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
Recording: https://youtu.be/vRnlP3f7YvQ

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