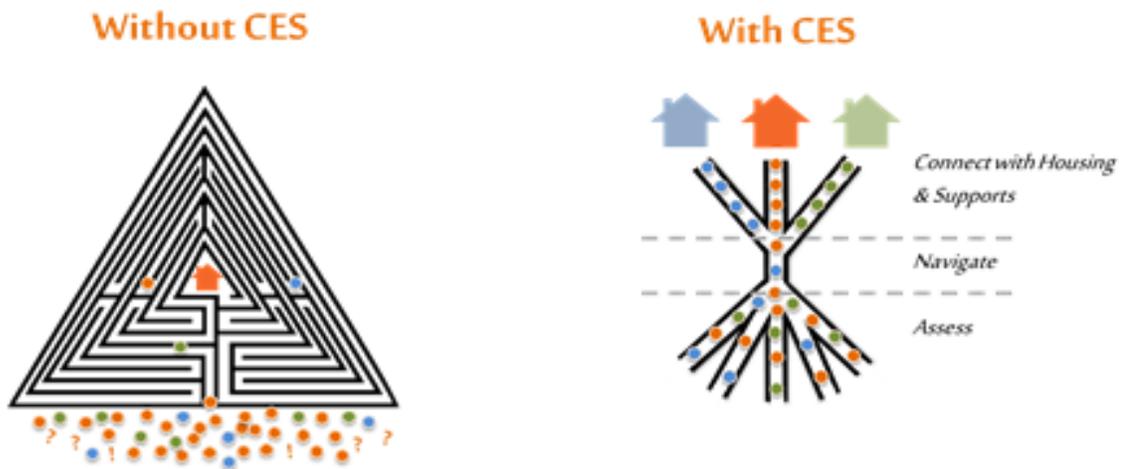


# Coordinated Entry System in Context

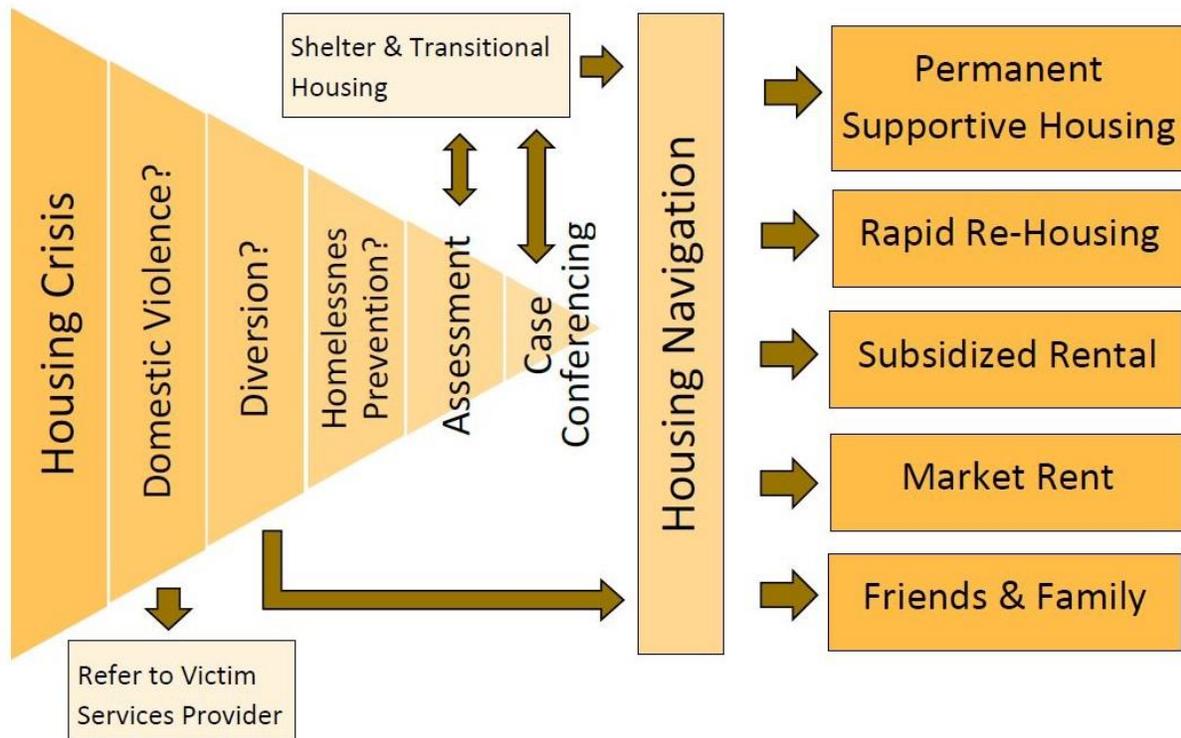


## The Goals of Coordinated Entry

- **Target** the correct housing **intervention** to the correct individual (family), particularly for those with high acuity and high need
- **Divert** people away from the system who can solve their own homelessness
- Greatly **reduce** the length of **homelessness** by moving people quickly into the appropriate housing
- **Improve** program **accountability** to individuals and families experiencing homelessness; specifically those who are experiencing chronic homelessness or are high-need/high-acuity
- Ensure housing program **compliance** with current HUD rules and regulations
- **Identify** gaps in services so that we can better allocate resources

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## *Heart to Home* COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM



**Coordinated Entry** is the process by which an individual or family households experiencing homelessness, or at imminent risk of becoming homeless in the next 14 days, can be assessed for housing and priority of need at centralized locations, then participating housing programs in the Continuum of Care will receive referrals to openings in their housing programs, as they become available, from the Prioritization List.

### **Heart to Home Coordinated Entry Steps of Engagement:**

1. At the Access Points, assessors will determine if the household being served would be best served through a Victim Service Provider, Homelessness Prevention Assessment and Services, Diversion Assistance, or Assessment for Housing.
2. Assessor will obtain an HMIS Release of Information and Consent (or comparable document for Victim Service Providers).
3. Assessor will conduct a Coordinated Entry Assessment, utilizing the VI-SPDAT as the triage tool, to screen households experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness.
4. After being assessed, participants will be put on the Prioritization List and matched to housing programs (as openings become available within the Continuum of Care region) through case conferencing conducted by the Coordinated Entry Committee.
5. Participants will be contacted by the housing program if they are found eligible for entry into the housing program they were referred to via the Coordinated Entry process.

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