



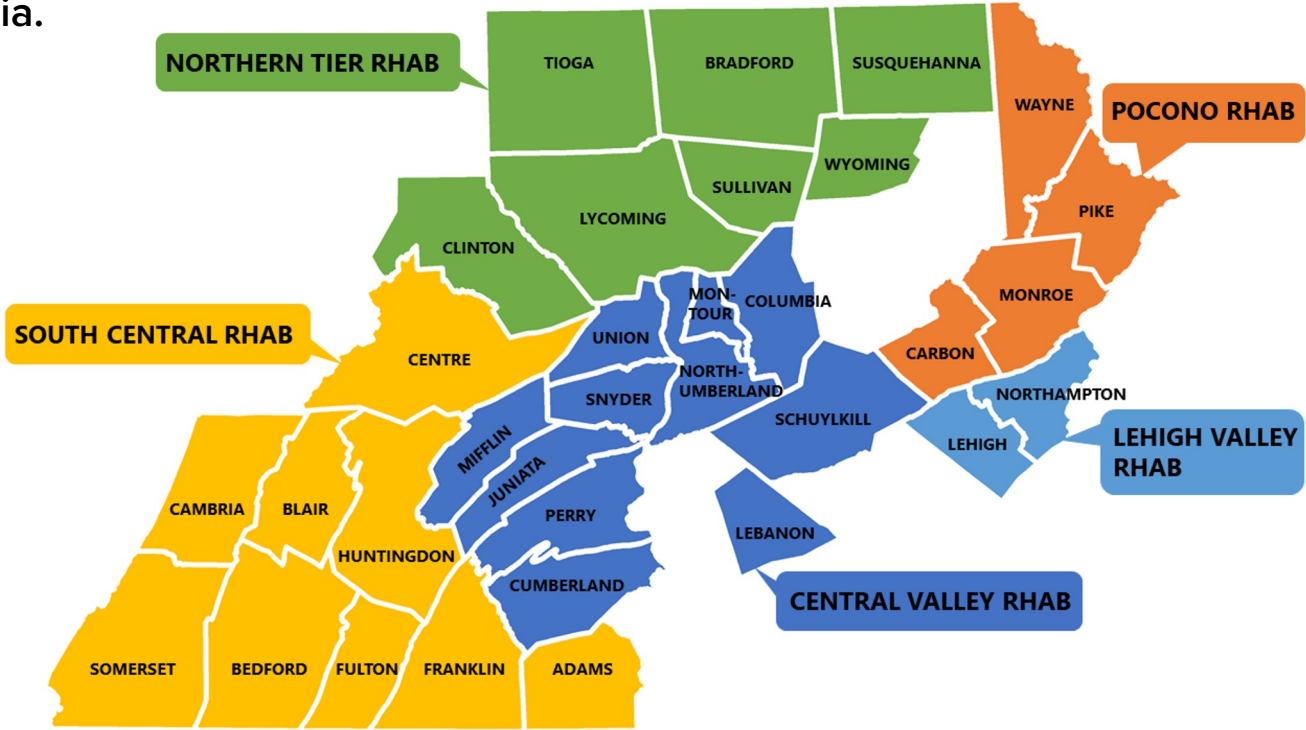
Coordinated Entry Training:

HUD Definition of Disabling Condition

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Eastern Pennsylvania Continuum of Care

The mission of the Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC) is to end homelessness throughout its geographic region, which encompasses thirty-three (33) counties in the eastern part of Pennsylvania.



Eastern Pennsylvania CoC Coordinated Entry Overview

- Coordinated Entry is the process by which anyone who is unhoused and experiencing literal homelessness (or is at imminent risk of becoming homeless) can access all the services and housing available offered by the Eastern Pennsylvania CoC network of service providers.
- In the Eastern Pennsylvania CoC region, Coordinated Entry may be accessed in any of the following ways:
 - Calling or texting 211 toll-free from anywhere within the CoC region.
 - Scheduling an appointment with one of over thirty Coordinated Entry Access Sites located in communities throughout the CoC region (some allow walk-ins).
 - Access points at participating Domestic Violence service providers partnering with the CoC.

