**Addressing the Needs of Victims of**

**Domestic Violence in Housing Programs**

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) collaborated with [**Unity House**](https://www.unityhouseny.org/)**,**[**Equinox**](https://www.equinoxinc.org/), and the [**YWCA of Northeastern New York**](http://www.ywca-neny.org/)on a project, funded by the New York State [**Office of Victim Services**](https://ovs.ny.gov/), 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.