



The Way Home

Coordinated Access

Coordinated Access is a centralized or collaborative process designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessments, and referrals to housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s new regulations require that all Continuums of Care (CoCs) develop and implement a coordinated access and assessment system for all HUD-funded programs.

Assessment

- A common screening tool that collects a participant's homeless history, disability history, criminal background history, etc. to determine the best housing intervention (Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) or Rapid Re-housing (RRH)) for that participant.
- The **only way** to access PSH or RRH in our CoC is through Coordinated Access.



PSH: has been prioritized for participants who are chronically homeless. If a participant does not meet the HUD definition of chronic homelessness, they will not be eligible for any PSH program.



RRH: has been prioritized for families with minor children who are not chronically homeless. Only participants residing in emergency shelters or places not meant for human habitation will be eligible.

Locations:

At a drop in center:

The Beacon, 1212 Paririe St.
M-F, 9:30 am - noon
M, T, Th, F, 1:30 - 4:00 pm
Phone: 713-220-9737

VA Drop-In Center, 1418 Preston
M, 8 am - 2:30 pm, T-F, 8 am - 5 pm
Sa, 8 am - 4 pm, Su, 9 am - 4 pm
Phone: 713-797-2913

Salvation Army Red Shield Lodge, 2407 N. Main
Intake: M-F, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
Phone: 713-224-2875

Star of Hope Men's Development Center, 1811 Ruiz
M-Sa, 8-11 am, 1-3 pm, Su, 9 am - noon, 1-3 pm
Phone: 713-227-8900

At a shelter

(clients must be a resident):

Star of Hope Women & Families, 419 Dowling
Su- Sa, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Phone: 713-222-2220

Information will be added and/or edited as it becomes available.

What Coordinated Access ISN'T:

It is not a program...

... it is an entry point to determine an individual's housing eligibility.

It does not increase housing inventory...

... it helps us access the existing inventory more efficiently.

It does not eliminate program eligibility...

... clients still need to meet programs' and landlords' eligibility criteria.