

# What is Coordinated Entry?

Coordinated Entry (CE) in the River Valleys CoC Region is a HUD-mandated, evidence-based system designed to ensure that everyone experiencing a housing crisis has fair and equitable access to housing that becomes available in the homeless response system.

The goals of Coordinated Entry are to:

- Move as quickly as possible from homelessness to housing, and
- Prioritize help for people who most need the available housing and services, no matter what barriers they may encounter.

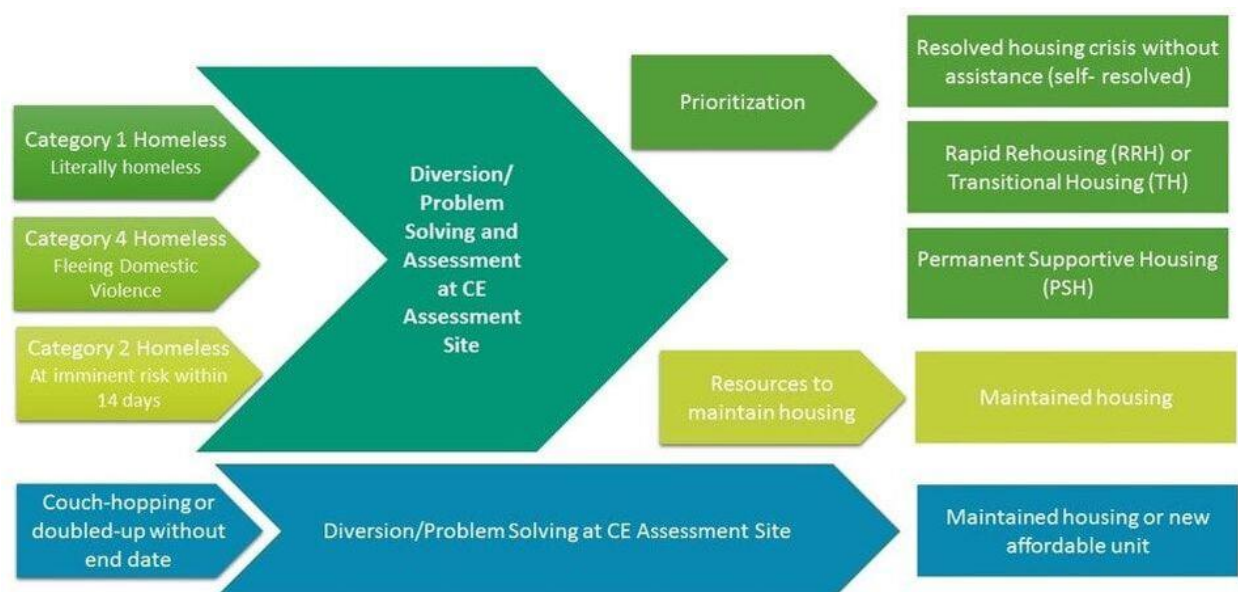
## How Coordinated Entry works

Coordinated Entry works for the homeless response system much like a medical triage system works in healthcare.

- Assistance to prevent emergency needs
- Common entry points available in each community
- Standardized intake or assessment for needs
- Assistance provided based on assessed priority (urgency)
- Referrals to providers in the network for housing and services

Housing types people can access through CE are:

- Permanent supportive housing
  - Rapid Re-Housing
  - Transitional Housing
  - Other permanent housing services designated for people experiencing homelessness
- Crisis housing like emergency shelters are not prioritized**, but they may be access points to Coordinated Entry and other housing.



Link to the Coordinated Entry Brochure:  
[CE Participant Brochure \(to share with clients\)](#)