

# Transitional Housing Example Program

## Scope of services

The Transitional Housing Example Program (THEP) provides native-specific advocacy to address violence against Native victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. THEP addresses violence to Native women who are homeless or in need of transitional housing as a result of fleeing a situation of the aforementioned crimes and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.

THEP advocates will work closely with program participants to address their needs. Participants can stay in the program for six to 12 months, and follow-up services are available up to a maximum of six months. All services in the program are voluntary. THEP encourages participants to use the options made available to them, but there are no consequences for a participant declining any aspect of the program.

## Eligibility for services

Victims eligible to be served by the THEP are survivors (1) who are homeless or in need of transitional housing assistance as a result of a situation of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, or stalking and (2) for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient. The victim must be able to live independently, without access to staff or support 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Direct services for children is not provided except where such services are an ancillary part of providing transitional housing services to the child's parent (or legal guardian) who is a victim.

## Services provided

THEP provides participants with **rental subsidies** for housing units that are **scattered** throughout the tribal community. Rental subsidies will be provided for six to 12 months. Rental subsidy payments will be paid directly to landlord. Rental subsidy will begin once the participant has been accepted into the program and has an approved landlord agreement in place. Staff will make an initial determination for eligibility and need and set the subsidy schedule. The subsidy schedule for each participant will be reviewed regularly to ensure continued need.

THEP also offers the following victim support and follow-up services that are designed to enable victims who are fleeing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community:

- Case management
- Housing advocacy
- Material assistance
- Counseling/Support groups
- Financial counseling
- Crisis intervention

This handout serves as a guide for applicants wishing to develop and implement Transitional Housing programs. There is no one correct way to structure your transitional housing model or rent process. The structure of your program will vary based on your program's mission, the way in which you are funded, and the population of survivors you are serving.