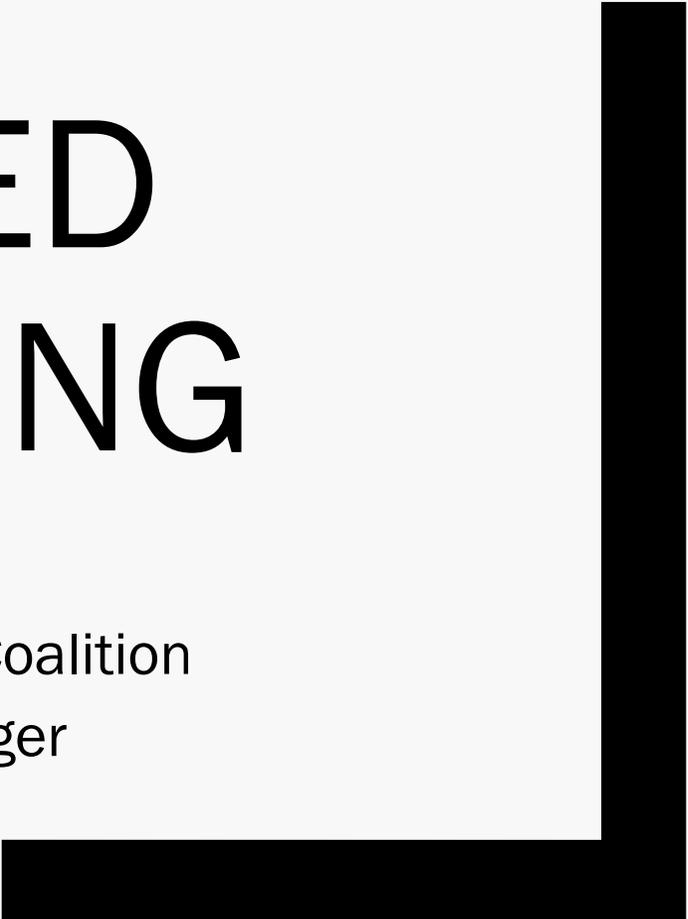




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COORDINATED ENTRY TRAINING

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Goals For This Training

- Brief History of the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Explanation and Workflow for the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Brief Overview the CES Policies and Procedures.
- Provide Training on How to Conduct the Version 3 VI-SPDAT for Singles and Families
 - *An add-on training will be available for Housing Prevention and Transition Aged Youth VI-SPDATs. TBD.*
- Brief Overview of the HUD 2020 HMIS Data Standards regarding CES.
- Transition to Bitfocus Clarity Human Services

