**CNY-VI Reference Sheet**

Definitions

Chronically Homeless

A “homeless individual with a disability,” as defined in Section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, who: i. Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a Safe Haven, or an emergency shelter; AND ii. Has been homeless continuously for at least 12 months or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described in (i) above.

Literally Homeless

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

1. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
2. Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs);
3. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
4. Any individual or family who: is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; has no other residence; and lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with a head of household with a disability achieve housing stability. PSH is a high-level community-based indefinite leasing or rental assistance program. The client is enrolled in the program once the client receives the keys to their residence.

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

Program emphasizing housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless persons and families (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into permanent housing.

Transitional Housing (TH)

Program providing homeless individuals and families with the interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. Transitional housing funds may be used to cover the costs of up to 24 months of housing with accompanying supportive services. Program participants must have a lease (or sublease) or occupancy agreement in place when residing in transitional housing.

Determining Program Referrals

*When referring clients to programs, ensure that client preference is being honored and that you confirm the client is eligible for the housing project type using the information below.*

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

**Eligibility:**

* Household must fit HUD’s definition of being literally homeless
* Head of Household with a documented disability
	+ HUD’s definitions: “diagnosable substance use disorder, a serious mental illness, development disability, or chronic physical illness or disability including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions. **AND**
* Has 12 or more months of homelessness either 1.) 12 months consecutively **OR** 2.) 12 months total over a 3-year period with 4 or more episodes of homelessness
	+ Households that do not have 12 months homeless can still be referred to PSH, however, chronically homeless households will be prioritized.

**Considerations:**

* The lease is held in the housing project’s name, not the client’s

\*\*with the exception of HUD RAP where the lease is in the client’s name after a housing search is completed

* The program is of indefinite duration
* Case management to support household

CoC Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

**Eligibility:**

* Household must fit HUD’s definition of being literally homeless

**Considerations:**

* The client holds the lease in their own name
* 6-24 months in duration
* Case management to support household

ESG Rapid Re-Housing

**Eligibility:**

* Household must fit HUD’s definition of being literally homeless

**Considerations:**

* Temporary rental assistance
* Minimal case management, 6 months max

Transitional Housing (TH)

**Eligibility**

* Household must fit HUD’s definition of being literally homeless

**Considerations**

* Site-based program
* Up to 24 months of housing with supportive services
* 6-month follow-up period of case management services