



## **About Our Programs**

Amirah exists to provide aftercare, resources, and opportunities to female-identifying individuals who have experienced different forms of sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, and prostitution. We do this by offering residential opportunities, wrap-around services, and external education, all with the goal of helping women leave poverty, addiction, and exploitation behind.

### **Rapid Re-Housing**

Recognizing that housing is a primary barrier to exiting the commercial sex trade, Amirah established its **Rapid Re-Housing Program (RRH)**, a survivor-led, housing first program built on research showing that individuals have greater success when placed into permanent housing sooner rather than later. Through RRH, women who are at risk of experiencing housing insecurity, living with a trafficker, currently in the commercial sex trade, fleeing a trafficker, or are engaging in survival prostitution are connected to safe and affordable housing. For their protection, all identities of participants are kept completely confidential.

In this 2-year program, women are supported by a direct care team through case management, housing navigation, economic stability planning, education placement and funding navigation, connections to job training, mentorship, and community opportunities. Participants are placed in their own apartments with rental assistance for up to 24 months and they contribute to the rent starting at 5% income and working up to 30% income. The end goal is for each woman to sustain permanent housing beyond the 2-year program, whether it be in subsidized/affordable housing, taking over the current lease, or another practical, safe option, such as finding a roommate, etc.

Amirah's RRH program is designed to help women achieve stability in four primary areas:

1. Housing Security: *When we are not safely housed, we are not safe at all.*
2. Economic Stability: *When we cannot pay our bills, we are at risk.*
3. Communal Connections: *When we isolate, we stagnate. When we find safe community, we soar.*
4. Self Esteem: *We don't just believe that we are worthy of these things – we **know** it.*

### **Comprehensive Support**

Amirah provides comprehensive case management, including housing navigation and economic stability planning, along with life coaching, groups, and mentorship to RRH participants and non-residential clients at our **Community Resource Center (CRC)** located in Lynn, MA, and our main office space in Beverly, MA.

We believe:

- that there should be no barriers to safe affordable housing,
- that no person should remain in an exploitative situation due to lack of housing stability,
- that no person should have to engage in survival prostitution to obtain a basic human need,
- that people with lived experience should have a home of their own, where they can heal and work towards full independence,
- that every person with lived experience should have the resources, support, opportunities, and community to heal, grow, and work towards achieving their own personal goals,
- and that people flourish in an environment of freedom and independence.