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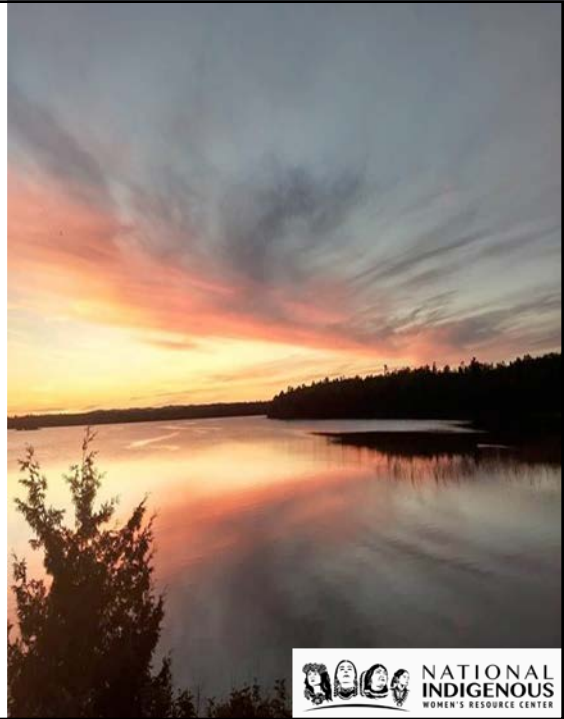
**NIWRC's Tribal Safe Housing Center
Team**

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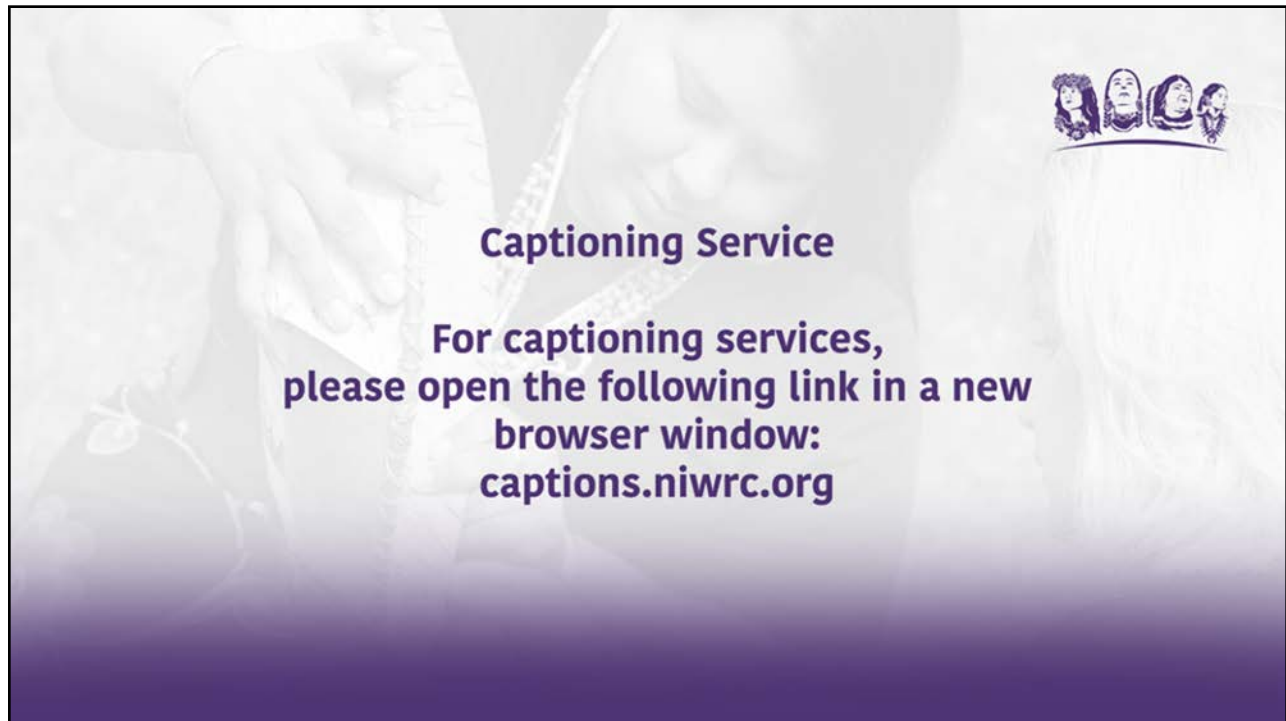
We want to acknowledge
 The one sun
 The one moon
 The one Earth Mother
 The one People
 Our winged, finned and four legged
 relatives.
 We acknowledge all our relatives, the rocks,
 the mountains, the sacred waters, the insect
 world and the plant kingdom.
 We take a moment to breathe and connect
 with the land we are on. We take a moment
 to breathe and acknowledge the ancestors,
 those that are here and those that are yet to
 come. We take another breath to
 acknowledge that our relationship with the
 land is reciprocal, that this land does not
 belong to us...we belong to the land.



