



Transitional Housing Webinar Series Fall-Winter 2016-2017

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12:00 – 1:30 Pacific, and 11:00 – 12:30 Alaska*

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September 8, 2016 Thursday 1:00 – 2:30 Mountain	VAWA 2013 Housing Provisions Presented by: HUD Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), TBD The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) maintains existing safeguards for housing programs as well as expands protection for survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. VAWA outlines rights and responsibilities for housing agencies to protect survivors, strengthen communities, improve living conditions, and ensure the integrity of these programs. This webinar will review features VAWA housing provisions including terminating leases/evictions, bifurcating leases, confidentiality, occupancy, notifications, and transfer plans.
September 29, 2016 Thursday 1:30 – 3:00* Mountain <i>*Note later start time from other webinars in this series</i>	Lessons Learned from a Tribal Housing First Response Presented by: Bear Hughes (Spokane Tribe) and Lucretia Gill (Kalispel Tribe) Instead of requiring a readiness assessment or level progression, Housing First responses prioritize obtaining safe housing as the first step. Once stable housing is secured, then agencies offer voluntary services as a part of a comprehensive program. Discussions in this webinar will focus on Housing First models in Tribal communities, including: key considerations, challenges, successes, best practices, program designs, and adaptations to fit individual communities.
October 13, 2016 Thursday 1:00 – 2:30 Mountain	Decolonizing Trauma Work Raquel DeHerrera and Cinnamon Ronneng, Red Wind Consulting, Inc. Housing programs may overlook the importance of broad services and focus on a few mainstream options for tenants. This webinar will provide an overview on the importance of a cultural and traditional approach to working with survivors of violence while they are in housing programs. Indigenous perspectives on healing, such as: resiliency, connectedness, the importance of community, and how to offer traditionally/culturally appropriate methods of healing will all be discussed by presenters.
October 20, 2016 Thursday 1:00 – 2:30 Mountain	Elder Victims: Unique Needs and Transitional Housing Program Responsiveness Presented by: Victoria Ybanez, Red Wind Consulting, Inc. Tribal communities have not been immune to elder abuse despite strong traditions of respect for elders, and concerns intensify as there has been a dramatic increase in the number of individuals who are in this age range. This webinar will examine current

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	knowledge around elders who are abused, identify unique challenges needing to be addressed when providing transitional housing to elders, how their safety can be improved, barriers they face seeking services, and how to build transitional housing services that fit elders' needs.
November 3, 2016 Thursday 1:00 – 2:30 Mountain	Substance Use and Domestic Violence, Working with Victims Presented by: Karen Artichoker, Indigenous Women's Justice Institute Every Transitional Housing program will work with real people who experience real life difficulties and there is a window of opportunity to make a difference in their lives. Working with survivors who use substances as a coping skill can be a challenge and these victims are often negatively stereotyped or blamed for victimization. Presenter will review the unique ways that substance abuse can be caused by Domestic Violence, create a barrier for reporting, and make accessing resources incredibly difficult for victims seeking help.
November 17, 2016 Thursday 1:00 – 2:30 Mountain	Substance Use and Domestic Violence: Policy and Operating Procedures Presented by: Karen Artichoker, Indigenous Women's Justice Institute Providing a safe environment for survivors is the top priority for housing programs. Some program policies can have unintended consequences or create barriers for victims seeking services. This webinar will provide information on policies and practices to support a survivor's sovereignty and autonomy. Presenter will cover how Advocates can raise issues they see related to substance use and how to make appropriate referrals to programs available when a survivor is wanting to address the substance use.
January 12, 2017 Thursday 1:00 – 2:30 Mountain	Economic Advocacy to Strengthen Survivors' Long Term Sustainability Presented by: Victoria Ybanez, Red Wind Consulting, Inc. A big piece of the Transitional Housing services involves assisting survivors with their growth in self-sufficiency. Survivors may have lost certain Life Skills or need more education on them in order for long term success. During the healing process, survivors benefit from financial advocacy so they are better prepared to transition out of the program when the time comes. This webinar will go over implementing economic advocacy, helping tenants understand what resources are available, and learning how to access resources to be successful.

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February 9, 2017 Thursday 1:00 – 2:30 Mountain	LGBTIQ Victims: Unique Needs and Transitional Housing Program Responsiveness Presented by: Wyanet Tasker, Red Wind Consulting, Inc. Biased and stereotyped views towards members of the LGBTIQ community lead to excessive rates of victimization, but due to discrimination and judgmental environments within shelters and housing programs their rates of homelessness continue to be high. This webinar will evaluate the needs of LGBTIQ survivors within Transitional Housing and provide information on how to create appropriate program responses to supply safe and considerate housing.
March 2, 2017 Tuesday 1:00 – 2:30 Mountain	Sex Trafficking Victims: Unique Needs and Transitional Housing Program Responsiveness Presented by: Wyanet Tasker and Cinnamon Ronneng, Red Wind Consulting, Inc. When assisting victims of Sex Trafficking, housing program responses will need to include the identification of these victims and provide access to appropriate resources. Survivors will need a range of services, compassion, and understanding around the dynamics of the abuse in order to safely escape. Although Trafficking has links to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and homelessness, this webinar will review special needs around the protection, opportunities, and choices of survivors.

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