



**Topic: HomeRoom Network Community of Practice
Session 10 – Supporting Families Experiencing Homelessness in DV Situations:
Safety Planning and Permanent Connections**

Date: 8/29/2023

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm EST

Materials

Presentation Slides: <https://cohhio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/HomeRoom-Session-10.pdf>

Recording: <https://youtu.be/vRnIP3f7YvQ>

1. Introductions
 - a. Emily Kulow, Director of Mobile Advocacy and Meaningful Access, [Ohio Domestic Violence Network](#)
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2. Connection Between Domestic Violence and Homelessness
 - a. Domestic Violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children
 - b. DV is interconnected to homelessness both in DV services and homeless/housing services
 - c. DV doesn't happen in a vacuum
3. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
 - a. Physiological needs
 - i. Air, water, food, shelter, sleep, clothing, reproduction
 - b. Safety needs
 - i. Personal security, employment, resources, health, property
 - c. Love and belonging
 - i. Friendship, intimacy, family, sense of connection
 - d. Esteem
 - i. Respect, self-esteem, status, recognition, strength, freedom
 - e. Self-actualization
 - i. Desire to become the most that one can be
4. DV Housing First
 - a. Key components:
 - i. Survivor Driven
 - ii. Trauma-Informed
 - iii. Mobile Advocacy
 - iv. Community Engagement
 - v. Flexible Financial Assistance
5. The Impact of DV-related Homelessness on Children and Youth
 - a. When children enter shelter they often:
 - i. Experience sleep disruptions
 - ii. Experience schedule disruptions
 - iii. Exhibit troubling behavior/ "acting out"
 - b. Teens in shelter



- i. “Parentification” – taking on the role of a parent, being forced to deal with adult responsibilities
 - ii. Over identification with one parent, sometimes the abuser
 - iii. Anger and outbursts
6. Trauma-Informed Care with Youth and Parents
 - a. Validate the strengths of the parent
 - b. Show patience with children and teens
 - c. Advocate for parents and youth in schools
7. Youth Advocacy in DV Programming
 - a. Parent/guardian intakes
 - b. Assist with transportation
 - c. Assist with school transition
 - d. Liaison
 - e. Activities for children
8. How Can We Help?
 - a. School lunches
 - b. Supplies
 - c. IEP advocacy
9. Discussion
 - a. *How does your district/ESC meet the needs of students and families experiencing DV-related homelessness?*
 - b. *Where are there gaps in knowledge and capacity to respond to DV-related situations?*
 - c. *How does your collaboration with DV shelters and service providers look like?*
 - d. *What works about these collaborations?*
 - e. *How could these collaborations be improved to better meet the needs of families in DV-related situations?*
10. Closing
 - a. Upcoming Sessions
 - i. Session Eleven: Cross System Collaboration: Partnering with HUD and your Continuum of Care on 10/10/2023