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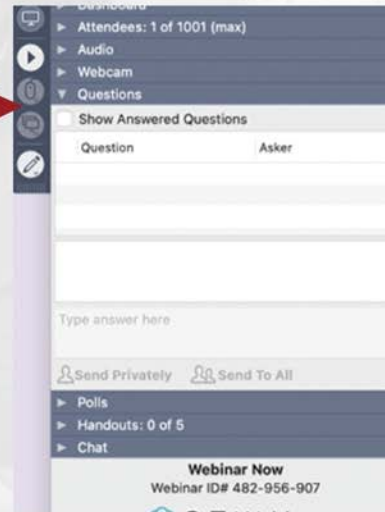
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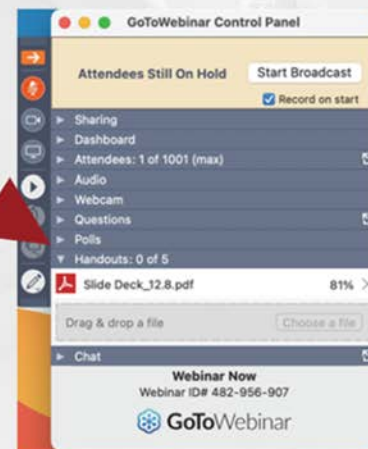
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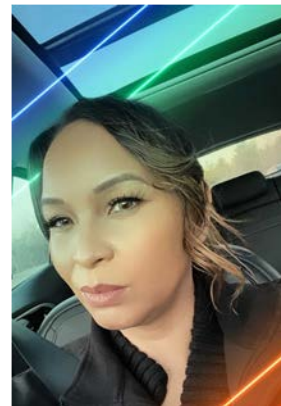
Introductions



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NIWRC's Tribal Safe Housing Center

- Funded in FY22
- Provide training and technical assistance
- Collaborate with services organizations, TA providers and tribal, state, federal, and local governmental organizations as well as tribal housing organizations and authorities

“The Tribal Safe Housing Center is part of a national network of special issue, culturally relevant, and capacity building resource centers providing national leadership on issues impacting survivors of domestic violence and their families.”



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Tribal Safe Housing Center Updates



- All staff hired (December 2021)
- Regular meeting with FVPSA Program Manager
- Restoration Magazine Article
- MOU Partners
- Workgroup
- Strategic Planning
- Infrastructure
- Modified timeline for year 1
- Responding to TA requests
- Participation at DVRN, DVHTTAC and NCAI VAWA TF meetings



