

## Connecticut’s Collaborative Effort to Meet the Housing Needs of Domestic Violence Survivors

The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) work in close collaboration, together with state and federal funders, to provide equitable cross-system access for individuals to get the services and supports they need. A key shared goal is to ensure equitable access to homelessness response system housing resources for domestic violence survivors in need of housing assistance.

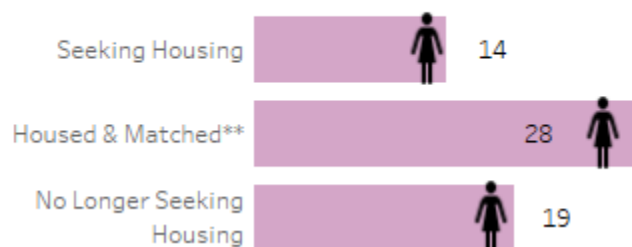
Since January, 2017, CCADV and CCEH have implemented jointly, with support from state agency partners and in consultation with federal funders, a protocol that allows domestic violence survivors to be added anonymously to registries for homeless housing resources across the state. CCADV and CCEH sought technical assistance and guidance from The Confidentiality Institute, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and The National Network to End Domestic Violence as well as HUD and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program (FVPSA) in developing this protocol. This Connecticut protocol provides protection of a domestic violence survivor’s identity while ensuring that the domestic violence survivor has access to the type of housing needed in a community of choice.

The Connecticut protocol has been cited by the [National Network to End Domestic Violence\\*](#) (NNEADV) and by the National Alliance to End Homelessness as an important model of how homeless services and domestic violence providers can and should work together to meet the needs of their shared clients.

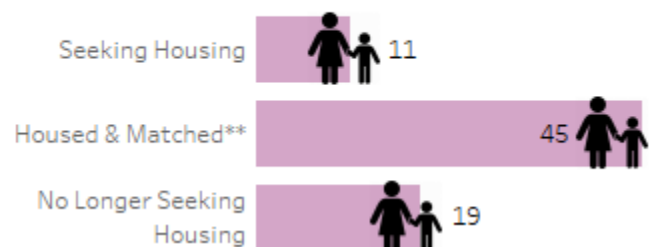
Through this groundbreaking approach, recognized as a national model of collaboration, 68 households, including 26 single adults and 42 families, have been housed during the first 18 months of the program (with an additional 5 matched to a permanent housing resource). Households referred from Domestic Violence are housed in an average of 66 days from the date of their referral.

### Outcomes for the first 18 months<sup>†</sup>

#### Individuals



#### Families



\* Please see: <https://nnedv.org/mdocs-posts/coordinated-entry-confidentiality-requirements-in-practice/>

<sup>†</sup> January, 2017 to June, 2018

\*\* Includes households that were housed, or are matched with a resource and will be housed imminently.