



PHA Plan Elements (24 CFR 903.07) Plan Element 13

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). A description of: ***1) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by an agency, either directly or in partnership with other service providers, to child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; 2) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a PHA that helps child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain or maintain housing; and 3) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a public housing agency to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families.***

In accordance with the requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Housing Authority includes the following information about its services for child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking:

1. Activities, services, or programs: The Housing Authority refers applicants, tenants, and community members to social service agencies that can best meet their needs.
2. Services to help obtain or maintain housing: The Housing Authority ensures that survivors are not denied assistance, evicted or terminated from housing assistance for being a victim – or being affiliated with a victim - of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. The Housing Authority maintains a list of affordable housing projects in the community and of landlords who have units available to rent and wish to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program. Finally, we refer clients to social service agencies that also offer housing assistance.
3. Prevention programs: The Housing Authority is developing an Emergency Transfer Plan that complies with HUD VAWA Reauthorization. The Housing Authority refers applicants, tenants, and community members to a wide range of social service agencies, including those that provide prevention services to enhance victim safety. For families renting units owned or managed by the Housing Authority, agency staff also work closely with local law enforcement to address any and all crime-related problems in a proactive manner. Police officers live at several public housing locations and are able to assist with crime prevention and reporting.