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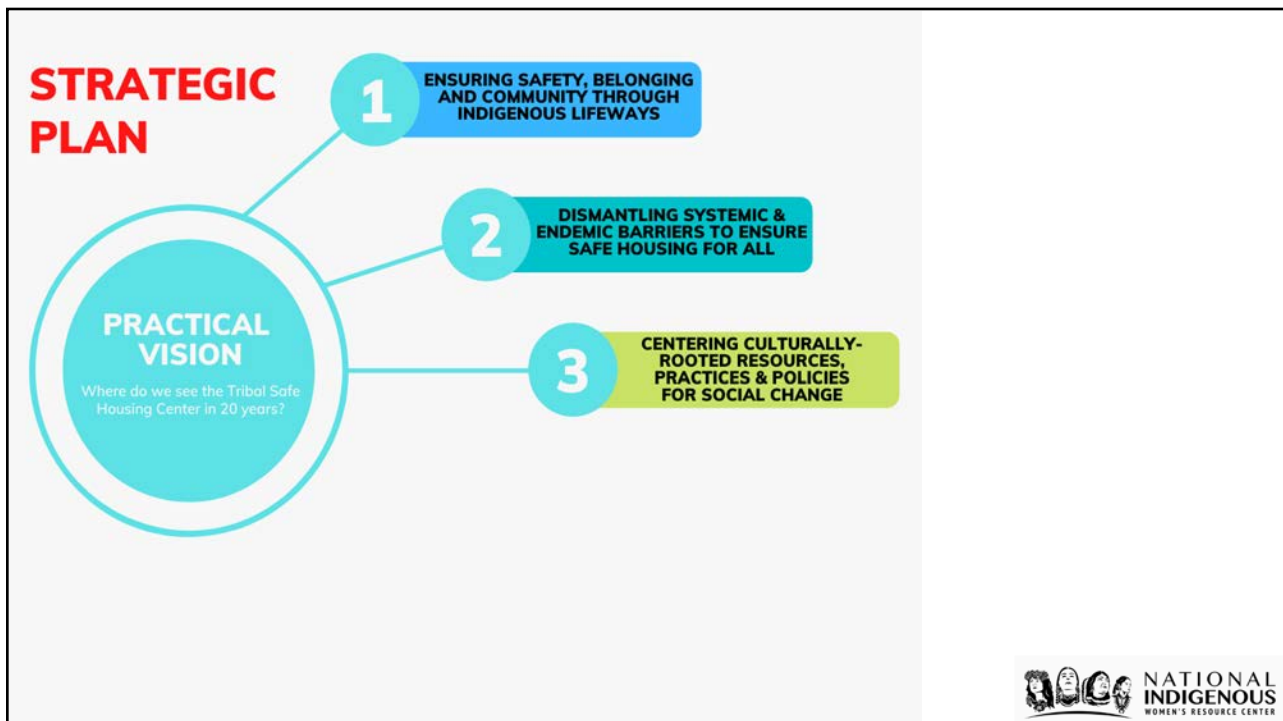
Safe Housing For All Our Relatives

