

NY-603 CoC Coordinated Entry RRH Prioritization Policy

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Summary: This updated CoC prioritization policy identifies the following groups as most vulnerable, least likely to exit homelessness on their own, and best aligned with available CoC program models that can meet their needs.

- Households residing in shelter for periods of time longer than six months with lower self-resolve rates and most likely to become or remain homeless for long periods of time.
- Households residing in domestic violence shelters for the maximum allowable shelter stay without successfully exiting homelessness to permanent housing and no safe and stable housing plan in place.
- Households residing unsheltered and under the age of 25.

CoC RRH Prioritization (FSL, SUS, EOC of Suffolk, Options)

RRH: The adopt will a tiered prioritization method with four different prioritization groups (A–D), each representing 1 out of every 4 or 25% of referrals.

Progressive Engagement/PSH Transfers: Up to 40% of Permanent Supportive Housing Vacancies, as needed, will be set aside for RRH to PSH transfers for chronically homeless households who demonstrate housing instability and the need for further support to maintain housing. RRH programs must verify HUD homeless and chronic homelessness status at the time of RRH referral.

- **Group A (25%):** Homeless households that are:
 - (1) the longest-term stayers (18 months or more)
 - (2) with high vulnerability (measured by CE assessment score above average for their household type: singles vs. families)
- **Group B (25%):** Homeless households that are:
 - (1) the longest-term stayers (18 months or more)
 - (2) with low vulnerability (measured by CE assessment score below or at average for household type)

Group C (25%): Homeless households that are:

- (1) longer-term homelessness (12 months or more)
- (2) have demonstrated income or income potential*.

***Income Thresholds for Group C (Income or Income Potential)**

CE recommends the following income guidelines for households in Group C, based on annual income being at least **10x the monthly rent** of a unit size appropriate to their household composition:

Unit Size	Annual Income Threshold
Studio (1–2 HH)	\$18,480
1BR (1–3 HH)	\$22,410
2BR (2–5 HH)	\$25,860
3BR (3–7 HH)	\$33,520
4BR (5–9 HH)	\$35,910

Referral to this **Group C** should be consistent with HMIS data and/or a shelter case management referral verifying employability.

- **Group D (25%):** Homeless households that are:
 - (1) medium-term homeless (6-less than 12 months)
 - (2) with high vulnerability (above average for their household type)

Households that are short-term homeless (less than 6 months) can receive assistance with resource identification and triage, housing problem solving, connections to street outreach/drop-in centers but will not be prioritized for CoC permanent housing referral.

DV RRH Prioritization (CDLH)

DV RRH: DV CE will prioritize DV RRH referrals for households timing out of DV shelter with no exit plan; with emphasis on households with disabilities (adults and children), and use of lethality assessment.

DV CE will capture disabilities among family members through referral to DV CE as well as via regular DV shelter case conferencing. Through DV CE Case conferencing, DV CE will also capture households in real time that are exiting DV shelter with no exit plan.

Households actively fleeing domestic violence in a non-DV shelter can receive crisis and resource triage, and housing and safety plan support but will not be prioritized for DV RRH housing referral. If homeless in non-DV shelter six months or longer, can be assessed for CoC RRH prioritization, and if 12 months or more and disabled, can be assessed for CoC RRH or PSH.

PSH Transfers: Households referred to DV RRH that were chronically homeless at the time of RRH referral may be eligible for PSH transfers based on level of housing stability and support needed to maintain housing, including but not limited to DV PSH.

Households that are actively fleeing but not residing in a shelter can receive assistance with resource identification and triage, housing problem solving, connections to street outreach/drop-in centers but will not be prioritized for CoC permanent housing referral.

Youth RRH Prioritization (HFY)

Youth TH-RRH: Youth beds are prioritized for youth living unsheltered for immediate TH referral (crisis beds in Youth TH-RRH), and if no identified youth living unsheltered, prioritizes youth timing out of youth shelter and youth experiencing homelessness longest.

Youth households that are unstably housed, couch surfing, HUD Category 3 or otherwise at risk of homelessness, but not residing unsheltered or in a shelter can receive assistance with resource identification and triage, housing problem solving, connections to drop-in centers but will not be prioritized for CoC permanent housing referral.