

ACCESS TO SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Enable transition to a safe, self-sufficient future.

KEY HOUSING PRIORITIES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS & LOCAL DV PROGRAMS

SAFE HOUSING

Domestic Violence victims can face serious financial, geographic and inventory barriers in obtaining and maintaining safe transitional and permanent housing. A safe, functioning, furnished home is key to a dignified, self-sufficient life for victims and their children.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Access to emergency and transitional housing is critical for battered women trying to obtain safety, autonomy and independence.

HOUSING RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS

Victims often face discrimination from landlords. Battered women are being evicted and otherwise penalized by housing providers as a result of the abusers' conduct.

BARRIERS IN DELIVERY OF SERVICE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

- Limited access to affordable, permanent housing
- Limited access to affordable, transitional housing
- Victims experience discrimination from landlord

PCADV PUBLIC POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Pursue increased VAWA transitional housing funds for constructions and operation of emergency shelters and transitional housing.
- Advocate for HUD mandate that scores "fleeing victims" higher in the application for housing programs.
- Advocate for PHFA to prioritize for victims of domestic violence.