

Accessing the Coordinated Entry System In SPA 2

What is CES?

CES (Coordinated Entry System) is a structure and an approach which seeks to assess individuals experiencing homelessness, collaborate with community providers, and match individuals to housing support and resources based on vulnerability. The current pilot project in SPA 2 is called **SPA 2 Welcome Home Project!**

How does this work?

Through the use of an evidence-based assessment tool, titled the VI-SPDAT, individuals are entered into a centralized database and eligibility for certain housing resources is determined. Eligible individuals are then linked to a *navigator* who partners with the individual to obtain necessary documents required for housing applications. When a housing opportunity opens, a *community matcher* links the most vulnerable individual to available housing resources.

How is someone assessed?

A network of San Fernando Valley and neighboring SPA 2 homeless service providers have established targeted outreach efforts as well as bi-monthly “Community Intake Days” for assessments to be conducted. Individuals seeking to participate in the CES project may walk in to the below site to complete the VI-SPDAT assessment with a trained surveyor. The assessment process will take approximately 20 minutes. **If you are a service provider from an agency that has received training on administering the VI-SPDAT, please complete the survey on your own and designate yourself as the Housing Navigator.**

Community Intake Days:

1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 10am

LA Family Housing

7843 Lankershim Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91605

(More Intake Days and locations to come...)

What if someone, who appears to be highly vulnerable, is unable to get to Community Intake Days?

A team of outreach workers will be conducting street outreach and inviting individuals to complete the assessment tool in the targeted communities.

Additionally, an outreach worker may be available to travel and meet with an individual at another community program. If requesting support from an outreach worker, please contact one of the following Community Coordinators.

Charles McCray, Community Coordinator
(818) 982-4091 ext 151

Christina Miller, Community Coordinator
(818) 982-4091 ext 128

Thank you so much for your involvement and support to our homeless neighbors!