

Shelter Design



What is it?

Physical space

The physical layout, look, and feel of a shelter directly impacts the experience of survivors and staff.

Why is it important?

Space matters

Meeting the needs of survivors and their children through thoughtful design strategies enhances accessibility, makes parenting easier, and minimizes conflicts between residents.

Is this required?

Maybe!

Making small changes focused on comfort or flow of space and sight lines can have a big impact for individuals staying at the shelter.

How do we make it happen?

Engage stakeholders and ask for help

If you're building a new shelter, engage staff AND clients on needs. Not every remedy will require a build out or professional architectural guidance - being thoughtful about furniture, interior design, colors, lighting can be a start. Consider staff needs, too.