

2024 COSCDA Program Managers Training Conference

**VAWA Housing Protections for Survivors
of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence,
Stalking, and Sexual Assault**

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Learning Objectives

Participants will learn about:

- HUD's recent Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) implementation efforts;
- A brief history of housing rights for gender-based violence survivors and VAWA;
- Survivors' housing rights under VAWA 2013 and the VAWA 2022 reauthorization; and
- How to access HUD's VAWA resources

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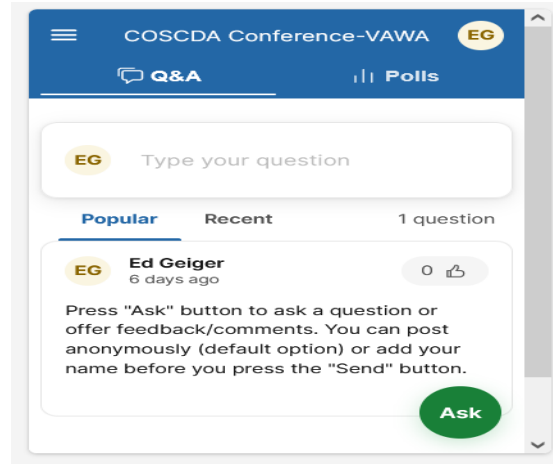
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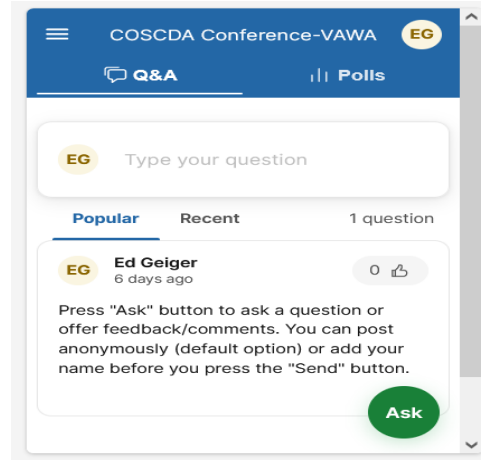
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Space for Questions

To post questions during the presentation please feel free to go into the “Q&A” space and enter your questions, comments and feedback.



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Gender-based Violence and Homelessness

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What is Gender-based Violence?

- Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking
- Gender inclusive
- Can include:
 - Physical violence
 - Sexual violence
 - Emotional abuse
 - Economic abuse
 - Coercion

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Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness for women with children.

80% of homeless women with children have experienced domestic violence.

25% of homeless adults have experienced child sexual abuse.

42% of homeless youth have experienced child sexual abuse.

1 in 5 homeless adults reported being physically or sexually assaulted while homeless.

68% of youth were trafficked while experiencing homelessness.

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Housing Barriers



Admission denials

- Criminal records, bad or no credit histories, eviction records, bad landlord references

Evictions

- Lease violations (e.g. criminal activity, failure to pay rent)
- Nuisance ordinances

Emergency transfers

- Lack of housing supply
- Lack of understanding by landlords

Housing providers are not trauma-informed

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HUD's Recent VAWA Implementation Efforts

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HUD's Recent VAWA Implementation

2022

- Supported passage of VAWA 2022 Reauthorization
- Started VAWA 2022 trainings for HUD grantees
- Held first interagency VAWA housing meeting
- Published 60-day notice for VAWA 2013 forms

2023

- Launched VAWA website
- Published in Federal Register VAWA 2022 interim guidance
- PIH, MFH, SNAPS, and OHH issued VAWA 2022 memos and letters to grantees
- FHEO issued VAWA enforcement notice and launched VAWA enforcement pilot project
- Held VAWA listening sessions
- Provided training series for HUD field staff
- Awarded \$10M in FY22 and FY23 VAWA training and technical assistance funding

2024
Goals

- Establish Office on Gender-based Violence
- Publish proposed VAWA 2022 rule
- Publish updated VAWA forms
- Implement VAWA training and technical assistance work plan
- Release report and fact sheet on the housing needs of human trafficking survivors

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A Brief History of Housing Rights for Survivors

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Brief History of Housing Protections for Survivors

1960s–1970s

- The history of housing protections for survivors grew out of several movements - labor, civil rights, and anti-war movements and is rooted in the women's rights movement.
- Survivors led the movement, wanted to stop the "privatization" of abuse.
- Advocated for legal and systemic public policy change – federal, state, and local protections.

