

Virginia Balance of State Coordinated Entry System Map

Identified via outreach,
complete assessment,
connect to CE, and continue
to follow up until shelter is
accepted or PH is obtained

Phone call, or walk-in to a LPG
Coordinated Entry Organization
(each LPG has a minimum of one
point of access and each has a
homeless crisis line)

Identification of housing crisis and homeless criteria: Definition 1,2, 3 (for YHDP projects), or 4?

- Enter into CE project in HMIS (all red data elements, coordinated entry assessment and event for head of household)

Refer all to mainstream
or other local resources

Provide
assistance
(if available)
needed to
access
alternative
housing

Diversion
conversation (Def. 1,
and Def. 3 (for YHDP
projects) –

Problem solve other
options, make phone
calls to family/friends,
identify any options
other than street or
shelter

Refer to prevention (Def.
2) -

- Warm hand –off
- CE HMIS Exit and Assessment finish entry into HMIS
- Administer prevention prioritization assessment

If fleeing domestic
violence or sexual
assault. Help develop
a temporary safety
plan and immediately
contact local DV
provider

DV provider will follow
agency protocols after
referral

If emergency shelter is needed,
refer to shelter and permanent
housing options when available

- Warm hand –off
- Administer assessment within 3-5 days

Homelessness Definitions:

Category 1: Literally Homeless

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence, meaning:

1. Has a primary night-time residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or
2. Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
3. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homelessness

An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

1. Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
2. No subsequent residence has been identified; *and*
3. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.

Category 3: Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes

Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with Category 3 children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:

1. Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes;
2. Have not had a lease, ownership interest in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application;
3. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and
4. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers

Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

Any individual or family who:

1. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
2. Has no other residence; and
3. Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing