

## Continuum of Care Acronym List

- **(BNL) By Name List** – Document listing every client of a specific sub-population experiencing homelessness. Indianapolis has a By Name List for Veterans and is working on lists for other sub-populations like Youth and Young Adults, chronically homeless households, and families.
- **(BoS CoC) Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care** – Indiana’s Statewide Continuum of Care represents 91 of the 92 counties in the State.
- **(CES) Coordinated Entry System** – A coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessments, and provision of referrals. Administrative system/process for assessing homeless households for housing needs, length of homeless experience, and vulnerability. CES is used by Indianapolis to prioritize permanent housing resources. As the Coordinated Entry Lead for the community, CHIP manages the training and implementation of the Coordinated Entry Assessment in HMIS which collects eligibility information to match households to program openings.
- **(CoC) Continuum of Care** – The primary decision-making entity defined in the HUD funding application as the official organization representing a community plan. The CoC is established by representatives of relevant organizations to carry out the responsibilities set forth in the CoC program rules.
- **(CSH) Corporation for Supportive Housing** – CSH is the national leader in supportive housing, focusing it on person-centered growth, recovery and success that contributes to the health and wellbeing of the entire community.
- **(DCS) Department of Child Services** – The governmental agency responsible for protecting children from abuse and neglect. DCS also manages the state of Indiana’s foster care system.
- **(DMD) Department of Metropolitan Development** – Indianapolis city agency that, in conjunction with other city agencies, works to plan the future of Indianapolis, increase job opportunities, develop affordable homes, and encourage businesses to invest in the community. DMD houses the staff with the city of Indianapolis that is the collaborative applicant for HUD COC funding and administrative support.
- **(EFSP) Emergency Food and Shelter Program** – A federal grant program that is governed by a National Board and determined by a Local Board and provides funding for the provision of food and shelter.
- **(ESG) Emergency Solutions Grant** – Grant program administered by Indiana Housing and Community Development (IHCDA) that provides funding for essential services, operations, and homeless prevention activities to emergency shelters, transitional housing, and day/night shelters.
- **(FBSO) Faith-Based Street Outreach** – The Faith-Based Outreach Team promotes collaboration and communication among people of faith in Central Indiana who serve the needs of those experiencing homelessness, with the goal of increasing effectiveness and decrease redundancy in helping neighbors find stability in life.
- **(FSSA) Family & Social Services Administration** – A department of the State that works to consolidate and better integrate the delivery of human services.
- **(GDP) Grant Per Diem Program** – A grant program administered by the Department of Veteran Affairs to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services for veterans experiencing homelessness.
- **(HIC) Housing Inventory Count** – Point in time inventory of provider programs within the CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serve persons experiencing homelessness.
- **(HIP) Homeless Initiative Program** – HealthNet’s HIP helps homeless persons in Marion and Monroe counties reach a level of self-sufficiency consistent with their goals and capabilities for health and social well-being.

- **(HMIS) Homeless Management Information System** – Information technology system designated by the Continuum of Care to comply with requirements prescribed by HUD. This system stores client information about persons who access homeless services in a CoC and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of becoming homeless. CHIP is the HMIS lead entity for the Indianapolis Continuum of Care and manages the training, data input, and analysis of the system. The HMIS used by CHIP is Client Track by Eccovia.
- **(HMIS) Lead** – The organization designated by the Continuum of Care to administer the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- **(HOPWA) Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids** – The only federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Under the HOPWA Program, HUD makes grants to local communities, states, and nonprofit organizations for projects benefiting low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- **(HSE) High School Equivalency** – Formerly GED, HSE classes and diplomas are designed to be like receiving a high school education.
- **(HUD) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** – A department administered by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development that is focused on creating strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.
- **(HUD-VASH) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing Program** – A collaborative program between HUD and VA combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless, and their families find and sustain permanent housing.
- **(HVAF) Helping Veterans and Families** – HVAF helps homeless and at-risk veterans return to self-sufficiency. Through a unique partnership with U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs and many community organizations, they provide housing and re-integration services for homeless veterans and programs to prevent at-risk veterans from becoming homeless.
- **(ICA) Institute for Community Alliances** – Nationwide contractor providing HMIS support and full implementation services.
- **(IHA) Indianapolis Housing Agency** – Federally funded government housing agency that provides low-income families, seniors, and families with disabilities access to affordable housing in one of their communities or in private market housing subsidized through Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8).
- **(LMS) Learning Management System** – An online training platform. CHIP uses Talent LMS.
- **(LSA) Longitudinal Systems Analysis** – Both the LSA and the System Performance Measures (SPM) provide CoCs with a look at their overall system functioning. The LSA is a report produced from a CoC’s HMIS and submitted annually to HUD which provides critical information about how people experiencing homelessness use their system.
- **(MCE) Managed Care Entities** – Services that are required under Federal Managed Care regulations to deliver Medicaid health benefits and additional services.
- **(MOU) Memorandum of Understanding** – A formal agreement between two or more parties that outlines the responsibilities of each party. It is not legally binding but signals the willingness of the parties to move forward with a contract.
- **(NCS) Non-Congregate Shelter** – Shelter where each individual or household has living space that offers some level of privacy such as hotels, motels, or dormitories. This model has become critical for traditional congregate shelters to provide safer environments during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **(NOFO) Notice of Funding Opportunity** – Competitive process through which Continuum of Care systems around the county apply for federal funding to support activities and tasks in the homeless system.