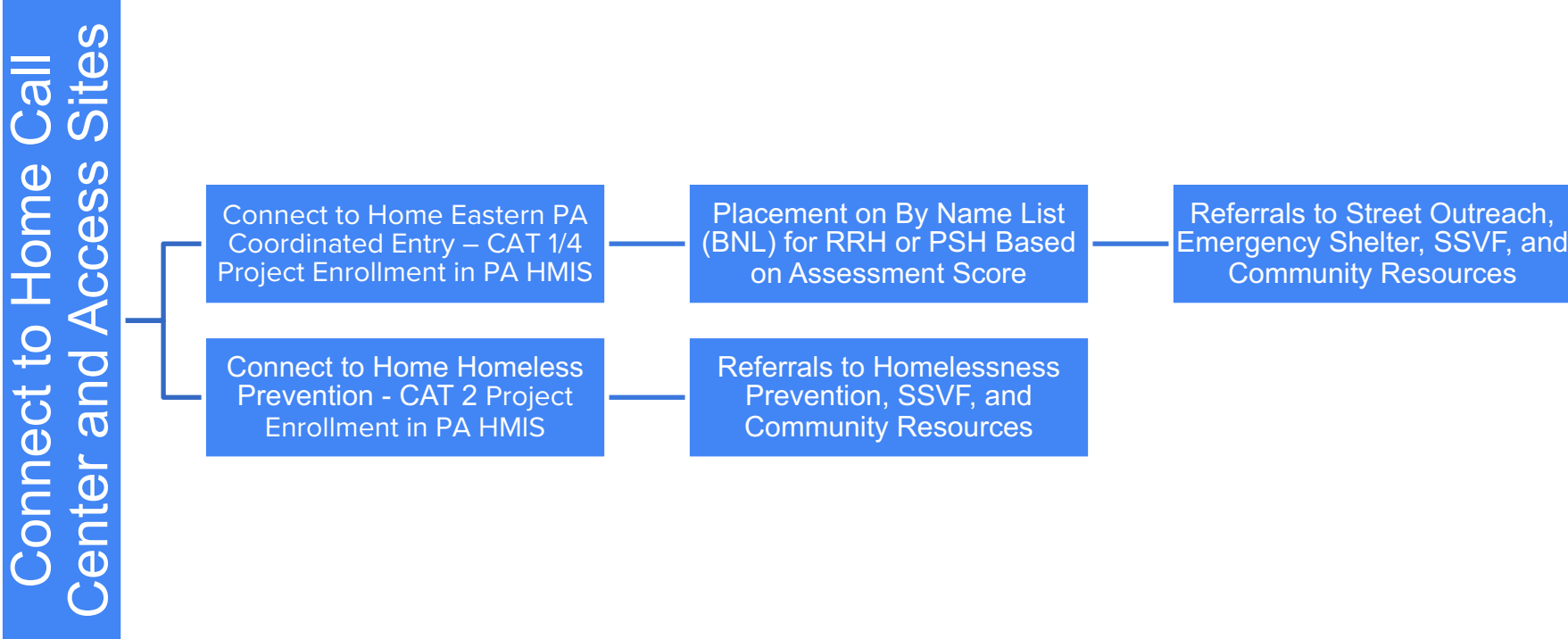
The Coordinated Entry intake, assessment, referral, and Housing By Name List placement is identical regardless of whether a person calls 211 or visits an Access Site.

Eastern Pennsylvania CoC Coordinated Entry System

- Households must be enrolled in Coordinated Entry to access any HUD-funded services and housing in the Eastern PA CoC service region, including:
 - **Street Outreach** (if the household was living unsheltered or in a place not meant for human habitation the previous evening and not already engaged with Street Outreach).
 - **Emergency Shelter** (if the household was living unsheltered or in a place not meant for human habitation the previous evening).
 - **Rapid Re-Housing** (if the household meets the HUD Category 1 or 4 definitions of homelessness).
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing** (if the household meets the HUD Category 1 or 4 definitions of homelessness).
 - **Homelessness Prevention** (if the household meets the HUD Category 2 definition of imminent risk of homelessness).
- Coordinated Entry can also make referrals to other community-based services and housing programs that choose to partner with the CoC, including non-HUD funded shelters, code blue shelters, veterans' services, domestic violence and human trafficking services, and eviction prevention services, among others.

