

HT HOUSING ORIENTATION

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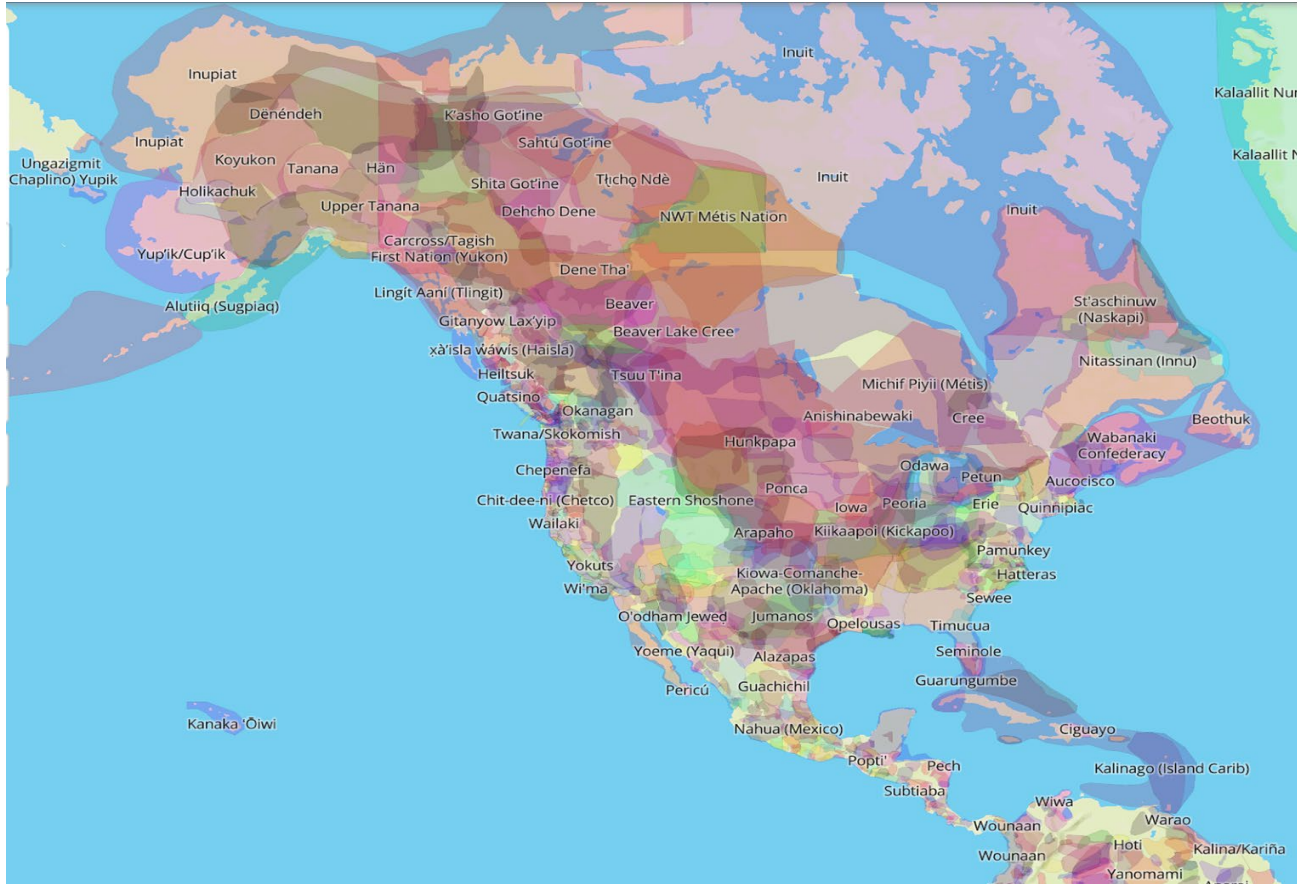
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



We are currently on the traditional lands of the Piscataway and Nacotchtank People. We pay our respects to the past, present, and future of these people.

TO LEARN MORE VISIT

<https://native-land.ca>

COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

- Inclusivity
- Safe space
- Confidentiality
- Stay Engaged
- Take care of yourself



WELCOME & OVC REMARKS



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About OVC's Human Trafficking Programs

- Oversees the largest amount of federal funding for anti-trafficking programs in the United States.
- OVC currently manages **421 HT awards**, totaling over **\$336 million**, covering almost every state and territory. 102 HT awards made in FY24.
- The majority of OVC HT funds support direct services to victims, as well as multidisciplinary teams, statewide responses to child and youth trafficking, and training and technical assistance.

