Exiting Clients

What is it?

A time for leaving
A transition process for clients who leave your shelter program, even if returning to the abuser or leaving involuntarily. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the survivor’s strengths and accomplishments.

Why is it important?

Building safety and support
Connecting clients to other offsite services offered by your program as well as other community resources. Letting the client know about options to return to your shelter.

Is this required?

No
Being clear about expectations for the shelter stay and the length of the shelter stay are important for clients. A strong transition process can increase safety for a survivor and any children.

How do we make it happen?

Clear communication and connections
Work within your team to examine rules that would require an involuntary exit and be prepared to re-examine those rules as needed. Build connections within your community for other resources. Make client exits a team process.