of Housing for GBV



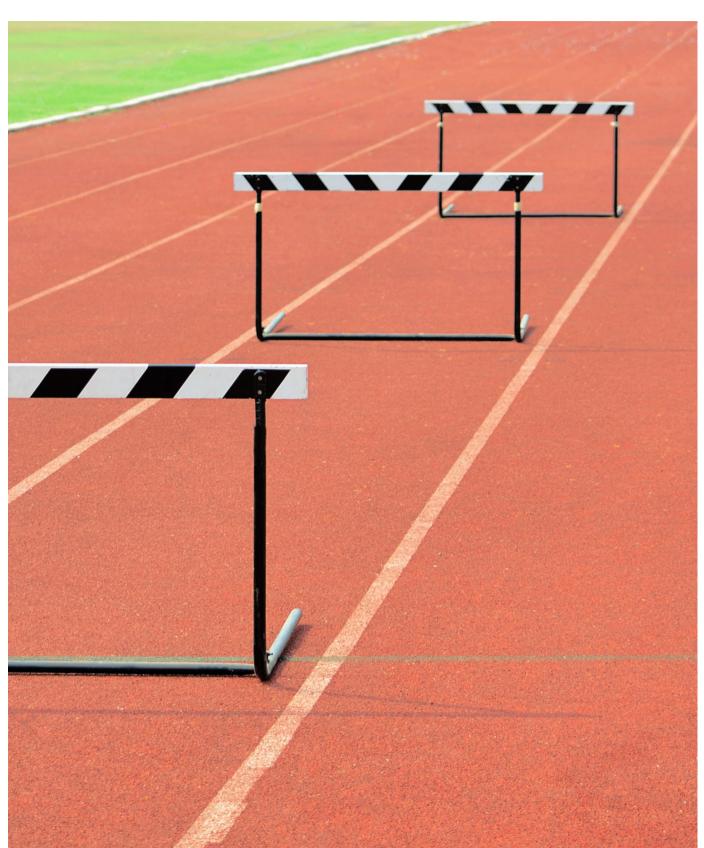


- Prior to Covid many sexual assault survivors could only access 3-day emergency hoteling after fleeing homes with sexual assault
- If domestic violence was also present the family could then qualify into our domestic violence shelters
- With more families living in homes with multiple families we are seeing incidents of sexual violence that occurred among roommates

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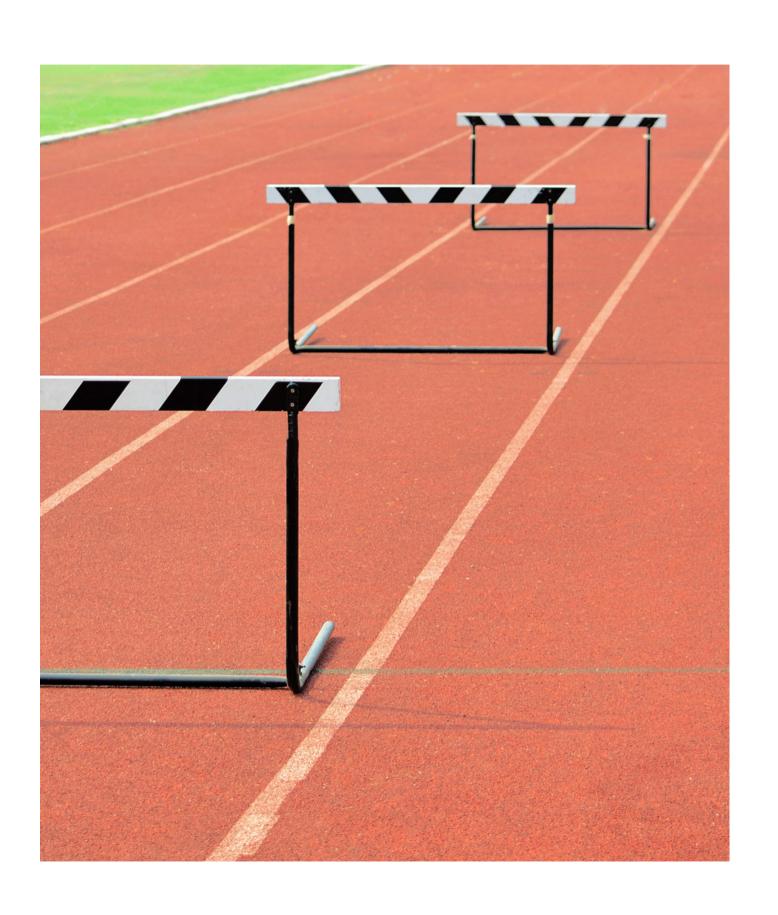