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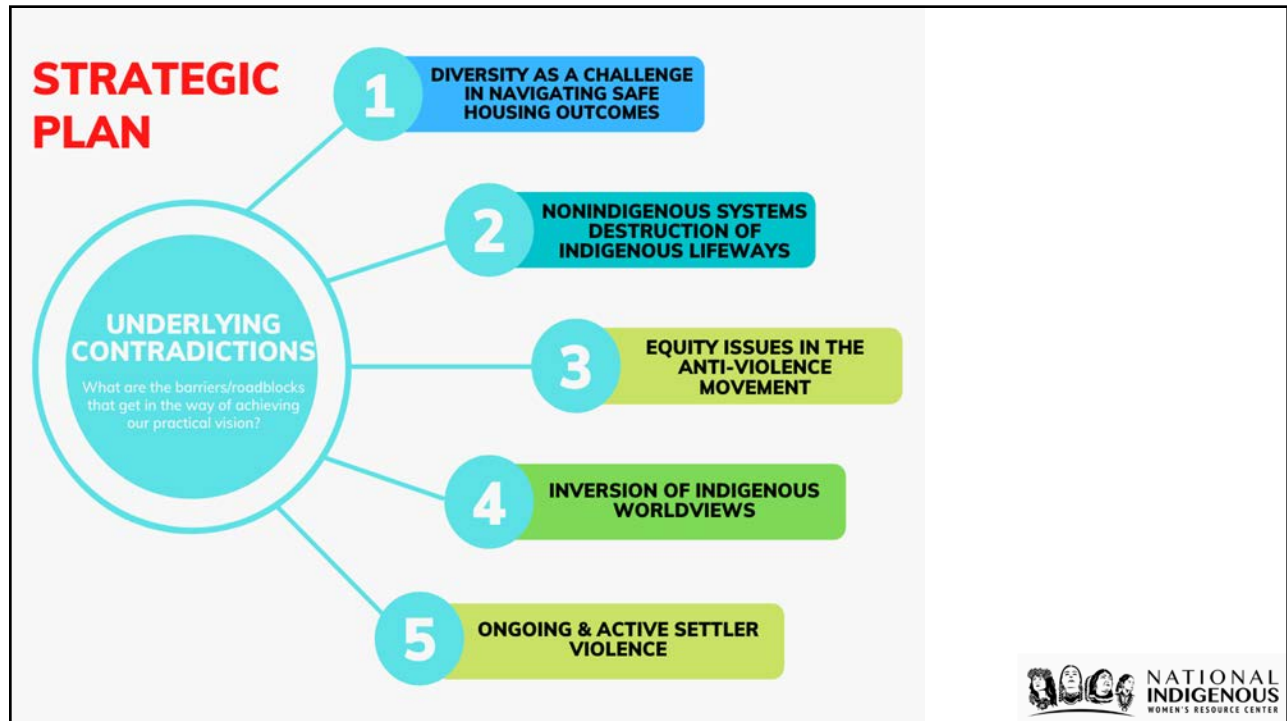
The Tribal Safe Housing Center, advocates for safe housing for all our relatives. We do this work through centering Indigeneity, acknowledging our relationship to Earth Mother, building on each other's gifts, resisting oppression and erasure, and acting upon the prayers of our ancestors to honor diversity and create belonging for us all.



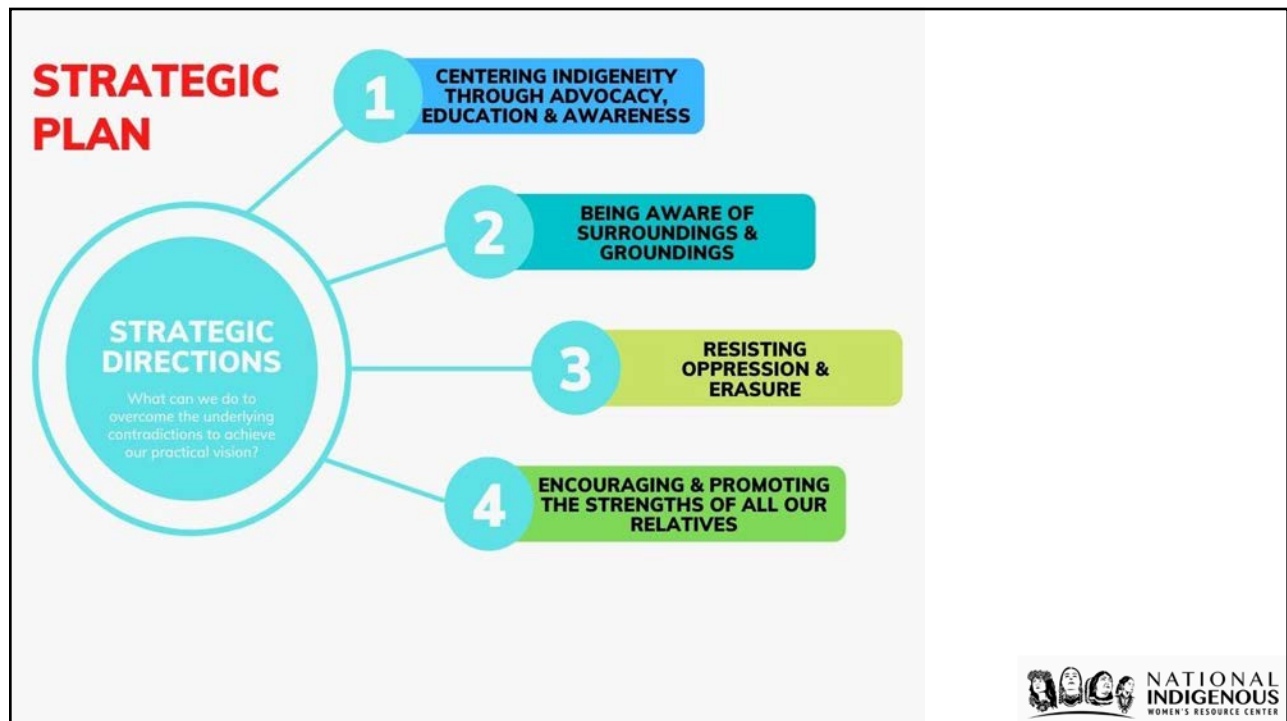
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Framing

