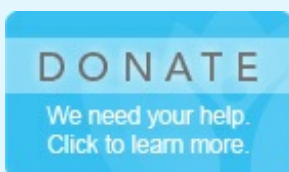




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PUBLIC POLICY ACTION ALERT!

#KeepFamiliesTogether

Stand with us for Equity. Wholeness. Freedom

Stand with us as we stand with the Alliance for Immigrant Survivors (AIS) by submitting comments in opposition of the HUD "mixed family" status proposed rule. **Comments will be accepted until July 9, 2019.**

Background:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has published a proposed rule that would prohibit "mixed-status" families from receiving federal housing assistance, endangering immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other gender-based abuses. For many immigrant survivors, the ability to leave and recover from abuse depends on whether they can keep themselves and their families housed and safe. By prohibiting survivors in mixed-status families from accessing housing assistance, the HUD proposed rule creates yet another barrier which could lead to family separation, prevent survivors from leaving abusive relationships or compel them back into abusive relationships, and put traumatized survivors and their children at risk of homelessness.

Action Resources:

The AIS and its partners have developed tips, comment templates, and resources to help you create your own personal and unique statement which highlights the potential impact on immigrant survivors and their families.

- AIS Co-Chairs Tahirih Justice Center and API-GBV have developed a [comment template](#) specific to

domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, designed to help advocates write comments unique to the experiences and stories of your agencies and survivors.

- #KeepFamiliesTogether has created a [Take Action platform with a comment template](#) that will submit your comments directly to [Regulations.gov](#). This template is helpful for *both agencies and individuals* who would like to submit comments.
- AIS partners and #KeepFamiliesTogether have created a [multi-sector comment template](#) that discusses the impact of the proposed rule on children, communities of color, and people with disabilities, among others.

Find out more about submitting comments on the [AIS page](#) and [#KeepFamiliesTogether page](#).

Thank you for sharing your voice and advocating for ALL survivors!

The GCADV Policy Team

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Collaborate. Advocate. Educate. Empower.

The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. (GCADV) brings together member agencies, allied organizations and supportive individuals who are committed to ending domestic violence. Guided by the voices of survivors, we work to create social change by addressing the root causes of this violence. GCADV leads advocacy efforts for responsive public policy and fosters quality, comprehensive prevention and intervention services throughout the state.

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