

## OR-503 Central Oregon Continuum of Care

### HOMELESS LEADERSHIP COALITION (HLC)

#### Policy on Protecting Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking

All HLC (Or-503) member entities who receive funding through Housing and Urban Development (such as ESG, Annual NOFO, CDBG, etc.) are required to abide by this policy. The below expectations may be incorporated into site monitoring at the discretion of the CoC governing board. All other members are encouraged to follow these best practices and to promote survivor safety.

**About:** In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), all housing and shelter providers must allow tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant's current unit to another unit. The ability to request a transfer must be available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The ability of provider to honor such request for clients currently receiving assistance, however, may depend upon a preliminary determination that the client is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and on whether has another dwelling unit that is available and is safe to offer the tenant for temporary or more permanent occupancy.

1. HLC requires housing and shelter providers to develop an emergency transfer plan to support survivors.
2. The HLC requires Transfer Plans include the following components:
  - a. Eligibility for Emergency Transfers
  - b. Emergency Transfer Request Documentation Requirements
  - c. Confidentiality Protections
  - d. Describe interim steps to protect the safety and security of clients while a transfer is pending
3. The HLC provides this template and a list of community resources to assist providers in meeting this requirement
  - a. [Emergency Transfer Plan template](#):
  - b. Community Resources (next page)

Resource	Type
<b>Saving Grace</b> 24 hour hotline (541) 389-7021 <a href="#">website</a>	<b>Saving Grace</b> provides comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault services in Central Oregon. Shelter, counseling, resources
<b>The at: project</b> 24 hour hotline (541) 647-0658 <a href="#">website</a>	As the local responders for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, The at: project (Anti-Trafficking Project) works directly with victims and survivors of human trafficking in Central Oregon. We provide confidential support and assistance to adult and minor survivors of sex and labor trafficking, including: Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, Shelter for youth, Counseling and resources for any age. They are the local service provider partner of <u>Polaris</u> , who operates the U. S. National Human Trafficking Hotline.
<b>National Domestic Violence Hotline</b> 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) 24-hr hotline	Operating around the clock, seven days a week, confidential and free of cost, the National Domestic Violence Hotline provides lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable victims to find safety and live lives free of abuse. Callers to The Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) can expect highly trained, experienced advocates to offer compassionate support, crisis intervention information, educational services, and referral services in more than 200 languages.
<b>National Human Trafficking Hotline</b> 1-888-373-7888 / Text: 233733 24-hr hotline	The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a national anti-trafficking hotline serving victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community in the United States. The toll-free hotline is available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year in more than 200 languages.
<b>National Runaway Safeline</b> 1-800-RUNAWAY (786-2929) 24-hr hotline	The National Runaway Safeline's mission is to keep America's runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. Youth and family members connect to the 1-800-RUNAWAY hotline or 1800RUNAWAY.org online crisis services to work through problems and find local help from social service agencies and organizations.
<b>Dawns House</b> 9AM-9PM (541) 410-6065  <a href="#">website</a>	Transitional Housing and sober living
<b>The Bethlehem Inn</b> <a href="#">website</a>	Community-based shelter for individuals and families.