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MassHousing

Housing Protections for Domestic Violence Survivors



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MassHousing: Housing Protections for Domestic Violence Survivors

Overview of Initiatives

- Two-part Training
- Comprehensive Handbook
- Roundtable Discussions with New England Affordable Housing Management Association (NEAHMA)
- MassAccess Searchable Database
- New Lease Partnership
- Annual Conference and Regional Resource Forums







MassHousing: Housing Protections for Domestic Violence Survivors

Two-part training

- Part 1: Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Stalking Overview within the context of housing
- Part 2: Housing Protections including responsibilities and documentation requirements





Comprehensive Handbook

- Follows the two-part training
- Developed in partnership with the MA Governor's Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence



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Roundtable discussions with New England Affordable Housing Management Association (NEAHMA)

Done in conjunction with MassHousing Asset
Management team to discuss questions about VAWA implementation and community resources





MassAccess Searchable Database

 MassHousing worked with the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) to add a VAWA module allowing property managers to also identify whether their development offers a waiting list preference for VAWA Emergency Transfers



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New Lease Partnership

 Working with New Lease to expand its network of family shelter providers to include a domestic violence shelter





Annual Conference and Regional Resource Forums

- 4-5 regional resource forums for housing management staff to learn about domestic violence services
- Topic for 2019 annual conference will be gender based violence in housing