1980s–1990s

- Among the first organizations formed were networks of safe homes and shelters, including the first emergency rape crisis center (in Washington DC).
- Advocacy and momentum for the groundbreaking Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

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VAWA: A Brief History

1994

Ground-breaking federal law. Creating protections, dedicated additional and new federal funder for programs that support survivors. Created DOJ Office of Violence Against Women (OVW).

2005

VAWA Housing Title

Mandated for the first-time housing protections in certain federal housing programs for survivors who were applicants or tenants. Provided statutory protections for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

2013

VAWA Housing Title

Extended housing protections to survivors of sexual assault added "affiliated individual" definition to help determine if individual is covered. Additional federal housing program included under VAWA (basically all of HUD rental assistance programs).

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Overview: Housing Rights under VAWA

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Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

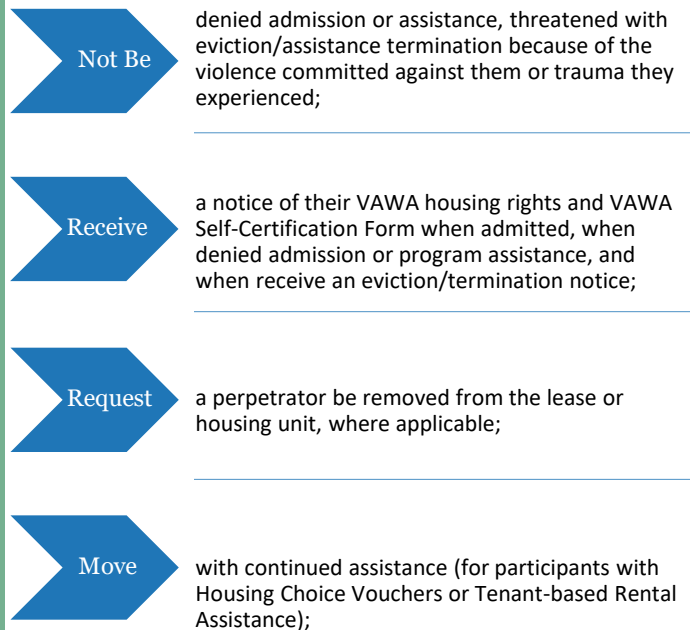
- VAWA provides housing protections for survivors of **domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking** who are applying for or living in **federally assisted housing**.
- The law applies to a survivor regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or age.
- VAWA does not apply to market-rate rental housing (unless there is a voucher or other federal subsidy).



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Overview: Housing Rights under VAWA 2013



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Overview: Housing Rights under VAWA 2013

Stay

in their current unit, even if there is (or has been) criminal activity that is directly related to the violence/trauma;

Request

an emergency transfer to another unit in the same program or under another federally subsidized housing program;

Strict

confidentiality of their information related to the violence and trauma they experienced, including their status as a victimized person.

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Survivors' VAWA Rights (VAWA 2022)

Protects the right of tenants, landlords, and others to report crime or seek emergency assistance without penalty.

Maintained VAWA 2013 protections.

Expanded the list of federal housing programs covered by VAWA and provided a "catch-all" provision for current or later federally assisted housing programs for low- and moderate-income populations.

VAWA 2022
Housing
Protections

Protects anyone exercising their VAWA rights or participating in processes related to VAWA housing protections from retaliation by their housing providers.

HUD and DOJ have new VAWA enforcement authority.

Requires the federal agencies with housing programs subject to VAWA to establish a process to review compliance with VAWA requirements by covered housing providers.

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VAWA-Covered 2013 Housing Programs

HUD Programs				
Public Housing	Section 8 Vouchers	McKinney-Vento Homelessness Programs (includes Emergency Solutions Grant; Continuum of Care)	HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV)	HOME
Project-based Section 8	Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly	Section 811 Supportive Housing for People with Disabilities	221d3/d5 Below Market Interest Rate (BMIR)	236 Multifamily Rental Housing
USDA		Treasury/IRS		
Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)		Rural Development (RD) Multifamily Programs		

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Additional VAWA-Covered 2022 Housing Programs

HUD Programs		
Housing Trust Fund & Section 202 Direct Loan		
USDA		
RD Vouchers		
Department of Justice		
OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Grants		
Veterans Affairs		
The Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supporting Housing (HUD-VASH)	The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program

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VAWA Protections

VAWA provides housing protections for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, marital status, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

VAWA must be applied consistently with all non-discrimination and fair housing requirements.

