

Addressing the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Poverty

TOOLS & RESOURCES

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Building Assets for Survivors

AFI Assets for Independence Resource Center

Welcome to the Assets for Independence Resource Center.

The AFI Resource Center is your one-stop source for information on the Assets for Independence program and Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). Here you can quickly learn about the AFI program and IDAs, how to apply for an AFI grant, and how to administer an AFI project. Come here for tips and to learn about best practices for providing and using IDAs and related services.

-- Populations --

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Helping Domestic Violence Survivors Build Assets

Announcements: AFI Announces 2014 Awards, AFI announces \$3 million dollars in grant funding to 44 organizations, New SF-423 and 729 Reporting Dates, AFI grant report due dates have changed. Effective

Topics & Tools: Managing Your AFI Grant, ASSET Initiative Addressing Economic Disparities, Financial Stability for Families with Young Children

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AFI

Assets for Independence (AFI) Serving Domestic Violence Survivors Toolkit

Strategies for partnerships between the asset building and domestic violence services communities

This toolkit has been developed for AFI grantees and Domestic Violence service providers interested in working together to help survivors rebuild and/or create financial strength. The information compiled provided the framework guidance to bring partnerships from concept to reality.

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Why this Toolkit?

- ▣ Partnership models are already being tested in the field and can be adapted to your program.
- ▣ Toolkit provides step-by-step guidance on how to bring partnerships from concept to reality.

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Asset Building and IDAs

www.vawnet.org/special-collections/DVAssetBuilding.php

2 Special Collections on VAWnet.org (2011)

- ▣ Asset Building and IDAs – Basics and Fact Sheets
- ▣ State and Federal Policies
- ▣ Asset Building and IDAs for Survivors
- ▣ Asset Building and IDAs for Underserved Populations (Native Americans, Immigrants, People with Disabilities, Children and Youth)



Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

www.vawnet.org/special-collections/DVEITC.php

Another Special Collection on VAWnet.org (2014)



- ❑ EITC – Basics and Fact Sheets
- ❑ Tax Credits and Public Benefits Eligibility
- ❑ Populations Specific EITC Considerations (Domestic Violence Survivors, Native Americans, Workers who are Immigrants, Workers with Disabilities)
- ❑ Other Tax Credits
- ❑ Free Tax Preparation Services

Economic Security for Survivors

www.wowonline.org/economic-security-for-survivors/

The Economic Security for Survivors (ESS) Project addresses the economic obstacles that prevent survivors from recovering from sexual or physical violence.



Wider Opportunities for Women

Economic Security for Survivors

www.wowonline.org/economic-security-for-survivors/



Population Policy Brief Series

- ❑ Survivors of Color
- ❑ Rural Survivors
- ❑ LGBTQ Survivors
- ❑ Adolescent Survivors
- ❑ Older Survivors
- ❑ Native Survivors

Center for Family Policy and Practice
<http://www.cffpp.org/pubdomviol.php>



Explores economic needs that are shared by both women and men and provides information on social welfare services for men (often called "responsible fatherhood programs").

Demonstrates that community-based programs that address the needs of low-income men of color can respond to an unmet need for some domestic violence victims.

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Safety and Services
 is based on a series of listening sessions with women who shared their experiences and knowledge of domestic violence, economic support services, and community.



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