- Many parents are tasked with trying to stabilize and find income:
 - Affordable daycare
 - Prior lack of natural support systems
 - Potential loss of familial support systems
 - Distrust of outside providers



Barriers of Housing for GBV





- Poor credit ruined rental histories
- Lack of steady employment
- Housing discrimination
- Loss of subsidized or other affordable housing

Inicios: Addressing Survivor Needs





Comprehensive approach to gender-based violence



Service Values:

- Trauma Informed
- Survivor Centered
- Empowerment Based
- Culturally Responsive

Comprehensive Services:

- IPV/SA/HT Crisis Response
- Confidential Advocacy
- Victim Witness Support
- Immigration and Family Law
- Law Enforcement
- Joint Safety Planning
- Case Management, Housing, etc.



Training and TA Efforts:

- Training to Partners
- Protocol Development
- Collaborative Community
 Outreach

Collaborative Partnerships:

- · Community based organizations
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- DFCS
- Medical Providers
- Faith Based Organizations

Intended collective Impact





Ensure a Continuum of Culturally Responsive Policies, Services and Support that Prioritizes Survivors' Wellbeing from Crisis to Long-Term Sustainability.









Crisis/Urgent

Establishing Basic Needs

Stabilization

Transitioning Towards Self Sufficiency & **Economic Empowerment**

Sustainability

Maintaining Permanent Housing





CRISIS: I have an immediate need which can impact my physical, emotional, and financial well being.



ADVOCACY FROM INICIOS

(Beginnings) to Thriving!

Self-sufficiency and stabilization



MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

MORALITY, CREATIVITY. SPONTANEITY, PROBLEM SOLVING, LACK OF PREJUDICE, ACCEPTANCE OF FACTS

SELF-ACTUALIZATION

SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE,

Abraham Harold Maslow (April 1, 1908 - June 8, 1970) was a psychologist who studied positive human qualities and the lives of exemplary people. In 1954, Maslow created the Hierarchy of Human Needs and expressed his theories in his book, Motivation and Personality.

ABRAHAM MASLOW



ACHIEVEMENT, RESPECT OF OTHERS, RESPECT BY OTHERS



ESTEEM



FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY, SEXUAL INTIMACY



LOVE/BELONGING

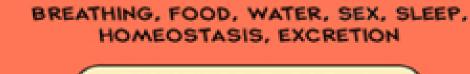


Self-Actualization - A person's motivation to reach his or her full potential. As shown in Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, a person's basic needs must be met before self-actualization can be achieved.

SECURITY OF BODY, OF EMPLOYMENT, OF RESOURCES, OF MORALITY, OF THE FAMILY, OF HEALTH, OF PROPERTY



SAFETY



PHYSIOLOGICAL



CRISIS/ENGAGEMENT PHASE



Focus

- Engagement
- Needs assessment
- Address needs
 - Basic needs: food, shelter, medical, mental health needs
- Safety needs
 - civil standby, lock changes, alarm, safety plan
- Legal Needs
 - TRO, custody, immigration, good cause report

