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B.4 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals

The Fayette County Housing Authority has a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy, which is part of our Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy for Public Housing, and our Section 8 Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Program.

The Housing Authority works in close contact with the Domestic Violence Shelter in Uniontown, PA, and gets applications completed for victims and their families. As soon as the applications are received, the Tenant Selection Department begins the verification process as quickly as possible, and these applicants move to the top of either the Public Housing or Section 8 Waiting Lists. If they are on the Public Housing Waiting List, they are offered a Unit at one of three locations that they chose on their Application if a vacancy exists. If they are on the Section 8 Waiting List, they are pulled, and a Briefing is schedule, and they are issued a Housing Choice Voucher. Many of the victims and their families choose to port out of Fayette County to another location where they feel safer, because the perpetrator of the domestic violence does not know where they have relocated. Most VAWA Applicants prefer the Section 8 Program because of the flexibility of finding a place to live in the private sector as opposed to Public Housing.

During the past year, the Housing Authority has assisted five (5) Applicants under VAWA in Public Housing and issued 14 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers to VAWA Applicants for Section 8.

The Housing Authority will continue our relationship with the Domestic Violence Shelter and other Social Agencies in the County to provide housing for Victims of Domestic Violence as quickly, efficiently, and effectively as possible.