



COALITION FOR HOMELESSNESS
INTERVENTION & PREVENTION

COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM (CES)

WHAT IS CES?

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is an administrative process to ensure a common assessment that collects eligibility data for individuals and families experiencing literal homelessness. A well-design Coordinated Entry System ensures:

- People experiencing literal homelessness are quickly identified
- Are assessed for their needs
- And are referred and connected to appropriate housing based on availability, and their eligibility, needs, and preferences

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Person(s) experiencing literal homelessness: living in a place not meant for habitation, staying in private or public shelter in Marion County, Indianapolis or exiting an institution where they have resided for 90 days or less AND resided in emergency shelter or place not meant for habitation prior to entering that institution
- Person(s) fleeing (or attempting to flee) domestic violence, have no other residence, and lack the support network to obtain other permanent housing

HOW TO ACCESS RESOURCES

Eligible households are connected to housing assistance through the CES process. The Indianapolis CoC implements a “no wrong door” approach allowing individuals and families experiencing homelessness to connect with a Skilled Assessor at a service provider of their choice.

CES IN INDIANAPOLIS

An effective Coordinated Entry System (CES) is an essential component of Indianapolis’ homelessness prevention and intervention system, and critical to ensuring that homelessness is rare, short-lived, and recoverable. Because Indianapolis has a higher need for housing than resources available, households are prioritized based on a community-defined process. The CES prioritizes and refers people experiencing homelessness to all projects receiving Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, and Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program and Continuum of Care (CoC) program funds. In addition, the CES coordinates projects from the Veteran Affairs (VA) programs and designated housing and service providers. The CES provides the CoC with information on service needs and gaps to help the community strategically allocate and identify additional resources.