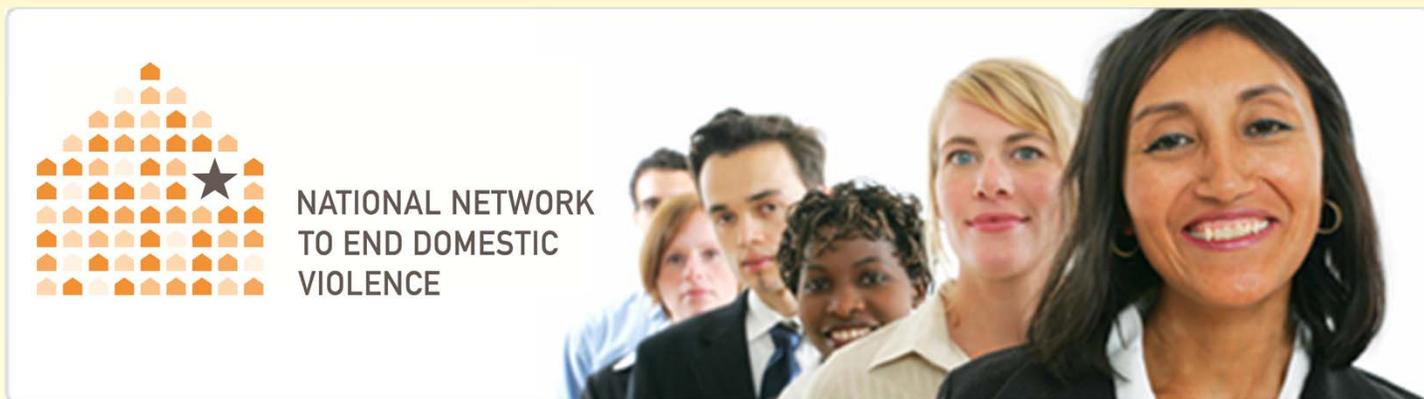


Asset-Based Approaches for Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence

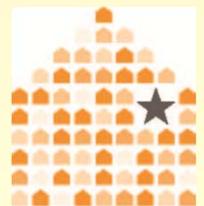
**National Network to End Domestic
Violence (NNEDV)**



DV & Poverty

- ★ 22% of all women have experienced DV in their adult lives
- ★ Women in poverty = 34-65%
 - Recent or current violence = 8-33%
 - High prevalence of childhood physical & sexual abuse

Lyon, E. (2000). *Welfare, poverty, and abused women: New research and its implications.*



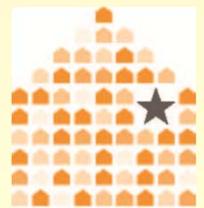
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Why?

★ When Violence Occurs, What Are The Options?

- Call Law Enforcement
- Leave
- Fight Back
- Divorce / Separate



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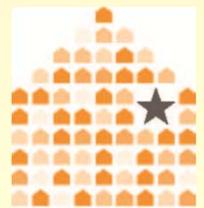
Leaving

★ May Lose

- Job/Employment
- Housing
- Health Care
- Child Care
- Partner Income

★ Highest Risk of Injury or Violence

- Separating or Divorcing



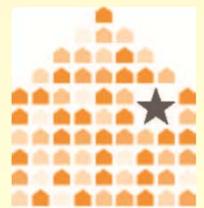
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For Women In Poverty

★ What Are The Options?

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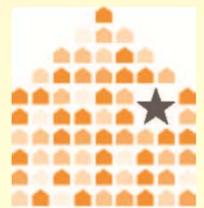


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The Reality

- ★ Poverty reduces options
 - Doubling-up
 - Shelter time limits
- ★ Access to resources increase safety
 - Must help people before, during and after

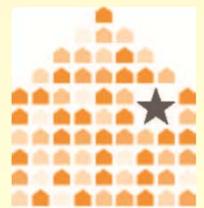


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Building Assets

- ★ A useful or valuable quality, person, or thing; an advantage or resource
- ★ An asset is a resource controlled by the entity as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to the entity
- ★ Rename
 - Mo-joe

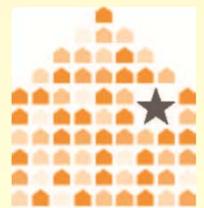


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What We're Doing

- ★ Partnered with The Allstate Foundation since 2005
- ★ Address economic justice & financial empowerment
- ★ Through
 - Grant-Making
 - Financial Education
 - Training & Technical Assistance



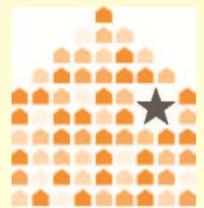
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Grant Making

★ Moving Ahead Financial Empowerment Grant Program

- \$1,000,000 annual grant program
- 15 state DV grantees (\$25,000 - \$75,000)
 - Financial Literacy - required
 - Micro-Enterprise/Micro-Loan
 - Job Skills
 - IDA/Match Savings



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Vermont Network

★ E.A.S.E.-E

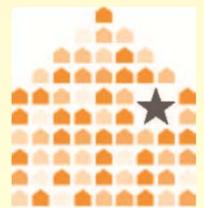
- Education and Support for Economic Empowerment

★ Vermont Works for Women partnership

- Job Skills

★ Credit Union partnership

- Match Savings, 2:1
- Micro-Loan, credit repair (\$10 monthly payment, 3:1 to pay debt)



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Rhode Island Coalition

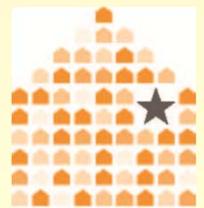
★ Fresh Start

★ Micro-enterprise

– Community Entrepreneur Program

★ Micro-loan

– Credit repair



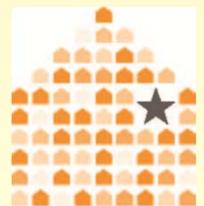
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Financial Education

★ Developed in partnership with The Allstate Foundation a curriculum specific to the needs of survivors of domestic violence

- Safety Planning
- Budgeting
- Credit
- Loans
- Long-Term Planning



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Safety Planning

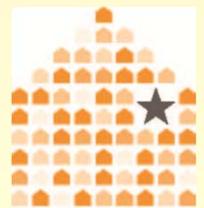
★ What is Financial Abuse

- Controlling how money is spent
- Over-using credit
- Forcing or not allowing to work

★ Explore how to set money aside safely

★ Pros/Cons to disclosure

★ Housing Search



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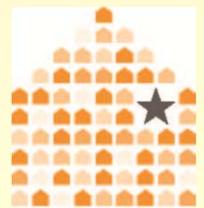
What We've Learned

★ Everybody has a learning curve

- We aren't born knowing this
- We aren't always taught it
- Many come with baggage

★ We must go slow

- Can't 'budget' on 1st visit
- Talking about money is hard
 - Triggers



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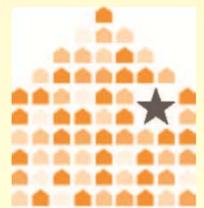
Resources

★ NNEDV

- www.nnedv.org
- Projects tabs → Economic Justice Program

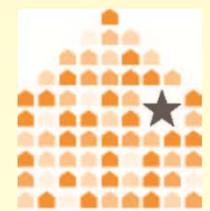
★ The Allstate Foundation

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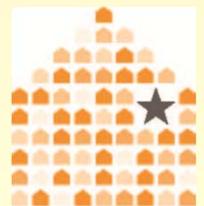


Thank You!

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