

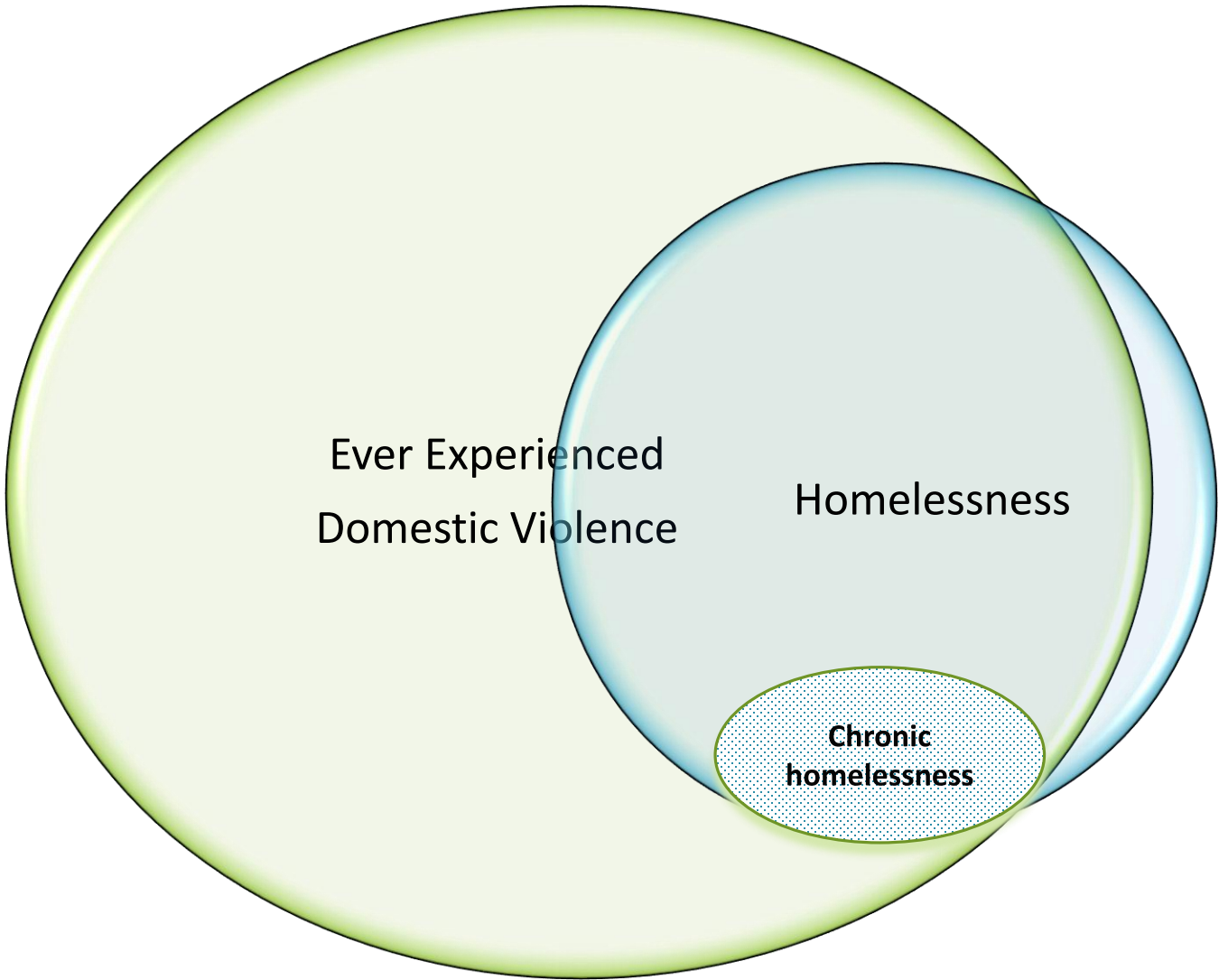
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & HOMELESSNESS IN LA

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Ever Experienced
Domestic Violence

Homelessness

**Chronic
homelessness**

Definitions

DV – Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner (Department of Justice - DOJ)