- **(PBSO) Professional-Blended Street Outreach** – A collaborative consortium of 20 homeless service provider organizations designed to support impactful street outreach work with effective communication/coordination efforts that maximize community resources and safeguard outreach capacity.
- **PH Housing Only** – An intervention that offers permanent housing through housing subsidy for persons who are homeless but does not offer supportive services available as part of the project.
- **PH Housing with Services** (No disability required for entry) – An intervention that offers permanent housing through a housing subsidy and supportive services to assist persons experiencing homelessness to live independently but does not limit eligibility to individuals with disabilities or families in which one adult or child has a disability.
- **(PIT) Point-in-Time Count** – Biannual count of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness on a single night in the last 10 days of January required by HUD for any organization receiving federal funding. This is conducted annually in Indianapolis.
- **(PSH) Permanent Supportive Housing** (Disabling condition required) – Project offering permanent housing and supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability (individuals with disabilities or families in which one adult or child has a disability) to live independently. OR Housing that is non-time limited; and prioritized for households experiencing chronic homelessness, community-based, and includes supportive services.
- **(RRH) Rapid Re-Housing** – Services and support designed to help persons experiencing homelessness move as quickly as possible into permanent housing with temporary financial assistance. OR Permanent housing project providing housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help homeless individuals or families move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
- **(RYH) Runaway and Homeless Youth Act** – Grants that provide foundational support to address youth and young adult homelessness.
- **(SOAR) SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery** – A program designed to increase access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or co-occurring substance use disorder.
- **(SPM) System Performance Measures** – Both the Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) and the SPM provide CoCs with a look at their overall system functioning. The SPM report is a summary and year-to-year comparison of system wide counts, averages, and medians related to seven areas of performance.
- **(SRI) Street Reach Indy** – Financial assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness to overcome barriers to permanent housing. It is operated by CHIP and supported through the sponsorship of Indianapolis businesses, organizations, and individuals.
- **(SSDI) Social Security Disability Insurance** – Social Security program that pays monthly benefits to workers who are no longer able to work due to a significant illness or impairment that is expected to last at least a year or to result in death within a year.
- **(SSI) Supplemental Security Income** – Federal program that provides additional income for older adults and people with disabilities that have little to no income. This program provides participants with monthly cash distributions to help them meet their basic needs.
- **(SSO) Supportive Services Only** – Project offering only stand-alone supportive services (other than outreach or coordinated entry) to address the special needs of participants (such as childcare, employment assistance, and transportation services) and has associated housing outcomes.
- **(SSVF) Supportive Services for Veteran Families** – A supportive services program administered by the VA provides rapid rehousing and prevention funding to non-profit organizations and consumer

cooperatives to assist very low-income Veteran Families residing in or transition to permanent housing.

- **(TH) Transitional Housing** – Housing for up to 24 months that serves as intermediary housing before a person moves into permanent housing.
- **(UDE) Universal Data Elements** – Universal data elements are those which all HMIS participating continuum projects are required to complete. It is important to note that federal funding sources (programs) often require the projects they fund to maintain and report on additional data elements – identified as Program Specific elements.
- **(USICH) U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness** – Independent federal agency within the executive branch that leads the implementation of the federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness.
- **(VI-SPDAT) Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool** – Triage and assessment tool used by the CES to determine housing pathways for homeless clients needing permanent housing. As of 2021, OrgCode no longer supports these tools and Indianapolis is working to determine the next steps.
- **(YHDP) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program** – Initiative designed to reduce the number of youth and young adults (under 25) experiencing homelessness