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**NCADV 2020 Webinar Series: Safe Tomorrows: Designing and Building a Trauma-Informed and Secure Shelter**



## Safe Tomorrows: Designing and Building a Trauma-Informed and Secure Shelter

Thursday, September 24th, 2020  
1:00pm EST

### Featured Presenter:

**Jessica Hill** (*Safe House for Women in Cape Girardeau, MO*)  
**Kim Dixon** (*Safe House for Women in Cape Girardeau, MO*)

In 2008, a consulting firm said it couldn't be done. Finally, in 2019, we did it. Learn how a mid-size domestic violence agency navigated the process of designing and building a new construction shelter, how they incorporated safe and trauma-informed design aspects, and how they paid for it! This session is for any agency that is tired of working in a cramped, aging, or non-accessible shelter. It can be done!

[NCADV Member Registration](#)

[Non-Member Registration](#)

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. If you do not receive the confirmation email, be sure to check your SPAM and/or junk email folders.**

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## FYI FROM LA LGBT CENTER RE: PROPOSED HUD RULE

Dear Advocates,

As you may know, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued [proposed regulations](#) that would allow discrimination against transgender individuals in shelters. The proposed rule rolls back the Equal Access Rule that requires that HUD funded shelters allow individuals to access shelter in accordance with their gender identity.

We need your voice to send a clear message – the anti-domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking fields resoundingly rejects the messaging in this proposed rule - that allowing individuals to access shelter in accordance with their gender identity poses a safety threat for survivors. In fact, we are gravely concerned with the levels of violence transgender individuals face and their barriers to housing and safety. Join us in supporting transgender and gender non-conforming individuals' access to shelter and safety by submitting comments.

A number of national organizations have developed resources to help you submit comments:

- 1) Sign on letter – please [sign on](#) to this [national letter](#) by Monday, September 21. Our goal is to get as many DV/SA programs across the country signed onto this letter.
- 2) In addition to joining the sign-on letter, consider submitting your own comments. Use these [template comments](#) to submit. Remember, only unique comments will be counted, so please modify the letter to fit your program and upload your comments by 11:59 EDT on Tuesday, September 22 at [this link](#).

If you have any questions please contact Monica McLaughlin at [MMcLaughlin@nnev.org](mailto:MMcLaughlin@nnev.org) or Terra Russell-Slavin at [tslavin@lalgbtcenter.org](mailto:tslavin@lalgbtcenter.org).

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**Registration open for webinar series: What Survivor Advocates Should Know about the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program**

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## **What Survivor Advocates Should Know about the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program**

The federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program is the largest federal program encouraging the creation of affordable rental housing for low-income households in the U.S., with approximately 100,000 new units developed annually and producing over 3 million total housing units since the program's inception. The LIHTC program is a critical source of affordable housing for tenants. Yet, much about the LIHTC program is not commonly known among advocates working with survivors.

Join a webinar series hosted by the [National Alliance for Safe Housing](#) and [Regional Housing Legal Services](#) on what advocates of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking survivors should know about the LIHTC program.

[Register the webinars here!](#)

### **Opportunities for Advocates in the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program**

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

10-11am PT/12-1pm CT/1-2pm ET

This webinar will discuss what the LIHTC program is and why the program is important for survivors. Advocates will learn how the LIHTC program differs from other affordable housing programs paid for by the federal government and how survivors can find LIHTC units in their communities. The session will further introduce a variety of ways that advocates can get involved through partnerships and strategic advocacy, to help survivors access and maintain LIHTC units.

## **How Partnerships Can Enhance Survivors' Access to Low Income Housing Tax Credit Units**

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

10-11am PT/12-1pm CT/1-2 ET

This presentation will highlight partnership models that lead to increased access to LIHTC units for survivors. The webinar will spotlight several partnerships with state and local domestic violence programs that play critical roles in creating new LIHTC units for survivors and further work with housing providers to ensure that survivors can access existing LIHTC units.

## **Housing Protections for Survivors in Low Income Housing Tax Credit Units**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

10-11am PT/12-1pm CT/1-2 ET

This webinar will provide an overview of housing protections for survivors applying for and living in LIHTC units. Presenters will discuss strategies to address common housing obstacles that survivors face, including evictions, admission denials, and emergency transfers.

## **Using the Qualified Allocation Process to Influence LIHTC Priorities**

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

10-11am PT/12-1pm CT/1-2 ET

Did you know that the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) is a tool that advocates can use to influence the kinds of housing projects that receive Low Income Housing Tax Credits? The QAP outlines each state's eligibility priorities and criteria for awarding LIHTCs to developers. Advocates will learn how to use the QAP's public process to influence policies so that they better target the development of LIHTC units for survivors. Presenters also will introduce a mapping tool that shows the extent to which each state has included priorities and legal protections for survivors in its QAP.

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**SPA 5 & 6 REGIONAL HEALTH OFFICE COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE**

**SPA 5 and 6 Regional Health Office**

# COVID-19 Weekly Update

September 18, 2020

## COVID-19 Safety Compliance Certificate Program



## LA Regional COVID Fund

Nonprofits providing social safety net services to low-to-moderate income communities may be eligible to apply for grants through the LA Regional Fund.

