



Workshop 1.1:

Learning from the Domestic Violence Homeless Services Coalition’s Roots to Scale the Model

Time: 1:30-2:45 p.m. **Room:** Joshua Tree

Description: Now celebrating six years as the DVHSC, attendees will look back to the ingredients that brought us together at the founding of the Coalition in 2017. Through a guided conversation with Safe Housing Alliance, we will identify our building blocks to create the Coalition, codify the preliminary steps we took, discuss how we got it off the ground, and lift up our lessons learned along the way. The result of our reflective conversation will support the creation of our DVHSC Toolkit to help other cities, counties, and continuums of care ready themselves to adopt the model and create more housing opportunities for and with survivors in their communities.

Discussion Questions

1. Please introduce yourself, your pronouns, and **Imagine you were a craftsperson, what type of expertise would you specialize in?**

2. We would like to learn briefly about the types of organizations joining us today. DVHSC has focused on the following audiences: lived experience, domestic violence services, homeless services, legal services, researchers, government, and philanthropy. **“In which system does your organization (if any) primarily work?”**

3. **In building a Homelessness/Gender-Based Violence coalition, what categories/types of people or organizations need to have a seat at the table? What character traits would they possess? Why are we here?**

Definition of **Impetus**: The force or energy with which a body moves; or the force that makes something happen or happen more quickly; also, stimulation or encouragement resulting in increased activity.

4. **As part of the Blueprint of “The Coalition of the Willing”, in the early stages of the core group, how did the founders come together in this coalition or alliance, and build the momentum or impetus? Looking back, what stood out to you?**

5. **In examining community assets and resources, let’s discuss some of the infrastructure/governance, visions, and successes you’ve used to build the vitality of the coalition.** (please list delegation or leadership roles/responsibilities that were integral to the coalition building)

6. For all members of the DVHSC coalition, In your opinion, **What were some of the community deficits, challenges, or adversities that caused stumbles or obstacles along the way?**

7. **How have you centered the ever-changing needs of survivors throughout the scope of the coalition? What did it look like/ what did the intersections look like?** Please give examples of types of engagement used or needed, accessibility needs, etc.)

8. **In what ways are partnerships and relationship building essential to get community members, providers, and funders/sponsors invested in the coalition's vision and goals? What partnerships have been most critical?**

9. **What is the type of Radical Hope you would like to see in the Homelessness/Gender-Based Violence Field that helps a coalition build a legacy in leading Continuums of Care, legislative policy, and data strategies?**

Ex.: Integrity/Accountability, cross-collaboration opportunities, more information for survivors and providers about all housing options/access points, tools and resources, training opportunities.

10. **If you could say one thing in building deeper community empathy and dignity (that may cause some good trouble), what would it be?**

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Quote:

**“Get in good trouble, necessary trouble,
and help redeem the soul of America.”**

- The Social Bond,
The California Endowment

Historical Quote accreditation: the
late Congressman John Lewis

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