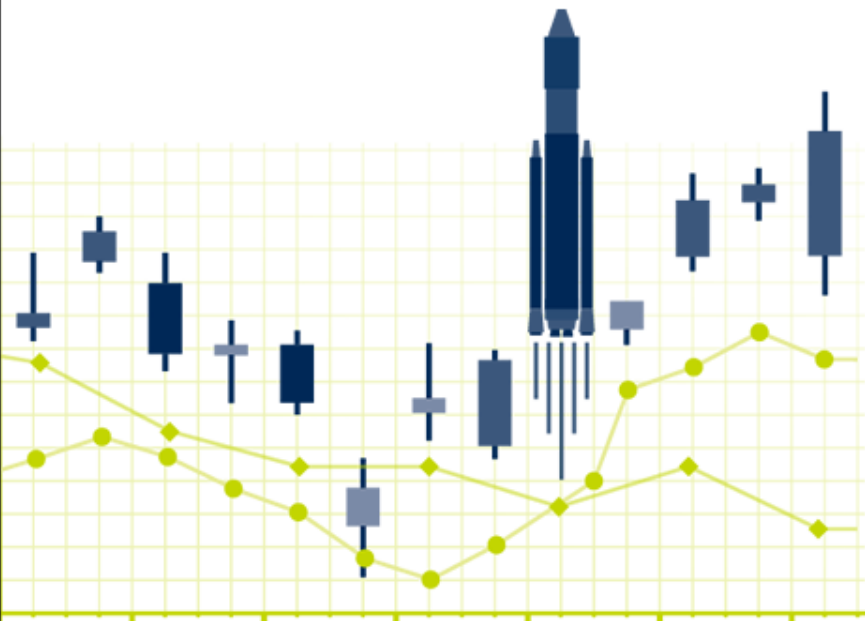
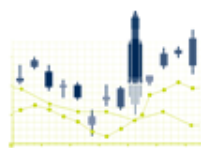


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Implementing Changes for Our Future



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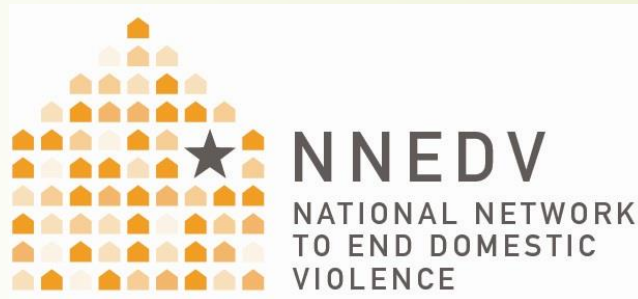
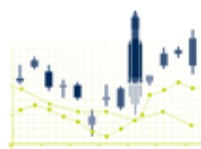
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- **Mission** – The Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) promotes safe and healthy relationships by supporting service providers, facilitating strategic prevention efforts, and creating opportunities for freedom from domestic violence.
- Focus on Policy, Prevention, and Supporting Service Providers





NNEDV is a social change organization dedicated to creating social, political and economic environment where violence against women no longer exists

NNEDV's Collaborative Approach to Safe Housing for Survivors project goals is to provide training and technical assistance to improve coordination between domestic violence and homeless services.

NNEDV's Safety Net Project addresses the intersection of technology and abuse, and provides training and technical assistance to advocates, law enforcement, legal services, social services providers, survivors and other stakeholders.



