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# **Transitional Housing for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence: A 2014-15 Snapshot**

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**Project Methodology / Approach**

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## A 2014–15 Snapshot

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# What's on the Project Webpage?

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The project webpage is [www.air.org/THforSurvivors](http://www.air.org/THforSurvivors). The webpage contains links to

- The 12 chapters of the **Report**, each with an executive summary and a reference list;
- The Methodology webinar and four **Overview webinars**;
- Four brief **podcast interviews** highlighting the approaches of some of the providers we interviewed; and
- **Broadsides** highlighting two of the many important topic areas this report addresses.

# Chapters of the Report (Overview Webinar #1)

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- #01 - *Definition of “Success” & Performance Measurement*
- #02 - *Survivor Access and Participant Selection*
- #03 - *Program Housing Models*
- #04 - *Taking a Survivor-Centered / Empowerment Approach: Rules Reduction, Voluntary Services, Participant Engagement*

## Chapters of the Report (Overview Webinar #2)

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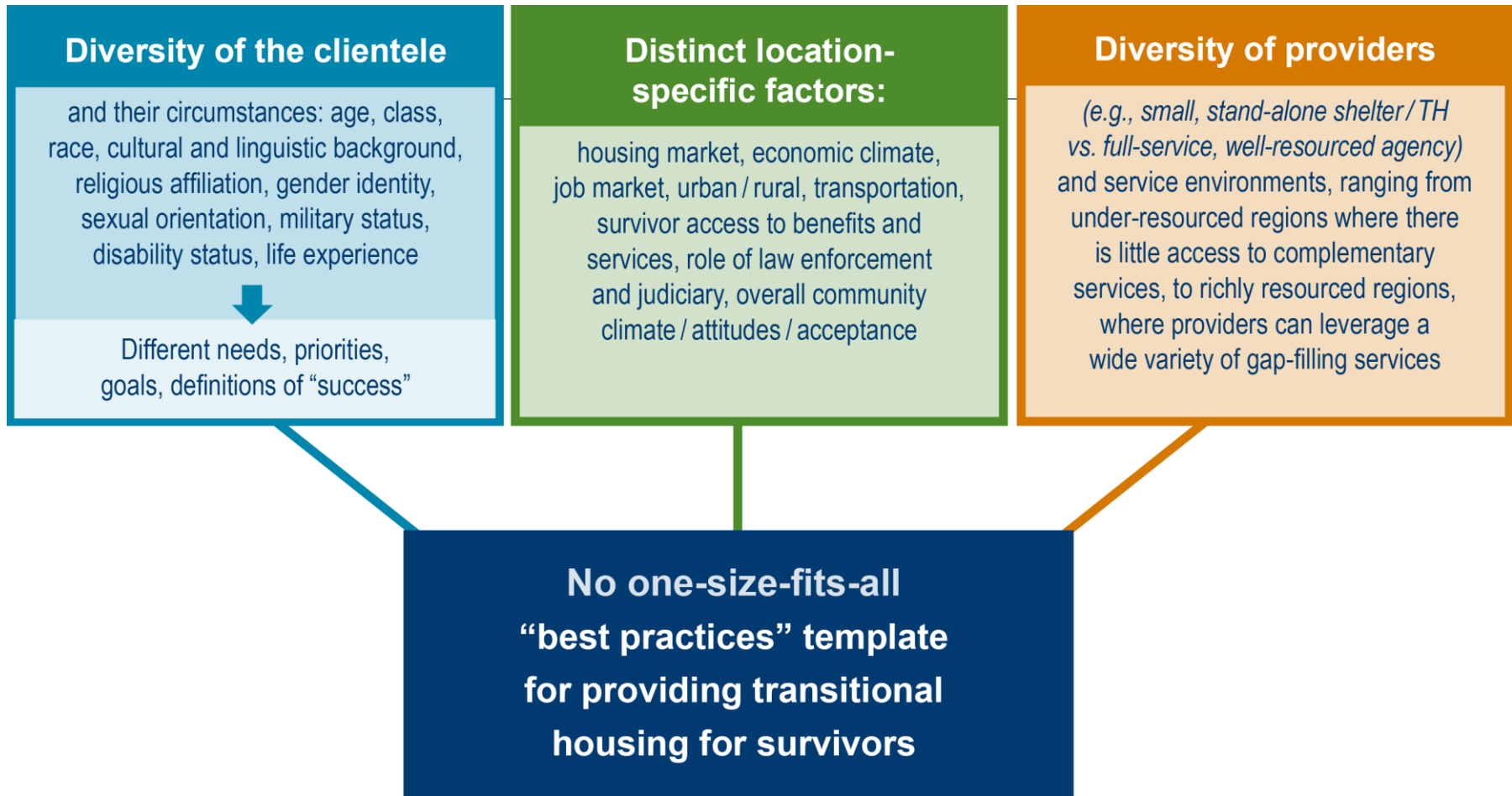
- #05 - *Program Staffing*
- #06 - *Length of Stay*
- #07 - *Subpopulations and Cultural / Linguistic Competence*
- #08 - *OVW Constituencies* (Domestic Violence - Dating Violence - Sexual Assault - Stalking +Trafficking)

## Chapters of the Report (Overview Webinars #3 & 4)

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- #09 - *Approach to Services: Basic Support and Assistance*
- #10 - *Challenges and Approaches to Obtaining Housing and Financial Sustainability*
- #11 - *Trauma-Specific and Trauma-Informed Services for Survivors and Their Children*
- #12 - *Funding and Collaboration: Opportunities and Challenges*

# Overall Project Approach



# Overall Project Approach (cont.)

**Survivors have different backgrounds, circumstances, needs, priorities, definitions of success** + Diverse mix of OVW-funded providers in distinct operating environments

**No consistent measurement of success + No framework** for measuring differences in clienteles or operating environments



No data-informed basis for assessing whether a particular intervention is a “best practice”

**Descriptive approach framing and providing context for:**

- (a) the challenges and choices providers face;
- (b) the approaches providers take; and
- (c) the unresolved issues and difficult questions with which providers wrestle.



