

Rural Domestic Violence Peer Network:

Increase Permanent Housing for Survivors in Rural Communities



Are you interested in advancing permanent housing solutions for survivors of violence? We invite you to join our network.

What is a Peer Network?

A peer network is a nurturing platform where beneficiaries (e.g., nonprofit agencies) come together for collaborative learning, devising strategies to overcome local challenges and boosting their confidence in advocating for systemic change.

The Peer Network approach fosters

- cross-peer learning and establishes an advocacy network.
- Organizations with varying capacities but shared interests receive individual and group consultations.
- This approach serves as a community of practice designed to inspire and invigorate leaders, accelerating progress toward social change.

The **Rural Domestic Violence Peer Network** offers training and technical assistance to victim service providers looking to expand housing options for survivors of violence in rural areas. **The results:** Participating beneficiaries will leave with a concrete plan to create housing opportunities in their communities and the empowerment to take next steps towards housing development.

Why Rural Matters?

In rural areas, victims face elevated rates of intimate partner violence (IPV) characterized by more frequent and severe physical abuse. The primary distinguishing obstacle in rural communities is limited access to essential services and resources. Over 25% of victims in small rural and remote areas live more than 40 miles from the closest support program. Safe affordable housing is hard to find.

The distinct housing needs of domestic violence (DV) survivors living in rural areas are compounded by the complex challenges faced by rural providers striving to meet these needs.

Who Is Eligible to Join?

DV programs throughout the Southeast are invited to join the Rural DV Peer Network. This encompasses nonprofit programs located in rural areas and organizations serving these rural regions, specifically communities with populations of 50,000 people or fewer.

What Do We Provide?

- A 9-month program offering specialized technical assistance, geared towards enhancing the knowledge and capabilities of non-profit organizations in the area of permanent housing development.
 - A blend of virtual and in-person training, complete with personalized guidance and a wealth of resources to support the formulation of a community plan.
 - Covered expenses related to travel and conference attendance for on-site training and the Southern Conference on Homelessness and Housing.
 - Access to regional experts skilled in the expansion and establishment of permanent housing in rural communities.
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