- Housing is a basic human right
- Navigating western systems out of necessity (short term)
- Centering Indigenous lifeways throughout the housing spectrum
- Looking at housing and GBV through an Indigenous lens
- Housing stability and access is in an ongoing crisis in Indian Country (both historically and presently)
- Ensuring Safety, Belonging and Community Through Indigenous Lifeways
- Dismantling Systemic & Endemic Barriers to Ensure Safe Housing for All
- Centering Culturally-Rooted Resources, Practices & Policies for Social Change
- Understanding and dispelling colonial constructs



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Ongoing Barriers to Safety

- Jurisdiction
- Invisibility
- Lack of Resources for Direct Services
- Unavailability of Housing/ Homelessness
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health
- Prolific Access to Justice Issues
- Objectification/Dehumanization
- Extreme Poverty
- Inadequate (non-local/underfunded) Law Enforcement Responses



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GBV and Housing Instability

- The need for safe and affordable housing is one of the most pressing concerns for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) survivors of violence and abuse, as domestic and sexual violence is a leading cause of homelessness for women and children
- 50% of homeless population identify domestic violence as the primary cause
- Between 22% and 57% of homeless women report that domestic violence was the immediate cause of their homelessness
- 92% of homeless women have experienced severe physical or sexual abuse at some point in their lives
- 63% of homeless women have been victims of domestic violence
- 38% of domestic violence victims will become homeless at some point
- "Sexual assault is both a precursor to and a consequence of homelessness"
- Intersection between child welfare and housing



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Resulting Harm

- For the Domestic or Sexual assault survivor, access to safety means access to shelter/housing.
- The shortages illustrated, as well as the information provided regarding the expanded VAWA protections, show that housing in Indian Country is yet another vulnerability that American Indians and Alaska Natives have inherited.
- Without adequate housing on tribal lands, victims are often forced to:
 - Leave their ancestral home, land of significant cultural meaning
 - Leave their tribal community (resembles removal)
 - Enter non-tribal shelters or shelters that cannot address their needs on a peer to peer basis (lacks cultural relevance)
 - Return to their abuser



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Shelter in Indian Country

- Nationally there are over 1500 domestic violence shelters in the United States
- Despite their being 574 Federally Recognized and despite the disparate rates of violence in AI/AN communities, nationally there are fewer than 50 tribal domestic violence shelters which meet the requirements to be included in the StrongHearts Native Helpline Referral Database*



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Preventative Work is Work that Centers...

- Climate Change
- Two-Spirit and LGBTQAI
- Disability Community
- Elders
- Youth
- Incarcerated/formerly incarcerated
- Mental Health/Substance Misuse
- Covid-19 Impacts
- Public Health



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Our Work Approach

- Listening Sessions with Survivors
- Site Visits
- Key Informant Interviews
- Facilitation of Workgroup
- Training and Technical Assistance
 - culturally-rooted and Indigenous centered to address the intersection of domestic violence and housing instability and to create meaningful social change within communities.
- Resource Library
 - includes culturally-rooted resources developed by the (Tribal Safe Housing) Center to support tribes, tribal programs, and advocates working to address the intersection of housing instability/homeless and gender-based violence, as well as other materials and publications from partners and others in community with us.
- Speakers' Bureau
- Tribal Safe Housing Clearinghouse
- Strategic Partnerships