Resources Located at www.kshomeless.com/ces

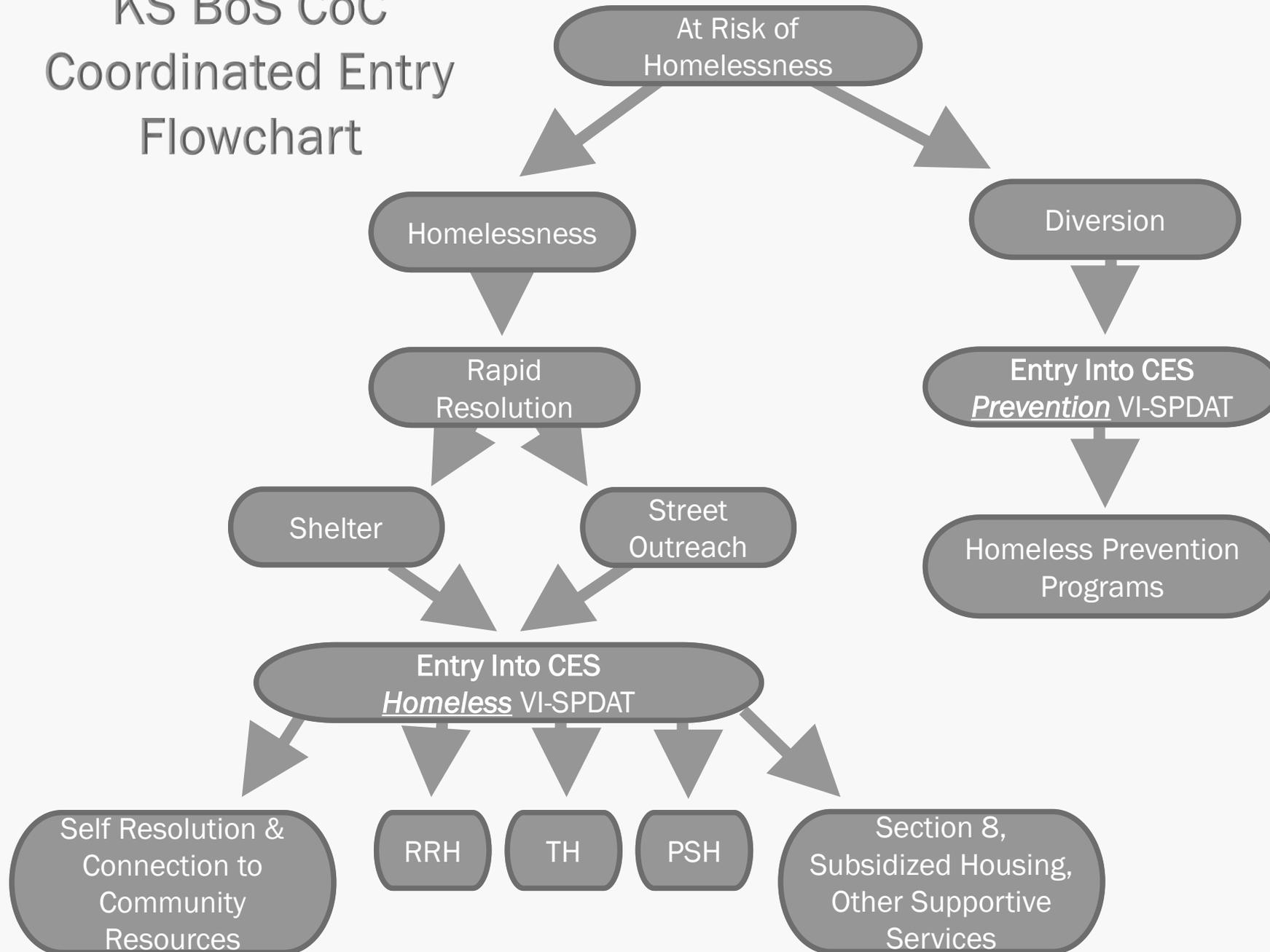
History of Coordinated Entry

- The Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule, first published in the Federal Register in 2012, establishes that communities receiving funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care program, in consultation with HUD Emergency Solutions Grants program recipients within the geographic area, must establish and operate either a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
- According to the rule, that system must provide an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services and coordinate program participant intake assessment and provision of referrals. HUD began using the terms “coordinated entry” and “coordinated entry process” in its 2015 Coordinated Entry Policy Brief.

What is the Coordinated Entry System?

- A Coordinated Entry (CE) process represents an approach to coordination and management of a Continuum of Care's (CoC) housing crisis response system. CE enables each Region to effectively and efficiently connect people in crisis to interventions that will rapidly end their homelessness.
 - *The CES covers the entire geographic area claimed by the KS BoS CoC*
 - *CES is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services.*
 - *CES is well-advertised.*
 - *CES includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool(s).*
 - *CES provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of individuals and families for housing and services.*
 - *CES includes a specific policy to guide the operation of the coordinated entry system to address the needs of individuals and families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, but who are seeking shelter or services from non-victim specific providers.*

KS BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Flowchart



Updated CES Policies and Procedures

- CES Policies and Procedures have been revised and approved as of July 24, 2020.
- Major Changes to new policies
 - *Current operating standards are now formalized in written policies.*
 - *Clear policies that align with Federal Regulations with links for all required elements of CES.*
 - *Changed from Version One of the VI-SPDAT to the Version 3 of the VI-SPDAT.*

CES Policies and Procedures located at www.kshomeless.com/ces

Version 3 VI-SPDAT Overview

- Administration
- Children within the Household (Family Survey Only)
- Presenting Needs
- Housing History and Chronic Homeless Determination
- Vulnerabilities and Housing Support Needs
 - *Additional questions in this section for Families*

When conducting the VI-SPDAT, you can clarify a question, but you can not change the intention of the question.

Version 3 VI-SPDAT Scores

For Single Adults

- **8+:** Assess for high intensity supports lasting for a longer duration of time such as Permanent Supportive Housing. (When Permanent Supportive Housing is not available other PH programs may be utilized such as Rapid Rehousing or Transitional Housing for example.)
- **7 - 4:** Assess for moderate and often time-limited supports such as Rapid Rehousing or Transitional Housing.
- **3 - 0:** Assess for least intensive service supports such as rapid resolution, self-resolution, mainstream benefits, community resources and minimal assistance from a housing service provider such as move in assistance.

