



**PARTNERSHIP** TO  
END HOMELESSNESS

# EMERGENCY SHELTER & COORDINATED ENTRY

In a Housing First environment, Emergency Shelters are focused on ending homelessness for the households they serve and in the community. Shelters should be safe, non-judgmental environments where, from the time of admission into the shelter, all residents are made aware of the goal to have them achieve housing as quickly as possible and that emergency shelters are a truly interim housing solution.

## Purpose

- Provide safe, short-term shelter
- Provide stabilization and support services through on-site case management
- Identify and seek to resolve housing barriers
- Practice diversion, whenever possible.

## Client Engagement

- HMIS Data Entry/Update/Exits
- Administer client assessment (VI-SPDAT after 7 days in shelter)
- Collect client documentation to support housing search (disability, income, and homeless verification)

## Community Engagement

- Receive referrals from Access Sites
- Participate in bi-weekly case conferencing
- Coordinate with CE Manager and Permanent Housing providers to ensure successful referrals when the client is matched with a permanent housing resource.