



Transitional Housing Models

Scattered Sites

Pros: location flexibility, less rules/policies, privacy

Cons: can be isolating, transportation issues, access to services, higher cost







Communal living

Pros: built-in community, safety, lower cost

Cons: 'room-mate' negotiations, pets, larger families, substance use policies, visitors, more rules





Transitional Housing Services

- Voluntary participation
- Safety and advocacy
- Resources that remove barriers (access to childcare, transportation, \$\$\$\$, etc.)
- Rental subsidies/assistance
- Long-term housing planning



Transitional Housing Policy areas to include

Safety

Eligibility

- screening process
- requests for assistance
 Scope of services
- duration and capacity
- issues: alcohol and
- drugs, relatives, etc.
- safety planning
 facility/program
 Victim confidentiality
- access to confidential
- information
- accounting practices
- document retention



- What are the values and beliefs that will guide you?
- What is your guiding vision?
- How will it guide your work:
- with women?

with the community of women? with each other? with the community?



Transitional Housing Guiding Principles Policies

•Affirming *women are sacred* •Recognizing and supporting

women's sovereignty •Absolute confidentiality

•Centralizing safety

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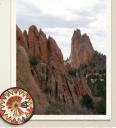
•Guided by the voices of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence



Transitional Housing Implementing Your Policies

Internalizing policy and practice

- Educating staff on the why's and how's
- Creating forums for practice and exploration
- Revisiting and revising your policies





Transitional Housing Survivors' voices



- "It heals, it supports, it's a place to live in a way that there is minimal stress. [It] has given me the opportunity to grow and spread my wings and be free and not be afraid."
- "This (TH program) will belp me work toward becoming independent, so I won't have to depend on anyone. Being given a chance to get on my feet, to achieve things on my own, but still get. support while I do it."
- "I have depended on a man my whole life, and depending on myself is hard. It's (the TH program) kind of like having a friend to help you."

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Some websites that can be helpful:	 National Network to End Domestic Violence www.nnedv.org National Coalition for the Homeless www.nch.org HUD Office of Native American Programs www.hud.gov and http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/ Office on Violence Against Women www.oww.usdoj.gov Red Wind Consulting, Inc. www.red-wind.net