

Coordinated Entry System (CES) in SPA 2

CES is an approach to match homeless individuals to housing support and resources based on vulnerability.

ASSESS → ASSIST → ASSIGN!

These are the pillars of CES. **ASSESS:** survey for barriers **ASSIST:** connect to a support person **ASSIGN:** match to an available housing resource.

THE CES GOAL? To create an efficient, streamlined process for assessing homeless individuals, connecting identified persons to services and prioritizing placement in the right permanent housing options.

How does CES work in SPA 2?

Through the use of an evidence-based assessment tool, individuals are entered into a database and prioritized. 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.

Why is CES important to your agency?

If your agency has a goal of ending homelessness, then CES is **VERY** important to the work that you do! CES is the way that homeless persons will be linked to services and available housing.

LA Family Housing has taken the lead on the CES expansion efforts in SPA 2 and partnered with Kaiser Permanente, San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center Inc., Ascencia, and Bridge to Home, to create a process that will connect to homeless persons across the entire SPA. The program is designed to roll-out in October 2014. Program expansion work will begin in July.

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You also can attend SFVHC meetings as CES is addressed monthly and the Coalition is the lead coordinating entity in SPA 2.

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