



Addressing the Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence in Housing Programs

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) collaborated with [Unity House](#), [Equinox](#), and the [YWCA of Northeastern New York](#) on a project, funded by the New York State [Office of Victim Services](#), which was developed to address the critical behavioral health needs experienced by victims of domestic violence residing in domestic violence housing. The project focused on expanding access to low-barrier, voluntary behavioral health services for victims of domestic violence residing in domestic violence housing programs by hiring co-located and/or mobile licensed mental health professionals.

EVALUATION & RESEARCH

The evaluation conducted by CHSR consisted of three principal components:

- a **Needs Assessment** to examine each agency's current services, further identify contextually-relevant practice gaps, and triangulate stakeholder perspectives regarding needs and barriers;
- an **Implementation Evaluation** to determine the extent to which the project is being implemented as designed, and to identify factors that are facilitating or impeding successful implementation; and
- an **Outcome Evaluation** focused on assessing changes in staff behavior, housing and service delivery, and agency practice that have resulted from the project.