# Getting Started /Initial Interviews

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- Review of the literature
- Draft of interview questions
- Discussions and “dry runs” with Project Advisory Team
- Revisions to interview questions
- Development of Interview Protocol
- “Field test” with nine TH programs identified by OVW
- Revisions to interview Protocol
- 50+ interviews, with periodic updates to the Protocol

## Mid-Course Analysis

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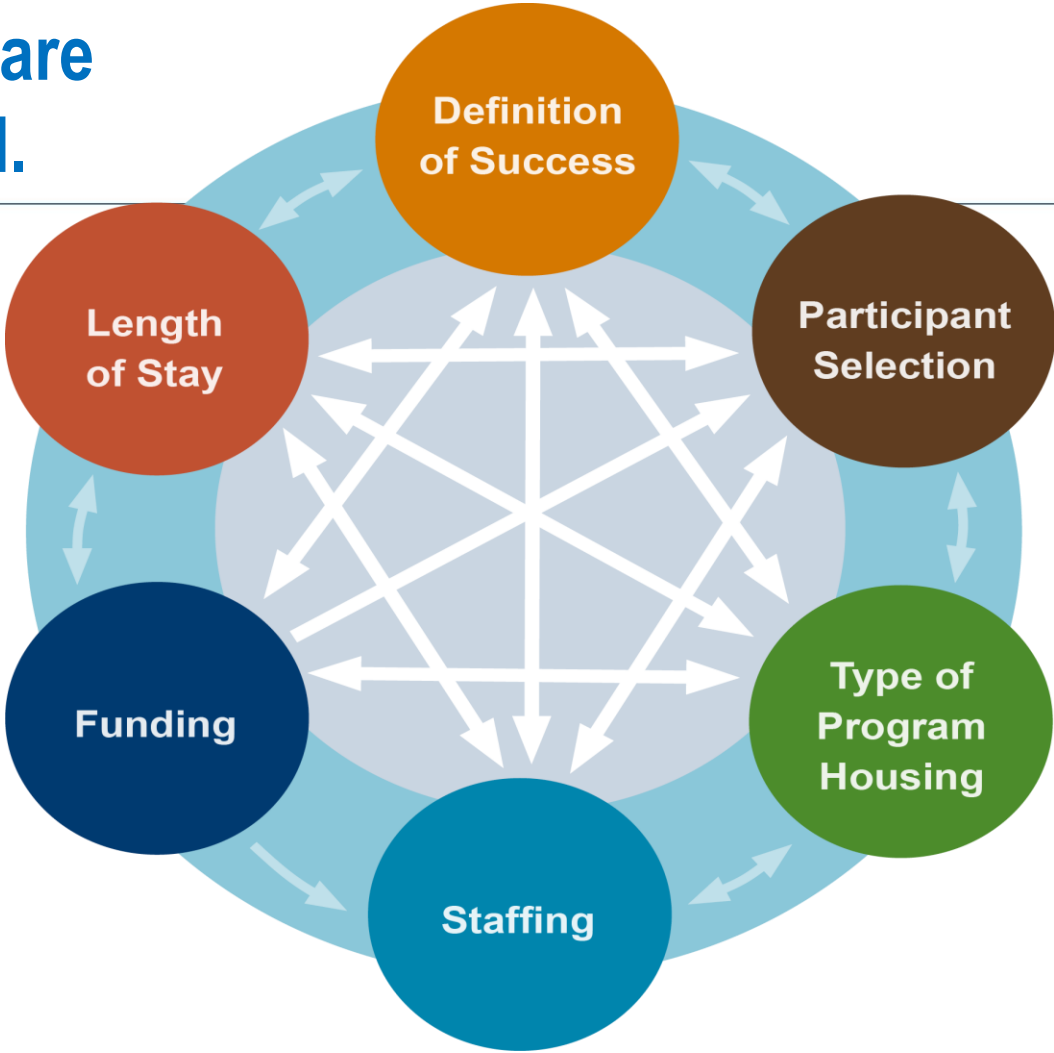
- Input de-identified interview transcripts into NVivo Software
- Code provider answers according to topic area discussed
- Compile interview excerpts addressing specific topic areas
- Send topic-specific sets of de-identified provider comments to Project Advisory Team
- 13 Topic-specific discussions with Project Advisory Team –  
(a) what are providers telling us? (b) what questions do provider comments raise? (c) what additional information is needed? (d) which questions can we stop asking? etc.
- Ongoing literature review

## Finishing Data Collection / Integration

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- Periodic revisions to Protocol and to the Coding Protocol
- Another 70 TH provider interviews + two “special” interviews
- Finish coding and de-identifying all interview transcripts
- Compile interview excerpts addressing specific topic areas
- Consolidate provider comments: (a) include all possible comments; (b) edit for clarity and brevity, preserve content; and (c) keep comments in chronologic order, avoiding bias
- Consolidate / reorganize taxonomy of topics for clarity
- Continue literature review

The topics are interrelated.



# Thank You!

For more information visit: [www.air.org/THforSurvivors](http://www.air.org/THforSurvivors)

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