

Coordinated Entry for All

The purpose of Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) is to ensure that all people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access to housing. The system aims to work with households to understand their strengths and needs, provide a common assessment, and connect them with housing and homeless assistance.

King County is the *Coordinating Entity* for CEA. King County has been implementing coordinated entry programs for families since 2012, young adults since 2013, and veterans since 2015. Transitioning to Coordinated Entry for All is an opportunity to take lessons learned from those systems while we implement a more accessible and equitable system for all households who are experiencing homelessness.

<p>Who is eligible?</p>	<p>✓ Eligible households include all families and individuals who are literally homeless (in shelter or in a place not meant for human habitation), as well as those fleeing domestic violence. Single young adults (ages 18-24) at imminent risk of homelessness (losing their housing within 14 days) are also eligible.</p>
<p>Where can an eligible household access a housing assessment?</p>	<p>✓ Regional Access Points and other community-based organizations administer the VI-SPDAT (our local housing assessment). Households can access by visiting a site, through street outreach, scheduled appointments, institutions, and special events.</p> <p>✓ Until further notice, young adults can access assessments at all previous YHC locations. The schedule is available on the CEA website.</p> <p>✓ During the first two months of CEA's implementation, single adults can access assessments at community-based locations, in addition to the Regional Access Points. Locations will be announced once staff training is complete.</p> <p>➔ For more information, visit the CEA website www.kingcounty.gov/cea, call 206-328-5796, or from anywhere in King County dial 211 to learn more about eligibility and find a location.</p>
<p>How can a household access shelter?</p>	<p>✓ Access to emergency shelter will <u>not</u> change with the implementation of CEA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family Shelter will continue to receive referrals through CEA - Young adults and single adults will continue to access shelter outside of CEA; young adults and single adults do not need a referral from CEA in order to access shelter.
<p>Who makes referrals?</p>	<p>✓ Alex Ebrahimi, Asha Mohamed, and Jennell Hicks are the three Referral Specialists for CEA. They work at King County and will begin making referrals on June 27th</p>
<p>How can I access the database?</p>	<p>✓ Training information for access to HMIS is available on Bitfocus' local website: http://kingcounty.hmis.cc/ (required for Housing Assessors and Housing Providers). Housing Assessors need to contact the CEA System Manager for an additional training.</p>

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Housing Assessment

King County has selected the **VI-SPDAT** as the housing assessment tool for Coordinated Entry for All. There are population-specific versions of the tool, including a version for young adults (ages 18-24), single adults/veterans, and families (singles or couples who are pregnant or parenting). An eligible household must complete the VI-SPDAT in order to be considered for homeless resources, including diversion, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and rapid-rehousing programs in King County.

CEA Policies

Below is a brief overview of key policies in CEA. Detailed descriptions of all CEA policies are available in the Operations Manual, which is on our website at www.kingcounty.gov/cea

Agency Denials – A housing provider can deny a referral that is ineligible for the program based on program eligibility requirements with CEA and program funder(s). Any denial must be documented in the database by updating the Program Status. CEA may follow-up with the housing program and the household referred in order to understand the circumstances of the returned referral.

External Fills – External fills are when a unit is filled outside (external) of CEA. External Fills are used as an emergency tool after CEA staff and housing providers have made every attempt to prioritize and house eligible households through CEA. CEA will offer a unit for external fill when an eligible household cannot be identified from the community queue for referral.

Household Refusals – Eligible households are not limited in the number of resources they can refuse, but will not be considered for a program that is outside of their vulnerability band. CEA will document refusals in order to better understand why eligible households refuse resources and identify changes that would support the needs of our community.

Mobility – Eligible households are prioritized for transfer to another housing program if they experience an imminent safety issue, require a geographic change, have a change in service need, are aging out of their current program with no other housing options, or if their household size changes.

Prioritization – CEA implements prioritization using a ‘Banding Order’ based on the score a household receives on the housing assessment tool. Banding levels are associated with different levels of support available at various resources. Households with the same score may be eligible for the same resources in CEA. Tiebreakers are implemented in order to determine the next person who will be contacted for available resources to make a referral.

Updating Program Inventory – Housing Providers must notify the CEA System Manager of any contractual changes to housing programs that impacts program eligibility and referrals through CEA. This may include: starting, adding to, or closing housing programs, a change in the service delivery model, adjustments to program eligibility requirements, a pertinent policy change, etc.