About OVC's HT Housing Programs

- Currently **72 active HT housing awards** (some entitles have multiple awards, and others are pending closeout)
- Awards represent 28 different states – AK, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, IL, ME, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI
- For **FY24**, 14 HT housing awards (4 Purpose Area 1, 10 Purpose Area 2). Received 103 applications, only able to fund 13% of those that applied. 62% increase in applications received from FY23.

Resources to support you

- OVC HT housing solicitation for year you were funded
- DOJ Financial Guide
 - OVC Financial Management Resource Center: <https://www.ojp.gov/training-and-technical-assistance/fmrc>
- Award conditions
- Your program narrative and budget
- OVC HT FAQs: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/human-trafficking/ovc-human-trafficking-program-faqs>
- Contacts to help with your award: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards-help.pdf>

FNUSA INTRODUCTIONS



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HOUSING TTA PROJECT TEAM



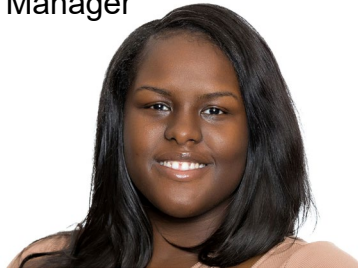
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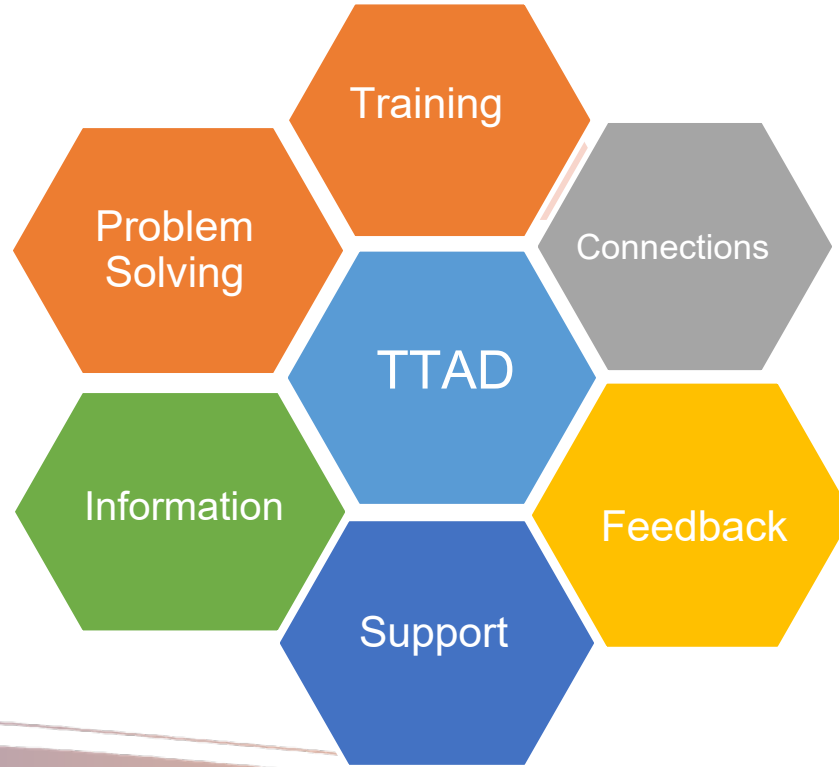
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What part of providing housing for survivors are you most excited to contribute to or see in action?

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WHAT DOES TTA ENTAIL?



GOALS OF THE HOUSING TTA PROJECT

- Support OVC grantees on exploring and learning about housing options for trafficking survivors
- Facilitate and support connections to partners in allied fields, housing and homeless services, and additional resources
- Assist grantees in collaborating with landlords and guiding their participants through the leasing process (i.e. landlord engagement and potential lease violations)
- Share best practices in housing survivors of trafficking

HOUSING FRAMEWORKS

- **Voluntary services** is an approach that supports autonomy and self-determination in a survivor's decision making. That housing is not conditional.
- **Trauma-informed services** is a framework that ensures programs are not re-traumatizing survivors through controlling practices
- **Person-centered services** prioritizes the survivor's needs and wishes.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

- **Purpose:** OVC Human Trafficking Housing Grantees are required to submit policies and procedures relevant to the OVC-funded housing project to Freedom Network USA (FNUSA) for review, as outlined in the Award Conditions to ensure policies and procedures align with voluntary, trauma-informed, and person-centered practices.
- **Process:** Submission of policy and procedure documents to Housing TTA
 - Schedule an “Introduction Call” with your assigned Training Specialist FNUSA review policies and procedures
 - FNUSA will provide written P&P review summary to you and your assigned OVC grant manager.

