



Sexual Violence Survivors' Transitional Housing Access Initiative

Sexual Violence Survivors and Housing

- Sexual violence survivors have a basic human right to safe, decent, affordable housing and economic justice.
- Sexual violence and lack of housing intersect with many oppressions. *“Oppression can both heighten risk and compound the barriers that sexual violence victims and survivors encounter in housing arenas.” – NSVRC 2010*
- Being homeless or marginally housed puts individuals at an increased risk of sexual violence.
- Those who perpetrate sexual violence may target people who are already systemically denied resources due to oppression. This leaves survivors with even fewer options for housing and healing within cycles of violence, trauma, and poverty.

Transitional Housing: A Response to Sexual Violence Survivors' Housing Needs

- The OVW Transitional Housing grant program exists to help meet sexual violence survivors' needs through transitional housing and services.
- The Resource Sharing Project (RSP)¹ partners with the National Network to End Domestic Violence to provide training and technical assistance to OVW Transitional Housing grantees, grant partners, sexual violence advocacy programs, and sexual violence coalitions.
- The purpose of the partnership is to increase sexual violence survivors' access to empowering, trauma-informed, actively anti-oppressive, and survivor-centered transitional housing and services.

More Information About RSP Training and Technical Assistance (TA)

- The Resource Sharing Project provides a blend of technical assistance, training, and resource development that specifically meets the unique needs of sexual assault coalitions and programs in responding to the housing needs of sexual assault survivors.
- The RSP supports housing programs in promoting a comprehensive array of sexual assault services that meet the full range of sexual assault survivors' needs related to housing.
- For more information about the RSP and this project, contact Rebekah Moses rebekah@iowacasa.org and visit www.resourcesharingproject.org.

¹ The [Resource Sharing Project \(RSP\)](http://www.resourcesharingproject.org) is part of a national movement of sexual violence-related services and resources.