Applications open September 21 and close September 25. Learn more [here](#).

## Register to Vote

### **“National Voter Registration Day” is Tuesday, September 22!**

California offers voter registration online, by mail, and in-person. Online voter registration is available at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov). You can also request and complete a paper voter registration form and mail it, or hand deliver it to your county elections office to register to vote.

## Citizen SafePass Mobile App

SafePass allows LA County users to self-report symptoms for COVID-19 and receive notifications and alerts directly from LA County Department of Public Health. **All contact tracing data is anonymous, private, encrypted, and deleted after 30 days by Citizen.**

Additionally, SafePass:

- Tracks individuals who report positive tests and notifies close contacts (who use the app) of potential exposures, without sharing the COVID+ individual's name. Any close contacts will receive a notification to get tested.
- Offers immediate access to eligible users for a free at-home testing kit for those

who have been notified of exposure through the app; and

- Provides up-to-date information about all active testing sites in LA County

Find the app in Apple and Google Play stores. LA County residents are encouraged to download SafePass to expand local efforts to track COVID-19 for L.A. County's 10 million residents.

To learn more, visit [here](#).

### Angelenos in Action

Text @PROTECT to 35134 to sign up for a weekly text survey to help keep yourself and others safe from COVID-19. You can also [enroll online](#) to receive weekly surveys via email.

This voluntary survey is less than 1-minute and will help us track COVID-like symptoms throughout LA County. Join [Angelenos in Action](#) to help LA County respond quicker to COVID-19!

### LA County Library Laptop & Hotspot Loan Kit

Los Angeles County residents in need of a computer or internet service can now borrow them. The loaner kit will include a Chromebook laptop and wireless hotspot and is being offered in 10 locations as part of a pilot program. For more information, please click [here](#).



### Redesigned COVID-19 website

DPH's COVID-19 [website](#) has a new look! Please make sure to check it out as items have been reorganized into a user-friendly layout.

### 2020 Census

The 2020 Census deadline is **September 30, 2020**. It is important that everyone is counted because information collected will make sure that our local communities receive the funding they need for important services. There aren't any citizenship questions on the census. If you have been in this country since April 1, 2020, you should be counted whether you're a citizen or not. Here are remote ways to participate:

**Online:** <https://my2020census.gov/>

## USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

**COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard:** Guiding metrics can be found [here](#)

**COVID-19 Testing:** [covid19.lacounty.gov/testing](https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing)

**Mental Health Support:** (800) 854-7771 or text "LA" to 741741 or visit <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/covid-19-information/>

**Headspace:** Free [mindfulness app](#)

**LA County's Office of Immigrant Affairs:** <https://oia.lacounty.gov/>

**Report a violation:** Call (888) 700-9995 (M-F 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.) or  
Email: [Ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:Ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov)

**For additional resources please dial 2-1-1**

**For more information, please visit our website:** [publichealth.lacounty.gov/Coronavirus/](https://publichealth.lacounty.gov/Coronavirus/)

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## CPEDV: Partnership Member Organizations Save on Shifting the Lens Registration! New Group Pricing

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### Apply to Join Our Coalition

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# SHIFTING THE LENS 2020

*Survivors and Families Coming into Focus*

[REGISTER FOR OUR VIRTUAL EVENT](#)

**NEW Group Pricing for Partnership Member Organizations: \$50 per registrant for Members registering 10 or more staff!**

→ [If your organization is not a Member, apply to join our coalition!](#)  
→ Partnership Members can get started by emailing Michell Franklin, Capacity Building Program Manager: [michell@cpedv.org](mailto:michell@cpedv.org)

#### Event Information:

- Monday, November 2nd-Thursday, November 5th: 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with breaks
  - Join us for the [Partnership Awards](#) on Monday, November 2nd from 4:30-5 p.m.
- Survivors and students: \$50
- NEW Group Pricing for Partnership Member Organizations: \$50 per registrant for Members registering 10 or more staff
- Partnership Members: \$100
- Non Members: \$150
- Accessible online
- Agenda now available
- Track A: Listening to Different Voices | Track B: Reimagining Policies and Practices | Track C: Harnessing the Power of Prevention | Track D: Addressing Gaps in the Field (workshops coming soon!)

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About Our Conference:

***The field is at a moment of reflection: many are ready to be a part of the rising energy for racial justice, led by Black activists and advocates. There is a keen awareness that policies, practices, and institutions must be focused on collective liberation to make progress in ending domestic violence.*** Based upon our own multilayered experiences, each of us has unique steps toward challenging the systems that replicate oppression.

Shifting the Lens: Survivors and Families Coming Into Focus exists on a foundation of activism and sacrifices from Black, Latinx, Native & Indigenous, Asian and Pacific Islander, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Asexual, and Queer people—and along with aspiring white allies, all are working in unity towards racial and gender justice. With four tracks and a total of 28 workshops focused on advancing equity, we strive to honor their efforts, and provide a virtual learning opportunity to defy the status quo.

We hope you'll join us. Register today on our event website, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)! Questions? We're happy to help. Please contact [conference@cpedv.org](mailto:conference@cpedv.org).



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