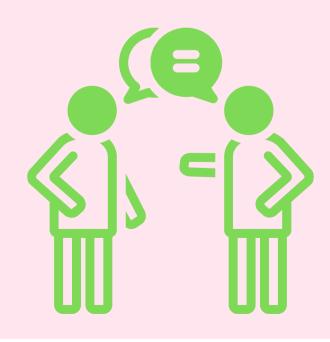
Tools

- Dr. Jacquelin Campbell's Danger Assessment
- Community Solutions
 Victim Needs
 Screening Tool
- Safety Plan
- Goal Plan
- Client Intake



Approaches

- Trauma-Informed
- Survivor-Centered
- Empowerment-based
- Culturally responsive
- Stages of Change
- Motivational Interviewing



HOUSING BARRIERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CRISIS PHASE



WHAT IS OFFERED:

- LIMITED EMERGENCY HOTEL

-LIMITED CONFIDENTIAL

EMERGENCY SHELTER

-VISPDAT SCREENING

WHAT THE NEED IS/GAPS:

LONGER TERM EMERGENCY
 HOUSING OPTIONS
 NOT A HOUSING FIRST MODEL
 VISPDAT DOES NOT PRIORITIZE
 HOUSING FOR GBV



RECCOMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING ACCESS TO EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS:

INCREASE THE CAPACITY ACROSS THE HOUSING CONTINUUM
TO ENSURE SEAMLESS HOUSING AND COMPREHENSIVE CASE
MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR GBV SURVIVORS FROM
CRISIS TO LONG-TERM HOUSING

SCREENING FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS SHOULD BE DONE BY CONFIDENTIAL GBV PROVIDERS

LOOK AT A GAPS ANALYSIS OF THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING OPTIONS FOR GBV

TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT



LIFE COACHING + CASE MANGEMENT



STABILIZATION PHASE



Focus

- Increasing self confidence
- Increasing self-sufficiency
- Increasing English proficiency
- Improving emotional, mental, and physical health
- Increasing support networks
- Establish transitional housing
- Linkage to other resources, legal, etc.
- Advocacy and support with court systems and other partners

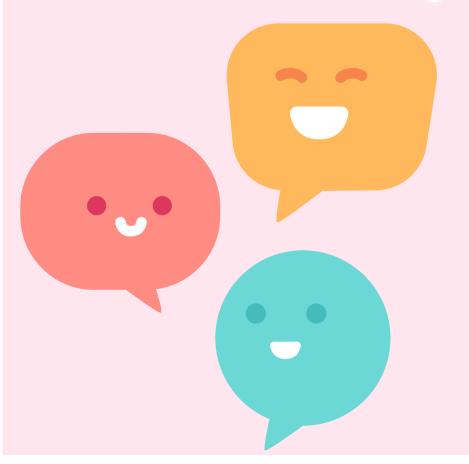
Tools

- Goal Plan
- Safety Plan
- Self-Sufficiency Matrix
- Pre-VISPDAT
- VI-SPDAT



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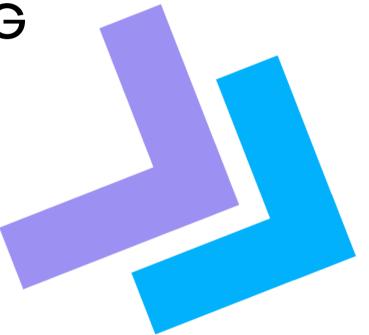


HOUSING BARRIERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STABILIZATION



WHAT IS OFFERED:

- RAPID REHOUSING
-TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
(EL JARDINS)
- CALOES HOUSING



WHAT THE NEED IS/GAPS:

- MORE BEDS AND SPACES
-LACK OF PREFERENCE
GUIDELINES FOR GBV AT
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEXES



RECCOMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING ACCESS TO STABILIZATION HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS:

FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW CONFIDENTIAL GBV PROVIDERS TO ASSESS SURVIVORS ENTRY INTO HOUSING POINTS

ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS WITH CITIES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS TO CREATE PREFERENCE GUIDELINES TO INCREASE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GBV SURVIVORS

