

COORDINATED ENTRY Program for the Homeless

Centralized, Focused Access To Homelessness Services To Benefit Homeless Individuals and Families throughout Hudson County

TO ACCESS HOMELESSNESS SERVICES WITHIN HUDSON COUNTY:

Hudson CASA Coordinated Entry Programs

514 NEWARK AVENUE, Jersey City
 (At Palisade Ave, across Palisade from Dickinson HS)

• & PERC SHELTER, 111-37th Street, Union City

Phone: 201-604-2600, ext. 300

email: socialservices@gsecdc.org or smilan@gsecdc.org

Drop-In Center: Monday to Friday 9AM through 4PM

Case Management: Monday to Friday 8:30AM through 5PM

Outreach: 3PM to 11PM

PURPOSE

The goal of Coordinated Entry is to intake & comprehensively assess the needs of Hudson County Homeless Individuals and Families and link them to Case Management, Housing and Supportive Services, whenever and wherever possible.

ELIGIBILITY

Coordinated Entry and most homeless services are funded primarily by HUD. To be eligible, consumers must meet the following *HUD definition of "homelessness"* -- currently, or "imminently" (very likely within 14 days):

- Staying on the Street or in any place not fit for human habitation, such as a park, alley, car, storage unit, tent city, etc.
- Staying in a Homeless Shelter
- Staying temporarily in a motel paid by a government agency or non-profit organization
- Fleeing a documented Domestic Violence situation.
- Homeless status, not income or lack of income, determines eligibility

PROCESS

When a homeless individual or family calls or visits the Coordinated Entry Program seeking services, the first step is a brief Pre-Screen, in person or over the phone, to ascertain program eligibility. If they are eligible, they're linked with a Case Manager who will provide individualized Case Management, with an emphasis on Service Planning and Service Linkages.

HOMELESS VETS

There are numerous special programs for Homeless Veterans. They should inform Coordinated Entry staff as soon as possible that they are a Veteran.

SERVICES FOR NON-HOMELESS

For individuals seeking services, who are not "homeless", (see above), give them the number for the New Jersey 211 Information Hotline: Dial **2-1-1** from a landline, or **800-435-7555** from a cell phone.

DROP-IN CENTER

In the Coordinated Entry locations, we also operate Drop-In Centers, which are low-threshold, accessible, welcoming safe space for the homeless during the day, when shelters are closed. Services include recovery support, use of computers and phones, snacks, coffee, toiletries and medical assessments from a nurse on-site weekly.

OUTREACH

The GSECDC Outreach Team seeks the hardest-to-serve and most resistant street homeless individuals, and works to engage them and link them to services.

AFTER HOURS Resources (When Coordinated Entry is Closed)

Homeless FAMILIES: Hudson County HOMELESS HOTLINE: 1-800-624-0287

When the Coordinated Entry Program is closed, a homeless family with minor children, should call the "Homeless Hotline" 1-800-624-0287, to request an emergency overnight motel stay.

Please note, the Hotline usually supplies ONLY ONE night in a motel. The next business-day morning, the family <u>must</u> go to the Welfare office to request further assistance, and afterward, they should contact Coordinated Entry.

Homeless YOUTH 18-21: Call Covenant House 973-621-8705

Homeless SINGLE ADULTS, Without Children:

Call the Homeless Hotline for Shelter Information or call the following Emergency Shelters:
Hoboken Shelter 201-656-5069
PERC Shelter 201-348-8150

St. Lucy's Shelter 201-656-7201