For Families

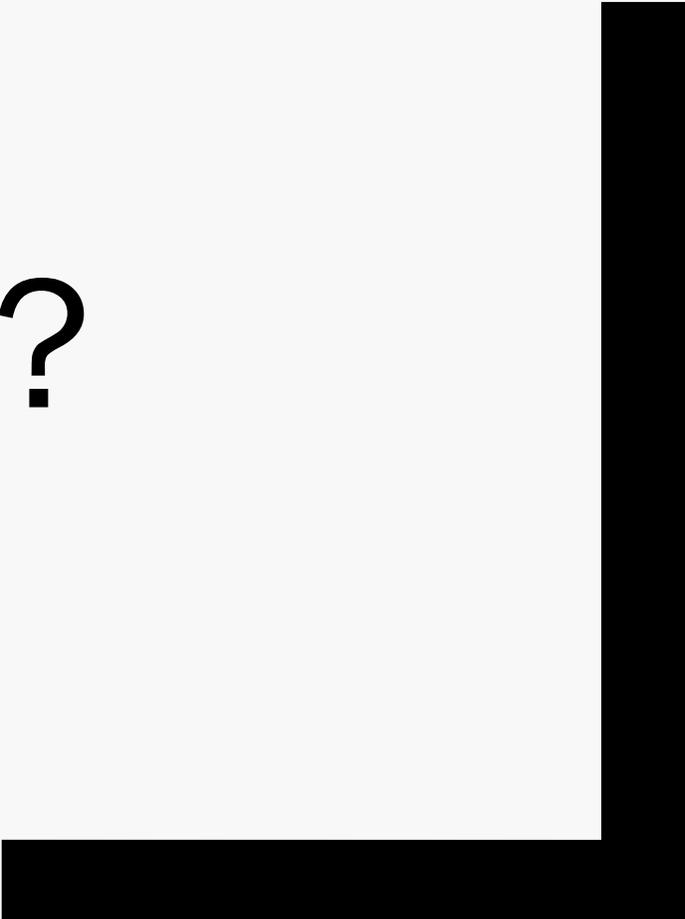
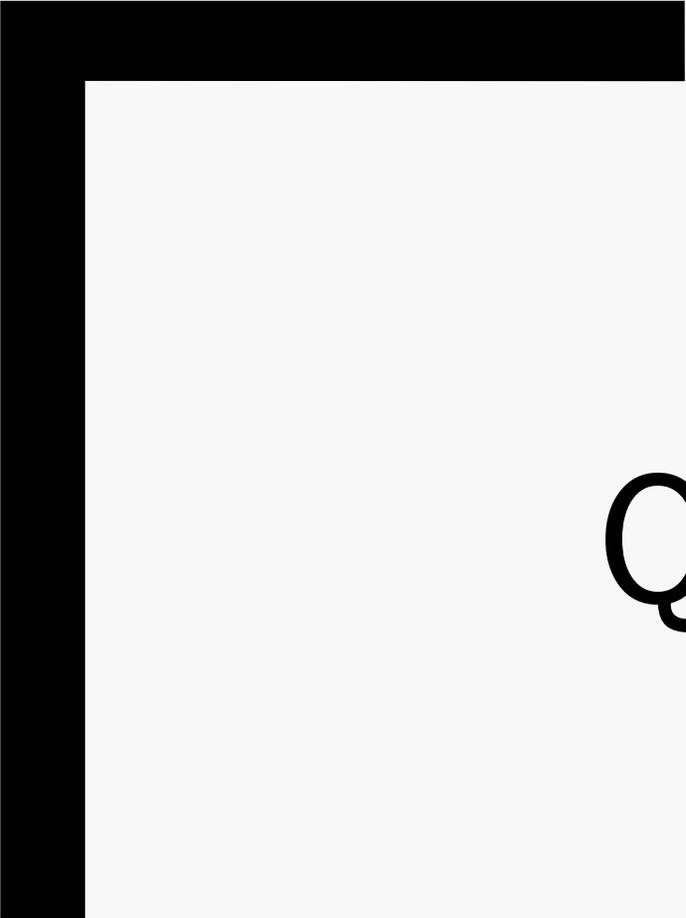
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Case Conferencing

- In cases where the assessment tool does not produce the entire body of information necessary to determine a household's prioritization, either because of the nature of self-reporting, withheld information, or circumstances outside the scope of assessment questions, the KS BoS CoC allows case managers working with households to provide additional information through case conferencing.
 - *Significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type);*
 - *High utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities;*
 - *The extent to which people, especially youth and children, are unsheltered;*
 - *Vulnerability to illness or death;*
 - *Risk of continued homelessness;*
 - *Vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work; or*
 - *Other factors determined by the community that are based on severity of needs.*

2020 CE Data Standards

- In 2019, HUD published the 2020 HMIS Data Standards. These data standards included three new data elements required to be collected by Continuum of Care program-funded Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) projects:
 - *Coordinated Entry Assessment*
 - Assessment Location, Type and Level
 - *Coordinated Entry Event*
 - *Current Living Situation*
- Additionally, the collection of CES data will be necessary for reporting in the forthcoming HUD Coordinated Entry APR.
- What is a Coordinated Entry (CE) Event?
 - *CE Events are a new HUD requirement in the 2020 CE Data Standards.*
 - *Coordinated Entry Event elements are designed to capture key referral and placement events, as well as the results of those events.*
 - *CE Events will help communities to understand the events that go into achieving desired (and undesired) results through the Coordinated Entry System.*



QUESTIONS?

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