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Ways to Collaborate

- Listening Sessions and Site Visits
- ARP Plans
- Panels/webinars/briefings
- Resources and Fact Sheets
- Workgroup



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Collaboration with:

- NRCDV
- AKNWRC

Convenings:

- June 2019 in Phoenix, AZ (pictured)
- February 2020 in St. Paul, MN

Big Events:

Research Briefing in 2019
 Published Report in January 2020
 Multiple Webinars
 Multiple Podcasts
 Created Conference track at NAIHC's Legal Symposium
 Briefing in Minnesota
 ACF Tribal Grantee Meeting
 Presentations
 Presented at Women are Sacred



Addressing Housing Insecurity Among Native American and Alaska Native Survivors

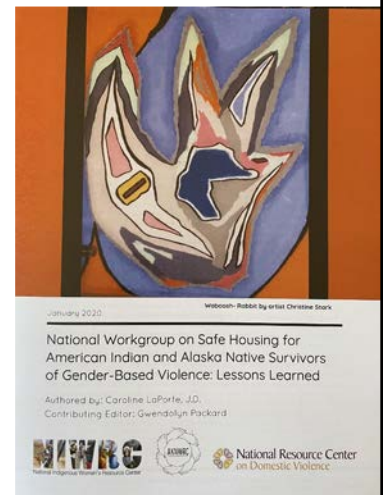


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Key Recommendations from the Workgroup

- Create a Tribal Housing Consortium to build targeted, survivor centered, culturally responsive TA
- Fund listening sessions with survivors
- Support training and technical assistance for the gender-based violence field in AI/AN communities (including urban) to better understand how to leverage housing funds that are available and to better understand development of housing projects or other models
- Support the development of a toolkit that focuses solely on funding and how it can be layered to meet the needs for survivors
- Support the development of a toolkit for Tribal Public Housing Agencies regarding the operation and management of models like permanent supportive housing for tribes

National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors of Gender-Based Violence: Lessons Learned

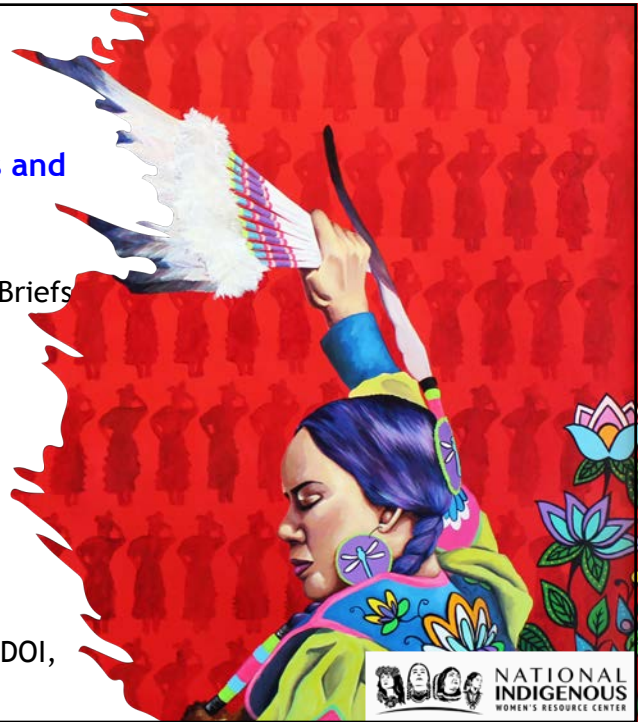


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Moving Forward

Centering and uplifting survivor voices and engaging communities

- Website Launch
- Fact Sheets, Policy Recommendations and Briefs
- Hill/Agency Briefings
- Podcasts
- Needs Assessment
- Key Informant Interviews
- Quarterly Webinars
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Ongoing Training and Technical Assistance
- Collaboration with Federal Partners (HUD, DOI, HHS, DOJ, USDA)



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