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**Coordinated Entry  
Equity Initiative:  
Workplan Update**

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## Coordinated Entry Definition

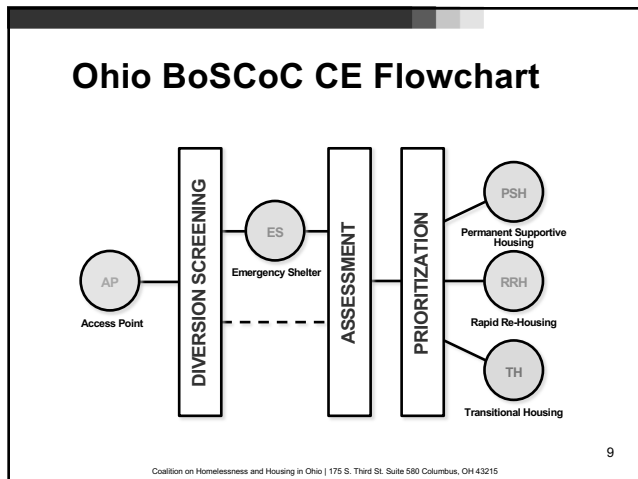
Coordinated Entry (CE), also known as coordinated intake, coordinated systems, or coordinated assessment...is a process or system that coordinates entry into, movement within, and ultimately exit from a homeless system.

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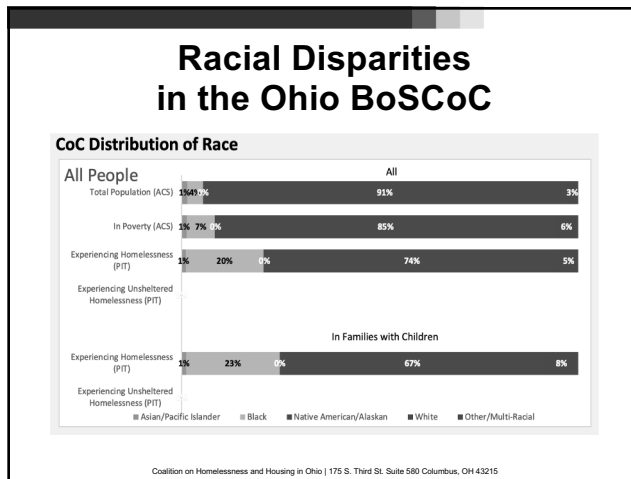
## Coordinated Entry Components



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### HUD CE Equity Initiative

- *'Communities have seen how assessment tools, prioritization processes, and general practices within CE systems exacerbate and create racial inequities in the housing and services needs of clients and do not prioritize clients for appropriate housing in a racially equitable way'*
- *'CoCs will work to design more equitable CE processes, especially assessment and prioritization processes, to significantly improve the Homeless Response System experience and housing stability outcomes for Black, Brown, Indigenous, and all people of color'*

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### HUD CE Equity Initiative

- **Goal: To improve the homeless response system experience and housing outcomes for Black, Brown, Indigenous, and People of Color**

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## HUD CE Equity Initiative

- Near Statewide Participation
  - Ohio BoSCoC
  - Cleveland
  - Dayton
  - Cincinnati
  - Toledo
  - Akron
  - Canton
  - Youngstown

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## CE Equity Work to Date

- Formed a CE Core Team
  - Recruited additional members
  - Completed foundational race equity training
- Developed a Goal Statement
- Identified 3 Areas of Work
  - Developed detailed action plan and timeline

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## CE Equity Initiative Goals

**Goal 1:** Conduct an annual racial disparities analysis of the Ohio BoSCoC homeless response system

**Goal 2:** Ensure access to the Ohio BoSCoC homeless response system for Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color

**Goal 3:** Adopt a common assessment tool that is trauma-informed, culturally appropriate, minimally harmful

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## CE Equity Initiative Action Plan

**Goal 1:** Conduct annual racial disparities analysis of the Ohio BoSCoC homeless response system

- Action Steps:
  - CoC Team completes analysis annually
  - CoC team posts analysis on CoC website and shares via CoC Membership meetings
  - CoC team and CE Core Team identify any needed actions in response to analysis
- Timeline:
  - Analysis completed annually in the fall

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## CE Equity Initiative Action Plan

**Goal 2:** Ensure access to the Ohio BoSCoC homeless response system for Black, Brown, Indigenous and all People of Color

- Action Steps:
  - Establish a goal for what an increase in access looks like, monitor progress towards the goal
  - Provide TA and guidance around advertising and outreach strategies and methods to ensure those disproportionately impacted by homelessness know where to seek assistance
  - Collect feedback from providers and people who have experienced homelessness to identify additional areas for improvement in the Access component of CE
- Timeline:
  - TA starts fall 2023
  - Feedback collection - fall 2023 through January 2024

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## CE Equity Initiative Action Plan

**Goal 3:** Adopt a common assessment tool that is trauma-informed, culturally appropriate, minimally harmful

- Action Steps:
  - Collect feedback from providers and people who have experienced homelessness to identify parts of the current assessment we want to keep, remove, update
  - Draft new assessment tool
  - Pilot new assessment tool
  - Formally evaluate new assessment tool
  - Launch CoC-wide use of new assessment
- Timeline:
  - Feedback collection – starts June 2023
  - Drafting new tool – starts fall 2023
  - Pilot new assessment tool – January 2024
  - Launch new assessment tool – Sept. 2024

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## Next Steps

- June –October 2023
  - Providers invited to provide feedback on Access in CE system
  - Providers invited to provide feedback on VI-SPDAT (current assessment tool)
    - Providers asked to help collect feedback from people served by our homeless response system
  - CoC Staff to develop sample CE Access Point advertising templates and strategy guidance

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## Questions?

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