

Prohibition on Conditions for Admission and Mandated Activities

In keeping with our Program's mission to provide support, advocacy, services, and resources to our relatives that are survivors of battering/intimate partner and/or domestic violence, and their children, conditions will not be imposed for admission to shelter, advocacy, or other services by applying inappropriate screening mechanisms, such as criminal background checks, sobriety requirements, requirements to obtain protection orders, or mental health or substance use disorder screenings. An individual's or family's stay in shelter or participation in our Program cannot be conditioned upon accepting or participating in services. Survivors and their dependents do not need to reside in shelter to receive supportive services. Participation in services must be voluntary.

Those who refuse advocacy or a service, or who choose to end a service may ask at another time to receive a service without fear of retribution.