2012 Housing Advocacy Survey for DV Shelters and Programs

The survey was conducted online and by mail/fax from November 17, 2011 through December 17, 2011. ACTION OHIO received 20 responses online, 11 mailed responses and 1 faxed response, totaling 32 responses from all over the state.

Survey participants are from all over the state. This question was optional.

Survey participants (Agencies that disclosed the names):

A Friend's House
Alternative to Violence Center
Caritas House
Crisis Care Line
Crossroads Crisis Center, Inc.
First Step - Sandusky Valley DV Shelter
First Step F.V.I.S., Inc.
Open Arms

Personal and Family Counseling Services-Harbor House
Pike County Partnership Against Domestic Violence
Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter
Shelter from Violence Inc.
The Cocoon Shelter
The Lighthouse
YWCA Dayton
Question 1: In what ways do you assist victims in obtaining housing?

- 100% responded that they provide DV shelter.
- 28% also provide transitional housing.
- 22% also provide homeless shelter.
- 13-16% also provide specific services related to public/other housing.

Participants were asked to specify if they selected other emergency housing or transitional housing. Below are some notable comments.

- The agency directly provides emergency housing in a dv shelter and works with a network of care providers to access all others that were checked.
- The YWCA Dayton provides emergency shelter and housing to women in a Safe Haven’s program. The clients have been diagnosed with disabilities including mental health issues, and they are homeless.
- 24 month transitional housing to DV survivors exiting shelter - 6 units at scattered sites
- We operate a TH program for single adults. Victims of DV are given priority status for entry into it.
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Question 2: In what ways do you provide housing advocacy for victims?

- 66% provide abuse certification.
- Majority of providers advocate for victims’ housing in different ways.

![Ways to provide housing advocacy for victims](chart)

Question 3: Do you work with local housing authorities in your service area?

- Majority of the providers work with local housing authorities.

![Do you work with local housing authorities?](chart)
Question 4: How would you describe your relationship with local housing authorities?

- Most of them describe their relationship as Excellent or Good.

![Relationship with local housing authorities](image)

Question 5: How many of your clients must go to homeless shelters yearly?

- For majority of providers, only 20 or less clients per year must go to homeless shelters. Without the number of actual households served per year by these providers, it is hard to estimate if this numbers is high or low. However, this number seems low considering the size of the participants (32).
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**Question 6: Does your shelter receive funds for housing homeless clients?**

- Majority of them do NOT receive funds for housing homeless clients.

![Pie chart showing 19% Yes and 81% No for receiving funds for housing homeless clients.]

**Participants’ comments:**

- We have a great program in our county. We can refer victims to the Housing Authority and they are put at the top of the list with a Domestic Violence category for homeless and receive expedited housing.

- What is the objective of this survey?