HomeRoom Network Community of Practice

Supporting Families Experiencing Homelessness in DV Situations: Safety Planning and Permanent Connections

Session 10

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Welcome!

Please say hello in the chat box and share

• Your name & pronouns
• Name of your District
• Your role
• One word description of how you are doing today
Zoom Logistics

- All participants can unmute
- You can share your camera
- Questions can be asked throughout the training
- The powerPoint will be sent out after each training
- Breakout rooms
- Polls/ quizzes
- Handouts/ Materials
- Audio/video issues
Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Connection between DV and Homelessness
- The Impact of DV-Related Homelessness
- Strategies and Best Practices
- Q&A
- Breakout Sessions
- Closing
Objectives

Attendees will:

• Understand the connection between domestic violence and homelessness
• Understand the impact of domestic violence related homelessness on children and youth
• Learn about resources to support families in domestic violence situations
COHHIO Course to HOME Team

Amanda Wilson she/her Youth Housing Initiative Director
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Guest Presenters

Emily Kulow
Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Director of Mobile Advocacy and Meaningful Access
The Intersection of DV and Homelessness on the lives of Youth

Emily Kulow, Director of Mobile Advocacy and Meaningful Access
Connection between DV and Homelessness

• Domestic Violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children

• DV is interconnected to homelessness both in DV services and homeless/housing services

• DV doesn’t happen in a vacuum
Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

- **Physiological needs**: air, water, food, shelter, sleep, clothing, reproduction
- **Safety needs**: personal security, employment, resources, health, property
- **Love and belonging**: friendship, intimacy, family, sense of connection
- **Esteem**: respect, self-esteem, status, recognition, strength, freedom
- **Self-actualization**: desire to become the most that one can be
DV Housing First

- Key components:
  - Survivor Driven
  - Trauma-Informed
  - Mobile Advocacy
  - Community Engagement
  - Flexible Financial Assistance
Housing Insecurity = Trauma
Ohio DV programs
The impact of DV related homelessness on children and youth
“There is an atmosphere where Dad disrespects Mom, where her voice is silenced, where she is bullied or made to feel worthless or treated like a servant. When a man repeatedly treats his partner in this manner, he sends shock waves through the whole family, in ways that not only bring distress to the children, but also can foster tense relationships between mothers and children and sows division among siblings”

- Lundy Bancroft
When children enter shelter they often:

- Experience sleep disruptions
- Experience schedule disruptions
- Exhibit troubling behavior/“acting out”
Teens in shelter

“Parentification”

Over identification with one parent

Anger/“outbursts”
Trauma Informed with Youth & Parents

- Validate the strengths of the parent
- Show patience with children and teens
- Advocate for parents and youth in schools
Youth Advocacy in DV programming

- Parent/guardian intakes
- Assist with transportation
- Assist with school transition
- Liaison
- Activities for children
How can we help?

SCHOOL LUNCHES

SUPPLIES

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Thank you!

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Discussion: Responding to Families in DV-Situations

In Breakout Rooms:

*How does your district/ESC meet the needs of students and families experiencing DV-related homelessness?*

*Where are there gaps in knowledge and capacity to respond to DV-related situations?*

Take notes and be prepared to share with the group!
Discussion: Collaboration

In Breakout Rooms:

How does your collaboration with DV shelters and service providers look like?

What works about these collaborations?

How could these collaborations been improved to better meet the needs of families in DV-related situations?

Take notes and be prepared to share with the group!
Feedback

We invite you to provide feedback about today's event here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWEUqcoBUjqTmJHHTvSZgK4KaZk3VuLQAcjyX9g2jXkobsAg/viewform
Spotlight Your District/ESC

We invite you to share about your district to be considered for spotlight.

Districts can be spotlighted in community of practice and/or the COHHIO Course to HOME newsletter.

If you’re interested in spotlighting your district, let us know here: https://forms.gle/JPL8548ighpR1kps7
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THANKS