SUSTAINABILITY





EMPOWERMENT/SELF-SUFFICENCY
Housing stability
Economic Stability
Established supportive systems
Utilization of gained skills

SUSTAINABILITY PHASE



Focus

- Survivor has permanent housing
- Survivor has steady income
- Survivor has means to cover basic needs consistently
- Survivor has reliable transportation, childcare, etc.
- Survivor has access to continued mental health and medical care
- Survivor has ability to pursue academic and professional goals

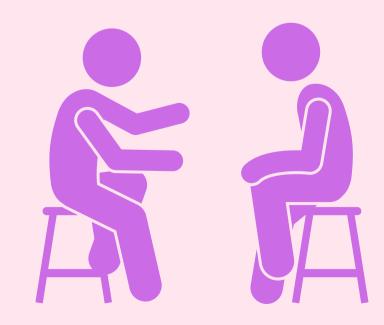
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HOUSING BARRIERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERMANENT HOUSING



WHAT IS OFFERED:

-LIMITED SELF-SUFFICENCY
PROGRAMMING
-CASE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT



WHAT THE NEED IS/GAPS:

- NO TRAJECTORY TO PERMANENT
HOUSING OPPORTUNTIES
-LACK OF PERMANENT HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES
-LACK OF PREFERENCE
GUIDELINES FOR GBV AT
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEXES



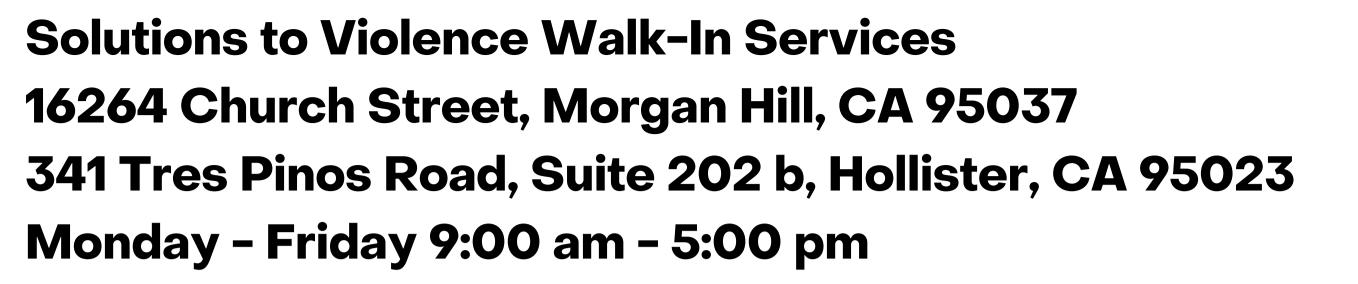


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MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR GBV SURVIVORS FROM
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INCREASE NETWORK FOR PARTICIPATING LANDLORDS
WITH HOUSING PROGRAMS

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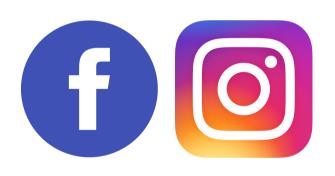




Family Justice Center- South County 16264 Church Street, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 Wednesdays 9:00am - 5:00pm

San Benito County Youth Drop-In Center 544 San Benito Street, Hollister, CA 95023 Monday- Wednesdays 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

SafeChat www.safechatsv.org



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24 Hour Crisis Hotline (877) 363-7238 www.communitysolutions.org

Making a Difference in Our Communities

- Gilroy & Hollister Innovators: youth and adult volunteers creating safer communities through community-led actions
- Promotores: Spanish speaking volunteers who empower theri community through education

- School-based prevention programs Community Solutions
- San Benito County Youth Drop-In Center
- Parent Workshops
- Survivor Leadership Opportunities
- Awareness Building Campaigns
- Professional Trainings
- Volunteer Advocate training