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VAWA 2022 Updates

HUD VAWA 2022 regulations have not been issued yet.

Updated VAWA Forms have not been published yet.

HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) issued a VAWA 2022 enforcement notice in 2023 and published a webpage with general information about how someone can file a complaint.

HUD published VAWA 2022 interim guidance in the Federal Register in 2023.

PIH, MFH, SNAPS, and OHH sent VAWA memos/letters to their grantees re: VAWA 2022 in 2023.

Robust VAWA training and technical assistance planned this year.

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Home / Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

If you are in danger, please call 911 or a [national hotline](#). HUD is not a direct service provider and does not provide individual counseling, crisis response, or legal services to individuals who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking. For more information and to connect to a local service provider in your area, please see [Help for Survivors](#).

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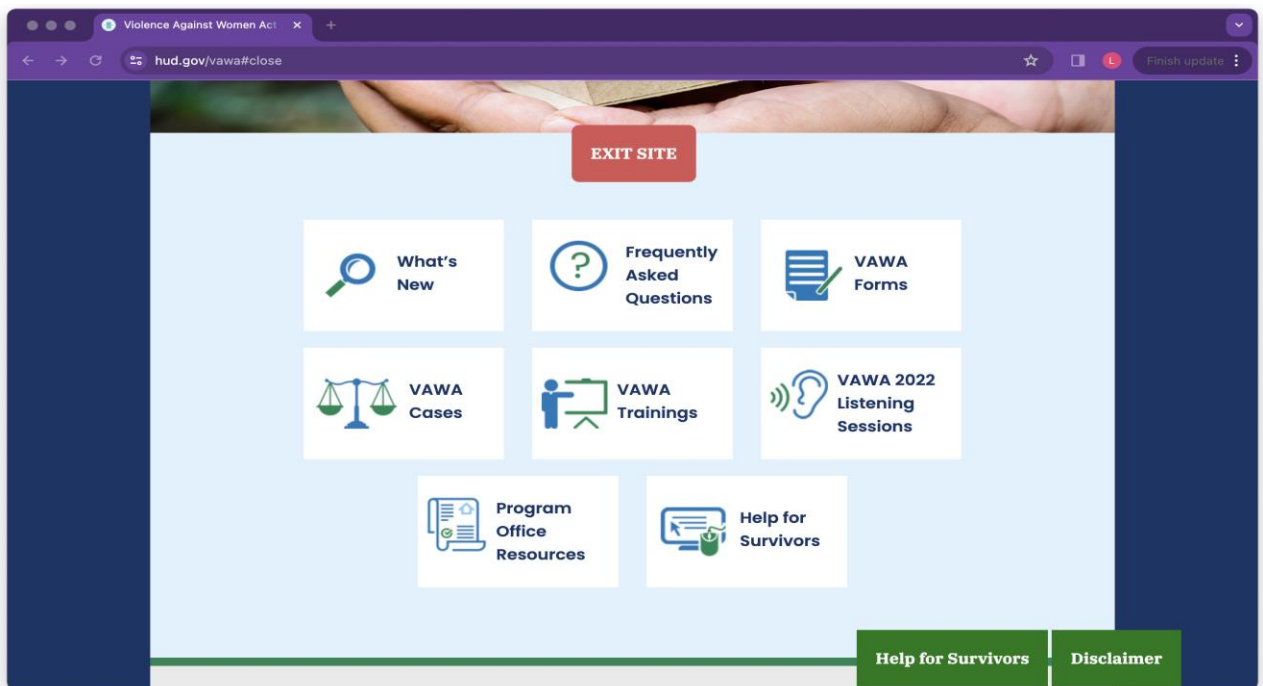
Clearinghouse for HUD's VAWA Resources

- FAQs
- Trainings, forms, and legal authorities
- Referrals to direct services for survivors
- Filing complaints of VAWA violations

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VAWA Statute

- VAWA's housing provisions are at [34 U.S.C. 12491, et seq.](#)
- [Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 \(VAWA 2022, enacted as Division W of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022\)](#) (March 15, 2022)

