## **THN's Positions Statements:**

## **Proposed Changes to HUD's Equal Access Rule**

Texas Homeless Network (THN) is strongly opposed to any changes that limit opportunities to shelter and housing for our most vulnerable neighbors. However, this proposal is all the more objectional given that transgender individuals, especially youth, disproportionately experience homelessness and violence in our state and across our country. THN urges HUD to abandon this change and uphold the duty of providing safety and sanctuary to the most critically in need of support in our country.

## **HUD's Proposed Changes for "Mixed Status" Families**

At Texas Homeless Network, we believe that the limits of human compassion for access to safe housing and shelter should not be dependent on status. Paperwork does not determine a person's worthiness of human rights. Everyone deserves to be safe in the community they reside in, even if it's not the community of their birth. Therefore, Texas Homeless Network does not support restricting housing and shelter because of citizenship or a lack of evidence of that distinction.