IPV – Intimate Partner Violence refers to any behavior within an intimate relationship that causes physical, psychological or sexual harm to those in the relationship; IPV includes acts of physical or sexual violence, emotional (psychological) abuse; controlling behavior, such as isolation, financial abuse, and stalking (World Health Organization)

TIC – Trauma Informed Care is designed to address the consequences of trauma in the individual and to facilitate healing. TIC specific interventions recognize:

- The survivor's need to be respected, informed, connected, and hopeful regarding their own recovery
- The interrelation between trauma and symptoms of trauma such as substance abuse, eating disorders, depression, and anxiety
- The need to work in a collaborative way with survivors, family and friends of the survivor, and other human services agencies in a manner that will empower survivors and consumers

Services provided by DV Organizations

- ✓ 24-hour hotline
- ✓ Emergency Shelter
- ✓ Transitional Housing
- ✓ Community Housing Programs
- ✓ Individual counseling and support group services
- ✓ Legal services
- ✓ Case management and advocacy
- ✓ parenting support
- ✓ Children's enrichment programs

What We Mean When We Say...

Coordinated Entry System (CES)

- In Los Angeles, CES is how we refer to the homeless system
- Network of providers using common tools and practices

Rapid Re-Housing

- Housing Identification
- Move-in & Rental Assistance
- Case Management & Services

Housing First

- Permanent housing = foundation for life improvement
- Access to housing without prerequisites
- Emphasis on client choice

National

- Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium

State

- CA Office of Emergency Services DV Housing First Pilot

County

- February 9, 2016 Board Motion Workgroup
- DV/IPV Rapid Re-Housing Pilot

City

- Homeless Strategy 9K
- HCID DV Performance Measures

LAHSA DV-related Work

DV Transitional
Housing Performance
Evaluation
Methodology
(CoC Funding)

LAHSA Commission
Ad Hoc Committee
on Women and
Homelessness

City and County
Budget Request for 8
DV Liaisons

Ad Hoc Committee on Women's Homelessness

The Committee was formed in November 2016 in response to the significant increase in homeless women across LA County.

The purpose is to provide focused attention on the issue of women's homelessness, identify opportunities to reduce the prevalence of homelessness among women, and develop recommendations on how to meet the challenges of serving this vulnerable population.

Ad Hoc Committee on Women's Homelessness – Topic Areas

- ❖ Review of the Downtown Women Action Coalition Needs Assessment
- ❖ Women And CES
- ❖ Outreach and Engagement
- ❖ Permanent Housing
- ❖ Budget Recommendations
- ❖ Older Adult Women
- ❖ Human Trafficking
- ❖ Domestic Violence and other forms of trauma