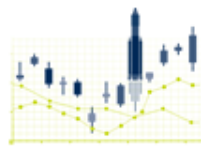
DV & Housing TA Consortium

Four Federal Agency Partners are working together to help end homelessness for victims

- Family Violence Prevention & Services Program/HHS
- Office on Violence Against Women/DOJ
- Office for Victims of Crime/DOJ
- Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs/HUD

Four Technical Assistance Providers

- National Alliance for Safe Housing (NASH)
- Collaborative Solutions, Inc. (CS)
- National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV)



National Landscape

2018

HEALS Act: Helping End
Abusive Relationships Act
& VAWA Reauthorization

2018

HUD CoC Set Aside for DV
Survivors in current NOFA:
\$50 Million

2020

End Family & Youth
Homelessness



Current Federal Collaborative Efforts:

- Personally Identifiable Information into an HMIS (HUD, OVW, FVPSA)
- Coordinated Entry Infrastructure Guide: Data Collection for System Management and Evaluation (HUD)
- What constitutes a comparable database (HUD)
- Coordinated Entry: Confidentiality Requirements in Practice (NNEDV and Safe Housing Partnerships)
- Can multiple DV agencies use a single Comparable Database (OVW and FVPSA)
- Multi-CoC collaboration standards and procedures
- Connecting Trafficking Victims to safe, permanent housing (HUD and OVW)
- HUD NOFA-new DV \$50 Million Set Aside



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Overview

- Protecting Data Privacy
- Building Relationships
- Asking Sensitive Questions
- Data Sharing and Receiving Consent
- Reporting Aggregate Level Data to HMIS Leads
- Comparable Databases Technical Assistance and Training for VSPs
- Survivor-Centered Coordinated Entry



***VICTIM-ADVOCATE
PRIVILEGE
&
SURVIVOR
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Privacy & Confidentiality – Protecting Data Privacy





VAWA: Confidentiality Overview

- VAWA contains strong, legally codified confidentiality provisions that limit VSPs from sharing, disclosing, or revealing personally identifying information (PII) into shared databases like HMIS.
- Based on VAWA requirements, HUD CoC and ESG recipients who are victim service providers are prohibited from entering personally identifying information into HMIS
 - Regardless if the information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed or otherwise protected without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent.
 - Under no circumstances can the PII data be shared.
 - Does permit data to be shared in the aggregate.

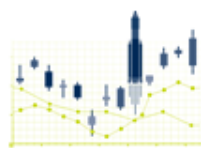


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Let's talk about comparable databases!





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Building & Maintaining Relationships

- VSPs
- Homeless Service Providers
- DV coalitions
- CoC's



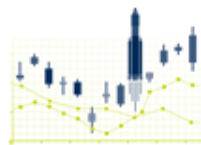


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Asking Sensitive Questions





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Data Sharing & When to Ask for Consent





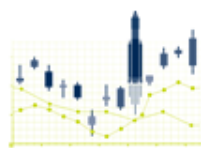
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Reporting to HMIS Leads





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Comparable Databases Technical Assistance and Training for VSPs

- Coalition Held Test Database
- De-identified reports
- Remote connection without accessing agency data
- Point Person
- Coalition Capacity

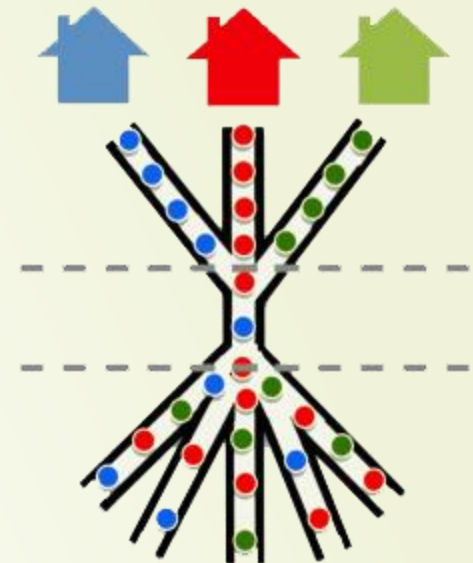


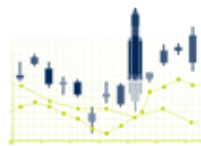
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Survivor-Centered Coordinated Entry

- Assessment score in comparable database
- Partnerships with CoC and other community partners
- Communication with agencies and comparable database provider relating to updates or required changes/considerations





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