Coordinated Entry does not and cannot guarantee access to any housing or crisis services.

Connect to Home Eastern PA Coordinated Entry Process



HUD Definition of Disabling Condition

A qualifying disability/disabling condition for CoC Program admission is defined as having one or more of the following:

- Physical, mental, or emotional impairment
- Developmental disability
- HIV/AIDS

Physical, Mental, or Emotional Impairment Defined

A physical, mental, or emotional impairment, which includes impairments caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder or brain injury that:

- Is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration; AND
- Substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently; AND
- Could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions.

Developmental Disability Defined

A severe, chronic disability that:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- Is manifested before the individual attains age 22;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following:
 - Self-care;
 - Receptive and expressive language;
 - Learning;
 - Mobility;
 - Self-direction;
 - Capacity for independent living; or
 - Economic self-sufficiency.

Developmental Disability Defined (cont.)

A severe, chronic disability that:

- Reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated; or
- An individual ages birth to age nine, who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting three or more of the criteria above if the individual, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting these criteria later in life.

HIV/AIDS Defined

The disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or any condition arising from the etiologic agency for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

HMIS Universal Data Element 3.08 Disabling Condition

- HMIS Universal Data Elements (UDEs) are elements required to be collected by all projects participating in HMIS, regardless of funding source. This data element is to be used with other information to identify whether a client meets the criteria for experiencing chronic homelessness.
- For CoC-Program funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects, households must include a member with a qualifying disability, and it may be an adult or child.
- PSH projects that are DedicatedPLUS or have beds dedicated to people experiencing chronic homelessness, the head of household must have the qualifying disability.
- Other CoC-funded projects may also include targeting to persons with disabilities even though they are not required to do so, but must do so in compliance with all Fair Housing requirements (see 24 CFR 578.93).

Eastern PA CoC Connect to Home Eastern PA Coordinated Entry – CAT 1/4 Disabling Condition Question

For this question we only need a YES or a NO, there is no need to disclose any specific diagnosis. Do you (or any household member) have a diagnosable physical or developmental disability or any physical, mental, or emotional impairment related to post-traumatic stress disorder, brain injury, a chronic health condition, mental health disorder, substance use disorder, or HIV/AIDS?

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Universal Data Assessment". At the top right, there are navigation icons for back and help. Below the title, it says "Master Assessment Active. Change Assessment Date". A dark grey button labeled "Default Client's Last Assessment" with an information icon is positioned above a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: "-- SELECT --", "Yes", "No", "Client Doesn't Know", "Client prefers not to answer", and "Data Not Collected". Below the dropdown, the form fields are visible: "Universal Data Assessment" (with a red asterisk), "Information Date:", "Age while in project:", "Assessment Type:", and "Disabling Condition:" (with a red asterisk). The "Disabling Condition" field has a dropdown arrow and is currently set to "-- SELECT --".

Learn More About Eastern PA CoC Coordinated Entry

- ❖ Connect to Home Eastern Pennsylvania Coordinated Entry System Overview, including 211 Call Center Contact Information and Access Site Locations and Hours

<https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/balance-stateeastern-pa-coc/connect-home-coordinated-entry-system-eastern-pa>

- ❖ Connect to Home Coordinated Entry Specialist Training Materials

<https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/connect-home-coordinated-entry-specialist-training-materials>

- ❖ Connect to Home Coordinated Entry Policies and FAQs

<https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/connect-home-eastern-pa-coordinated-entry-policies-and-faqs>

- ❖ Eastern PA CoC Written Standards For All Projects, including Coordinated Entry

<https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/eastern-pa-coc-written-standards>

- ❖ HUD Coordinated Entry Policy Brief

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4427/coordinated-entry-policy-brief/>