



YWCA of Western Massachusetts
DV Coordinated Entry and
Housing Support Programs



THE GOAL

To assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking who are homeless or housing unstable due to fleeing an abuser or an abusive situation.

THE TEAM



YWCA (Director, Supervisor, and Housing Navigators), Alianza DV Services, and Valley Opportunity Council



Why have a separate DV CE Program?

Because survivors deserve a program that understands their unique needs and legal protections.

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Harm
Reduction

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Housing First

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Trauma
Informed

CASE MANAGEMENT/HOUSING SEARCH

Most survivors referred for CE will receive this type of support given the limited resources for financial assistance. Depending on capacity, survivors can meet with a housing navigator to discuss their housing needs, and receive support in seeking shelter, or looking and applying for housing opportunities (especially low income or voucher opportunities)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH) - 4 SPOTS

In partnership with Valley Opportunity Council, the CE program has access to 4 rooms at the VOC Main Street Shelter in Holyoke. We share these rooms with Alianza, and residents are typically referred when a vacancy is available and immediate shelter is required. Case management is shared between the VOC team and the YWCA team.



THE MODEL



RAPID RE-HOUSING (RRH) - 32 SPOTS

In partnership with the team at Alianza, we are able to provide rental assistance for RRH participants for up to 24 months. Candidates for this program tend to be survivors that are at a state of housing readiness, wherein the short term assistance would be most beneficial to sustain and maintain independent housing.

RIVER VALLEY HOUSING SUPPORT - 4 SPOTS

In partnership with River Valley Counseling Center, the YWCA is able to refer survivors who have experienced sex trafficking to housing support and case management. Survivors must be actively housing unstable/homeless to qualify. Housing search is shared between the two agencies.

REFERRALS

- Either the provider or the survivor can call the YWCA Hotline at 413.733.7100
- External agencies like the DA's Office
- Outreach and connections with other providers and systems (like you 😊)
- When possible, please have the survivor complete an ROI if you'd like to be involved with their care





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