WEB-BASED TRAININGS & RESOURCE LIBRARY

- **Quarterly** Housing TTA webinars focus on an array of topics at the intersection of serving Human Trafficking survivors and their housing needs.
- Our **Resource Library** contains fact sheets, recorded webinars, other materials that address common topics and challenges in housing and offer practical solutions. These materials provide information and insight to service providers, and focus on the intersection of housing and human trafficking.

HOUSING SUMMITS

- Regional summits that gather local service providers and stakeholders to discuss the current housing needs of human trafficking survivors in their community.
- The goal is to increase capacity of the local providers in identifying a landscape of available housing resources and provide insight into overcoming local challenges to housing access.

ONSITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Individualized in-person training and technical assistance.
- The goal is to provide specialized support in addressing challenging areas in providing housing for survivors of human trafficking.
- human trafficking survivors.

PEER LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Quarterly, one-hour video calls to explore housing options, share ideas on implementing trauma-informed practices within housing programs, discuss potential partnerships, troubleshoot implementation challenges, connect with other OVC Housing grantees, and have a judgment free space to ask questions and learn.

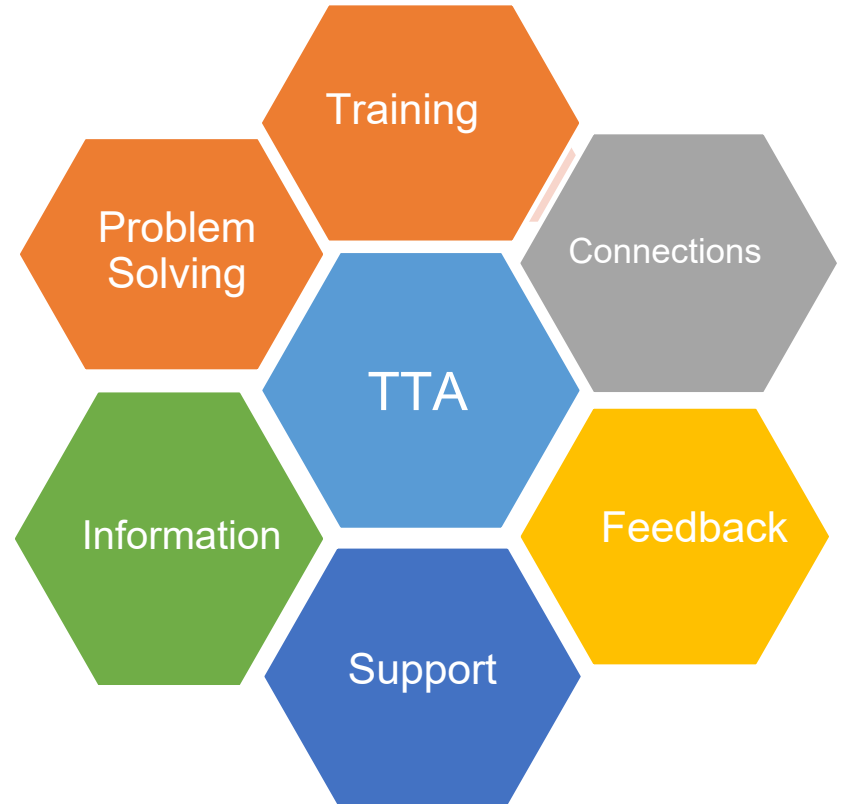
SAVE THE DATE

January 16, 2025

2pm EST

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Technical assistance is a collaboration
- Our team can help you develop policy and procedure documents
- Connect on general housing project capacity building



BREAKOUT GROUPS



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SHARE OUT



QUESTIONS?



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UPCOMING WEBINAR

Foundational Understanding of Supporting
Survivors with Disabilities in Housing

Date: December 10, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm EST

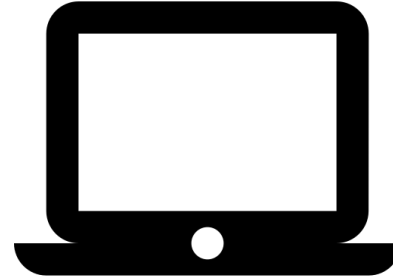
Registration is **REQUIRED!**



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[Resource Library](#)



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OVC Resources

- [OVC Human Trafficking webpage](#)
- [OVC Human Trafficking FAQs](#)
- [Map of OVC HT grantees](#)
- [Understanding Human Trafficking - free online training](#)
- [Human Trafficking Action Research toolkit](#)
- [OVC HT Performance Measures](#)
- [OVC Model Standards for Serving Victims and Survivors of Crime](#)
- [OVC HT TTA providers](#)