*Use this resource if you know the person you are working with is experiencing homelessness*

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| **What is it?** |
| * A centralized process that coordinates the intake, assessment, and referrals for people experiencing homelessness to access homeless dedicated housing.
* A system to track availability of homeless dedicated beds and to connect people experiencing homelessness to those spaces.
* Homeless dedicated housing includes rapid re-housing, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing (including Housing Support Long-term Homeless (formerly GRH-LTH)). Some programs are site-based, while others offer a subsidy to be used in market-rate housing (scattered site).
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| **Eligibility Criteria** |
| * To be eligible to be assessed: a person has to be in a shelter for 14 days or in a place not meant for human habitation (living outside, on the train, car, etc.), or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.
* Must have tie to Hennepin County,
* Must be 16+ to be eligible for an assessment
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| **Key Considerations/Good to Know** |
| * There is not enough housing so having an assessment does **not** guarantee housing.
* The system does not work like a traditional “waiting list” as vacancies are matched to individuals based on a priority (it’s a priority list) If and when a referral might be received cannot be predicted. Again, housing is not guaranteed.
* People who are “**couch hopping**”, in jail, treatment, or any transitional setting are **not** considered **eligible for assessment**.
* Only homeless dedicated housing is filled through CES
* The CES assessor is not a case manager, however, they look up information in HMIS or CES Connect regarding the person/s assessment/placement on the priority list.
* If a housing referral occurs, the individual/family assessed will be contacted by the housing provider.
* CES assessments cover: Housing history, disability status, vulnerability measurement, housing preferences
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| **How to access a CES Assessment** |
| * Single Adult/youth access:
	+ Those staying at a homeless shelter in Hennepin County for over 14 days will be identified by shelter staff for assessment. If not identified, you should request one from a shelter worker or street outreach worker.
	+ If staying in a place not meant for human habitation (outside, train, car, camping, etc.) – a CES assessment can be completed by:
		- Single Adults – Streets to Housing staff. Email:  streets.to.housing@hennepin.us
		- Youth (16-24) – Call the YMCA’s youth resource line at 763-493-3052

Alternative options:[Clare Housing](https://www.clarehousing.org/): If you are living with HIV or AIDS+ contact Amber Poppe at 612-888-1630 (Amber.Poppe@clarehousing.org)[Health Care for the Homeless](https://www.hennepin.us/residents/health-medical/health-care-for-the-homeless): If you are currently working with Health Care for the Homeless, contact your Health Care the Homeless case manager[Hennepin County Homeless to Housing Program](https://www.hennepin.us/homeless-to-housing)****:****If you are currently working with Homeless to Housing, you can contact your H2H case manager to set up an assessment.[MACV Veteran Outreach](https://www.mac-v.org/): If you are a veteran, contact 1-833-222-6228.* Families access (for those with custody of children 51% of the time or pregnant):
	+ Those staying at People Serving People or St. Anne’s, will be identified by shelter staff for an assessment
	+ If staying in a place not meant for human habitation (outside, train, car, camping, etc.) call Front Door Social Services at 612-348-4111 for access to the family assessors.
* Individuals attempting to flee or are fleeing domestic violence can call Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) at 612-874-7063 x242 to schedule a time to complete an assessment.
* Reminder: Housing is not guaranteed. Individuals/families placed on the priority list should continue seeking resources to resolve their homelessness (www.housinglink.org).
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| **Adult Shelter Connect** |
| * Adult Shelter Connect (ASC) is NOT Coordinated Entry - It is the point of entry into Single Adult Shelter
* Do NOT send Single Adults experiencing homelessness to the ASC for “Coordinated Entry”
* DO send Single Adults experiencing homeless to the ASC for shelter
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| **Links/Resources/Contacts** |
| * [Coordinated Entry System](https://www.hennepin.us/residents/human-services/coordinated-entry), (www.hennepin.us/coordinated-entry)
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