



B.4 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Goals

GHA adopted a policy to update their HCV Administrative Plan and the Public Housing ACOP with all applicable provisions provided by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2013.

The GHA uses the Glendale Police Department (PD) as the policing authority for the City of Glendale and will refer victims to the advocating services at the PD for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who report the crime to the Police.

Through Glendale PD victims have access to the Glendale Family Advocacy Center to help assist them with counseling, emotional support, safety planning, assistance with victims' rights and guiding a victim through the justice system and with orders of protection or injunction, 9-1-1 cell phone loaners and victim compensation claims.

If it is advised the victim to be relocated, the Housing Authority will help with paperwork to ease the transition. If necessary, the victim will be allowed an early release on their lease and/or lock changes.

GHA provides an exception to the prohibition against a family moving under portability in violation of the lease in the Housing Choice Voucher program to help protect this family. The portability will be considered a priority action to remove the family as soon as possible from an imminent threat of harm.

Attached is the policy from the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan for reference.