VAWA Regulations

- [HUD's final rule implementing VAWA 2013](#) (December 16, 2016)

VAWA Notices and Guidance

- Press Release: [HUD Announces New Resources for Advancing Housing Protections for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking](#) (February 1, 2023)
- HUD, Federal Register Notice: [The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022: Overview of Applicability to HUD](#) (January 4, 2023)
- HUD, SNAPS, [Memo to Emergency Solutions Grant Program Recipients and Continuum of Care Program Recipients, Housing Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022](#) (June 28, 2023)
- HUD, FHEO, [Memo: Guidance on the Implementation of FHEO Notice FHEO-2023-1](#) (March 27, 2023)
- HUD, Multifamily Housing, [Memo: Housing Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022](#) (March 10, 2023)
- HUD, PIH, [Letter to Public Housing Authority Executives: Housing Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022](#) (March 3, 2023)

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VAWA Trainings

- HUD, Trauma Awareness and VAWA Webinar Series for HUD Staff (2023)
 - Dynamics of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Human Trafficking
 - Trauma and Trauma-Informed Practices – Supporting Survivors
 - Trauma and Trauma-Informed Practices, Vicarious Trauma, and Self-Care – Supporting HUD Staff
 - Housing Protections for Survivors under the Violence Against Women Act and Related Requirements of Covered HUD Grantees
- HUD, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), [“Community Conversations: VAWA in Practice”](#) (August 31, 2023)
- HUD, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), [“VAWA Emergency Transfer Plans: CoC and ESG Requirements and Best Practices”](#) (August 17, 2023)
- HUD, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), [“Understanding VAWA”](#) (August 10, 2023)
- HUD, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing (OHH), [“HOPWA Overview of VAWA 2013”](#) (July 31, 2023)
- HUD, Office of Native American Programs, [Gender-Based Violence: Best Practices and Policy Recommendations from the Voices of Survivors](#) (July 26, 2023)
 - [Webinar](#)
 - [PowerPoint presentation](#)
 - [Transcript](#)

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VAWA Right to Report from Home for CDBG Recipients Webinar

September 27, 2022 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT | Online

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The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2022, which went into effect on October 1, 2022, included a new requirement for HUD grantees and their subrecipients to support an individual's, including survivor's, right to seek law enforcement or emergency assistance. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients will have additional requirements to report non-compliant local laws and ordinances. This webinar provided information to prepare CDBG recipients pending further HUD guidance.

Training Objectives

Materials

- Recording
- Slides
- Transcript
- Fact Sheet

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Fact Sheet - VAWA Right to Report from Home for CDBG Recipients

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Right to Report Crime and Emergencies From One's Home

Requirements for CDBG Recipients Under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization of 2022

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization of 2022, effective October 1, 2022, includes a new requirement for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recipients to support an individual's right to seek law enforcement or emergency assistance. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients will have additional requirements to report non-compliant local laws and ordinances. This fact sheet provides information to prepare CDBG recipients pending further HUD guidance.

CDBG REQUIREMENTS

The law requires CDBG recipients to:

- Report on the existence of laws or policies they or their subgrantees (or state grant recipients) adopted that impose penalties based on requests for law enforcement or emergency assistance or based on criminal activity that occurred at a covered property.
- Certify that they and their subgrantees are in compliance or describe the steps they and their subgrantees must take to comply within 180 days of the report to HUD.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Before CDBG recipients can certify compliance, HUD must issue additional guidance on how to submit this information. However, the Right to Report law goes into effect on October 1, 2022, and CDBG recipients must comply with the law regardless of whether HUD has issued guidance.

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Program Office Specific Resources

- Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) +
- Office of Multifamily Assisted Housing (MFH) +
- Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) +
- Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) +
- Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) +

Help for Survivors

National Hotlines

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) TTY: 1-800-787-3224 Text "START" to 88788	National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 711 (TTY) Text: 233733
National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)	National Runaway Safeline 1-800-RUNAWAY (800-786-2929)
National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline 1-866-331-9474	National Center for Victims of Crime 1-855-VICTIM (1-855-484-2846) (call or text)

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What are you seeing regarding gender-based violence (GBV) or VAWA issues where HUD or HUD TA Providers could provide support?

What suggestions do you have for VAWA training, technical assistance, products, and other support for grantees?

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Discussion Questions

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Thank you

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