



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) POLICY

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requires PHAs to describe any goals, objectives, policies or programs that enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.

The HPHA supports the goals and objectives of VAWA and will comply with its requirements. The HPHA is currently working to implement policies to the Section 8 and Public Housing Program as required by VAWA. A review of policies and procedures will be conducted to ensure that all requirements are met or exceeded.

Recognizing the seriousness, HPHA has in place a Preference designation in its Admission Policy for victims of domestic violence and will expand this Preference to include provisions of VAWA. The HPHA has completed the following in its efforts to support and comply with VAWA provisions:

- *Established a list of domestic violence service providers statewide to provide referrals to aid applicant or resident victims.
- * A full-day training session conducted by advocacy organizations will be required for all property management staff in 2010.
- * Information regarding the VAWA and HPHA's policy in support was sent to residents twice in 2009.