





# HOMELESS? HELP MAY BE AVAILABLE!

**The Process:** Marion County's process is to select homeless individuals with the most needs to be served first through **Coordinated Entry (CE)**.

## *What is Coordinated Entry?*

Streamlines the process of finding housing for those who are chronically homeless—with the goal of housing the most vulnerable people first.

-  **Access: Clients may access emergency shelters or dial 2-1-1 for screening.**
  - Most emergency shelters have individuals trained to perform the screening questions and the VI-SPDAT survey **OR** if referral is sent through 2-1-1, the Coordinated Entry (CE) assessor is notified and contact is made to schedule the survey if the individual is literally homeless.
-  **Assessment: VI-SPDAT, then SPDAT if client qualifies.**
  - The VI-SPDAT is the first survey that takes about 10-20 minutes. If the client gets a qualifying score, the SPDAT assessment is scheduled. The CE assessor monitors the VI-SPDATs done in Marion County and performs the full SPDAT on qualifying clients.
-  **Prioritization: The scores are based on the person's exposure level, highest scores picked first.**
  - The goal is to serve the individuals who have the greatest needs first. The surveys indicate which clients have the greatest needs and highest vulnerability.
-  **Referral: Housing referral may be sent out that best fits the client's needs.**
  - Clients who have the full assessment (SPDAT) done are placed on a by-name list. This serves as the housing referral waiting list. However, clients are not guaranteed a referral will be sent out because they are on the by-name list.

**CALL 2-1-1 or TEXT your zip code to 898-211; TTY call 7-1-1**