Program Spotlight
TESSA is a community-based organization located in Colorado Springs providing support and an array of services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as their families. TESSA participated in the Housing for Crime Victims Special Project from May to December of 2018 and continues to implement a Housing First approach to housing for survivors of domestic violence. When a survivor identifies a housing need, they are connected with the housing team and may receive case management to support survivors in meeting their goals and/or direct financial assistance for securing or maintaining housing.

The Special Project period ended in December 2018, but TESSA continues to support survivors through this approach and will continue to do so. This allows survivors to move towards housing stability quickly, maintain safe housing and connections in the community, and also opens more spaces for survivors and their children to access TESSA’s emergency shelter.

Urban Peak Colorado Springs Bringing Mental Health Care to Youth Experiencing Homelessness
By Faith Miller, Colorado Springs Independent
Barriers to mental health care exist for everyone, but people experiencing homelessness — and especially homeless youth — have the odds stacked against them.

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State of Homelessness 2019 Report
The Alliance to End Homelessness has released the State of Homelessness 2019 Report. This web-based annual report uses data to chart the nation’s progress towards ending homelessness including some new features:

- Available beds
- Racial and ethnic dynamics
- Geography of challenges

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Previous Webinars
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