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San Diego CES: Prioritization Overview



Prioritization Policy: Defined

- Upon Completion of the CESworkflow, households enrolled in SD CESare prioritized based on a number of vulnerability factors established by the SanDiego COCthrough the use of a community prioritization tool.
- This process helps ensure that the regions limited housing resources are reaching households with the greatest vulnerability in a timely and consistent manner.



Prioritization Policy: Defined

- SD CES Prioritizes based on the following criteria:
- Longest history of experiencing homelessness + most needs
- Longest history of experiencing homelessness
- The most needs, particularly mental illness or substance use disorders
- All other: non chronically homeless individuals, youth, and families.

Acuity VS Vulnerability

Acuity = measurement of
level of care needed

Vulnerability = Fragility of
health



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The CES Community Prioritization Tool

Priority	% of Composi Score	Factors	% of Priority
Chronic Homeless Status	10%	Chronically homeless based on HUD definition	100%
Length of Time Homeless	15%	Length of time homeless based on client history	100%
			75%
			50%
			25%
			10%
Living Situation/Actively Fleeing	25%	Actively Fleeing DV/Human Trafficking	100%
		OR	
		Place not meant for human habitation	100%
		Emergency shelter	95%
		Safe haven	80%
		Other/Institutionalization	50%
Sub-Population	20%	Transitional Housing	10%
		TAY / Senior Age	35.00%
		Families with children under 4 years old	35.00%
		Families with children over 4 years old	30.00%
Most Needs	30%	Mental health	15.00%
		Developmental health	15.00%
		Substance use	15.00%
		Physical Disability	15.00%
		Chronic Health Condition	15.00%
		HIV/AIDS	15.00%
		Medical Needs	10.00%
Common Assessment Tool	10%	PSH Range	100.00%
		RRH Range	50.00%
		No Housing Intervention Range	0%
Prioritization and Advocacy Case Conferencing	0	Case Conferencing Score	100%



Prioritization Tool Categories

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● Living Situation/Actively Fleeing	25%
● Sub-Population	20%
● Most Needs	30%
● Common Assessment Tool	10%
● Case Conferencing	0%



Prioritization Tool Categories and Data Elements

**Priority and %
of comp score**

Data Elements

% of priority

Points

● **Chronic Homeless Status**

● **Chronic homelessness
defined by HUD**

100%

10

10%



Prioritization Tool Categories and Data Elements

Priority and % of comp score

Data Elements

% of priority

Points

● Length of time homeless

15%

● 10 Years or Longer

100%

15

● 5-10 Years

75%

11

● 3-5 Years

50%

8

● 1-2 Years

25%

4

● Under 1 Year

10%

2



Prioritization Tool Categories and Data Elements

Priority and % of comp score

Data Elements

% of priority

Points

● Living Situation/Actively
Fleeing

25%

● Actively Fleeing DV/HT

100%

25

● Literally Homeless

100%

25

● Emergency Shelter

95%

24

● Safe Haven

80%

20

● Other/ Institutionalization

50%

13

● Transitional Housing

10%

3



Prioritization Tool Categories and Data Elements

**Priority/% of
comp score**

Data Elements

% of priority

Points

Sub-Population

20%

TAY/Senior Age

100%

25

**Families with Children under 4
years old**

100%

25

**Families with Children over 4
years old**

95%

24



Prioritization Tool Categories and Data Elements

Priority/ % of comp score

Data Elements

% of priority

Points

Most Needs

30%

●	Mental Health	15%	4
●	Developmental Health	15%	4
●	Substance Use	15%	4
●	Physical Disability	15%	4
●	Chronic Health Condition	15%	4
●	HIV/AIDS	15%	4
●	Medical Needs	10%	3



Prioritization Tool Categories and Data Elements

Priority/ % of comp score

Data Elements

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Points

● Common Assessment Tool

10%

● PSH Range

100%

10

● RRH Range

50%

5

● No Housing Intervention Range

0%

0



Important Considerations

- The prioritization tool is NOT the VISPDAT – it is a combination of assessments/questions
- Prioritization is dependent upon resource availability AND eligibility
- Eligibility must be met, if a resource is not available that your participant is eligible for, the actual composite score has little to no bearing.
- The BNL is meant to be dynamic higher scores do not equate to static placement on the BNL

San Diego CES: General VS Youth Prioritization Tools



Key Differences

Youth Tool

Sub-Population/Most Needs	100%	No HSD/GED	7.00%	7.00
		Veterans	2.00%	2.00
		Justice involved	10.00%	10.00
		Child Welfare Services	3.00%	3.00
		Disconnected Youth	2.00%	2.00
		Actively Fleeing DV/Human Trafficking	8.00%	8.00
		Promise Zone	8.00%	8.00
		Gender Identity/Sexual Orientation	10.00%	10.00
		Mental health	10.00%	10.00
		Place not meant for human habitation	8.00%	8.00
		Pregnant and or parenting	7.00%	7.00
		Developmental Disability	5.00%	5.00
		Substance use	10.00%	10.00
		Physical Disability	5.00%	5.00
		Chronic Health Condition	5.00%	5.00

General Tool

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Key Differences

- Youth prioritization is based solely on the most needs of the youth subpopulation
- Length of time homeless, current living situation, and common assessment tool information is measured in the general prioritization tool NOT the youth tool.
- The rationale is to focus on true vulnerability of youth by focusing on tangible fragility markers noted in the “most needs” aspect of the tool.



Youth Prioritization Tool in Action: Scenario

- **Scenario:** A service provider screens Sally. Sally is a 18 year old youth and the outreach worker determines that Sally needs a housing intervention. Sally is working with PATH outreach and the decision is made to enroll Sally in CES. Sally completes necessary assessments including CES assessment, CLS, and the TAY triage tool. Sally's responses are recorded and prioritized.



Youth Prioritization Tool in Action: Scoring

How the Score is Calculated

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| ● Sally answered “yes” to justice involved | 10 Points |
| ● Sally answered “yes” to mental health assessment questions | 10 Points |
| ● Sally Answered “yes” to Literally Homeless | 8 Points |
| ● Sally Answered “yes” to Substance abuse | 10 Points |
| ● Sally is pregnant or Parenting | 7 Points |
| ● Sally has chronic Health Conditions | 5 Points |
| ● Sally has Physical Disability | 5 Points |

Sally's Total Composite Score: **55**



Prioritization Tool in Action: Scenario

- **Scenario:** A service provider screens John. John is a single, 56 year old and the outreach worker determines that after prevention, diversion, and COC resources conversations, that John needs a housing intervention. John is working with PATH outreach and the decision is made to enroll John in CES. John completes necessary assessments including CES assessment, CLS, and the Single Adult triage tool. John's responses are recorded and prioritized.



Prioritization Tool in Action: Scoring

How the Score is Calculated

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| ● John is Chronically Homeless | 10 Points |
| ● John's LOT Homeless is 1-2 years | 4 Points |
| ● John is currently in Shelter | 24 Points |
| ● John is a Senior | 9 Points |
| ● John has substance medical needs | 3 Points |
| ● John Scored in the RRH Range on the VISPDAT | 5 Points |

John's Total Composite Score: **55**



Key Considerations

- Youth are prioritized for youth specific resources when available. However, it does not limit them from accessing mainstream resources, if they are eligible.
- Both tools are constantly being evaluated for improvement. Both tools were developed through COC working groups and modifications to either tool can occur through that venue as well.

Questions?

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