



A Safe Place Matters



Vision: Every family and individual lives in safe, affordable housing.

Mission: To provide a range of supportive services and housing that empowers homeless families, who are survivors of domestic violence or other trauma to become independent, self-sufficient, and adequately housed; to foster low income housing opportunities to prevent homelessness and encourage safe, affordable housing.

Domestic Violence (DV)

- You have likely met someone suffering from DV. Multiple studies show that 1 in 3 women have been victims of [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.
- Research shows that domestic violence not only impacts partners involved, but also the children witnessing this violence. 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.
- Domestic Violence is a significant contributor to women and children becoming homeless. According to multiple studies examining the causes of homelessness, among mothers with children experiencing homelessness, more than 80% had previously experienced domestic violence.
- Shelters, while important, are not designed to meet the long-term needs of families fleeing domestic violence. Where do you go when your 30 days are up? Many women have no financial resources and therefore cannot support their families; thus they go back to their abuser.

HEARTH Impact on Domestic Violence

- HEARTH impacts the cycle of domestic violence by giving mom the tools needed to succeed on her own. We help mom realize her full potential by attending school or a job skill training program, which helps her gain self-esteem.
- Access to budgeting and financial skills training; between 94-99% of domestic violence survivors have also experienced economic abuse.
- A safe place for moms and their children to live. HEARTH's facility has a top of the line security and surveillance system, as well as trained staff at all hours throughout the day.
- HEARTH stops the cycle of abuse by implementing trauma informed care. This creates a safe space where HEARTH staff can better understand our clients and avoid having them become re-traumatized.
- Access to on-site counseling through our partnerships with Crisis Center North and Anchorpoint Counseling Ministries.
- Mandatory meetings with HEARTH's Direct Services Coordinator, which include developing a safety plan.
- Complete confidentiality. HEARTH clients are not entered into a shared database system. All documentation is 100% private.

Domestic Violence by the numbers

- between 94-99% of domestic violence survivors have also experienced economic abuse.
- Between 21-60% of victims of domestic violence lose their jobs due to reasons stemming from the abuse.
- 1 in 3 women have been victims of [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime
- Only 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries.
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these murder suicides are female.
- Half of all female homicides are committed by their intimate partner
- Up to 50% of homeless women report that domestic violence was the *immediate* cause of their homelessness. And nearly all homeless women report experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault in their lifetime.

Resources

<http://www.pcadv.org/Learn-More/Domestic-Violence-Topics/Housing/>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/07/21/538518569/cdc-half-of-all-female-murder-victims-are-killed-by-intimate-partners>

<https://ncadv.org/statistics>

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