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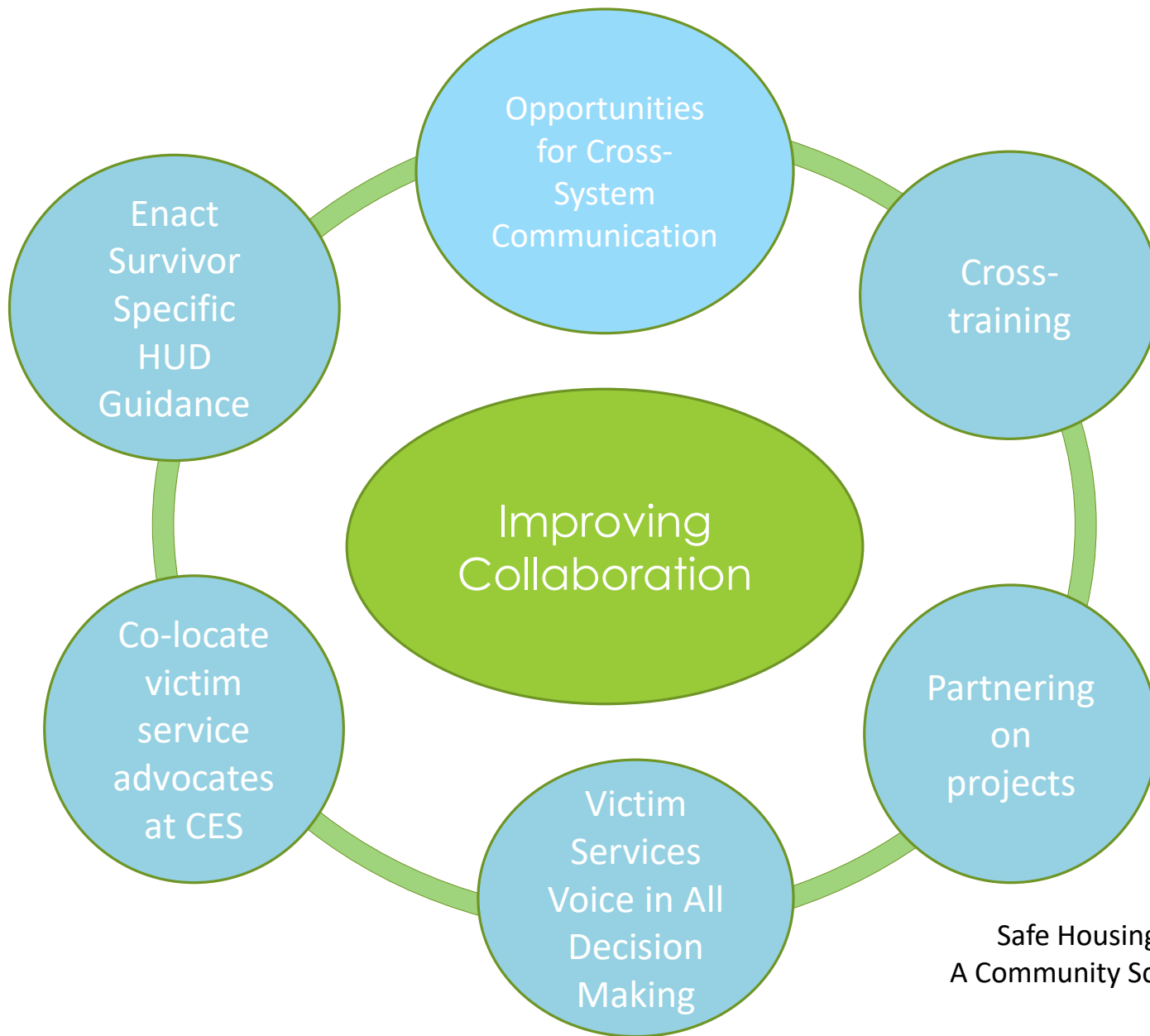
- ❖ Needs of Transgendered Women
- ❖ Workforce Development Services
- ❖ Training and Education of the Homeless Services Workforce
- ❖ Crisis Housing
- ❖ Housing Inventory Chart
- ❖ Homeless Count Results
- ❖ Developing final recommendations

DV – Homeless Services Coalition

Purpose: Working across organizations and systems, we will map out a two-year strategic action plan for the DV-HS Coalition to guide systems-change work to develop an optimal community system to respond to people who experience domestic violence and housing instability and whenever possible to prevent homelessness and chronic homelessness. The strategic action plan will be implemented and further refined during 2017 and 2018.

DV – Homeless Services Coalition

1. Systems Analysis
2. Funding
3. Education & Training
4. Client Centered Services



Safe Housing For Survivors in LA
A Community Scan – February 2017
Kris Billhardt

Findings from the “Safe Housing for Survivors in LA A Community Scan”

It's complicated!

Attention to DV and Sexual Assault as part of formulating a response to homelessness is a relatively recent development

Cuts to TH in the last two NOFA's have impacted the victim service system's capacity to safely house the most vulnerable survivors.

There is no system-wide DV protocol across all CES sites.

- Though there is agreement that CES needs to be made safer for survivors so that they have access to as many resources as possible

RRH is not broadly viewed as a good fit for survivors.

Use of HMIS looms large in victim service provider concerns for survivor safety

Upcoming initiatives bring new opportunities for moving the needle on systems change and service innovation

Questions & Reflections

What do we want to create to prevent and respond to people who experience domestic violence and housing instability and whenever possible to prevent homelessness and chronic homelessness?

What is the case for the status quo?

What is the case for change?

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