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& Tioga Counties**

REFERENCE LIST

APR – [Annual Performance Report](#): Recipients of CoC Program funding are required to submit an APR electronically to HUD every operating year via the [Sage HMIS Reporting Repository](#).

At Risk of Homelessness – An individual or family who:

- Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;
- Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of HUD’s “Homeless” definition; and
- Meets one of the following conditions:
 - Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
 - Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
 - Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;



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- Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
- Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
- Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or
- Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan

CAC – Community Awareness Committee- Focuses on educating the community on Coalition activities, keeping the community aware of homelessness issues, enhancing Coalition membership by recruiting new members, and encouraging current members to participate fully in Coalition functions.

CES – Coordinated Entry System: Established and operated by the CoC, the Coordinated Entry System is designed to provide an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services. CES is intended to increase the efficiency of the local crisis response system, streamline access to available services, and assist in prioritizing those who are most in need of assistance.

NY-511 maintains a CES Committee responsible for system development and compliance with Policies and Procedures. The Committee will review all rejection decisions utilizing case conferencing to discuss interventions used to date and resolve barriers to securing permanent housing.

Chronically Homeless – A homeless individual with a disability who:

- Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and



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- Has been homeless and living as described above 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 above (Stays in institutional care facilities for fewer than 90 days will not constitute as a break in homelessness, but rather such stays are included in the 12-month total, as long as the individual was living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility); OR
- An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria above before entering that facility; OR
- A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria above, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

CoC – [Continuum of Care Program](#): Under HUD, the Continuum of Care Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. CoC refers to both the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under [24 CFR Part 578](#) and the funding available to support [eligible](#) homelessness assistance programs (**See NOFA**). As CoC NY-511, the Southern Tier Homeless Coalition encompasses Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, and Tioga Counties. For [Definitions](#) relative to CoC Program regulations see 24 CFR Part 578.3.

DSS – Department of Social Services (also LSSD – Local Social Services Districts) (**See OTDA**)

ESG – [Emergency Solutions Grant Program](#): Under HUD and subject to [24 CFR Part 576](#), the Emergency Solutions Grant Program provides funding to engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; help operate these shelters; provide essential services to shelter residents; rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. Program components include:



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SO – Street Outreach: Essential services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless (**See Unsheltered Homeless**) individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical service, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care.

ES – Emergency Shelter: Any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific subpopulations of the homeless and which do not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements

RRH – Rapid Rehousing: Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short- and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing; Eligible costs of RRH under the ESG Program vary slightly from the CoC Program – see [HUD's Rapid Re-Housing: ESG vs CoC Guide](#) (*Note – Guide is from 2013 and eligibility requirements of CoC-funded RRH have since been limited to *Category 1*.)

HP – Homelessness Prevention: Housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent an individual or family at risk of homelessness (**See At Risk of Homelessness**) from moving to an emergency shelter, a place not meant for human habitation, or another place described in paragraph 1 of HUD's *homeless* definition; The costs of homelessness prevention are only eligible to the extent that the assistance is necessary to help the program participant regain stability in their current housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

ESSHI – [Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative \(New York State\)](#)

FMR – [Fair Market Rent](#): Annually estimated by HUD for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defined metropolitan areas, some HUD-defined subdivisions of OMB metropolitan areas, and each nonmetropolitan city; Used to determine rental ceilings for rental units in the ESG Program, the maximum amount of rent a recipient may pay for property leased with CoC funds, and the calculation of maximum award amounts for CoC recipients.

Governance Committee: Responsible for facilitating the development and monitoring of policies and procedures; processing of membership and Board of Directors applications; facilitating elections; and encouraging leadership and diversity in all STHC activities.

HCR – [Homes and Community Renewal \(New York State\)](#)

Health Homes – Comprehensive care management for Medicaid enrolled persons who have 2 or more chronic conditions or one of the following qualifying conditions: HIV/AIDS,



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SMI (Adults), SED or Complex Trauma (Children)

HHAP – [Homeless Housing Assistance Program \(New York State\)](#)

HIC – [Housing Inventory Chart](#): A point-in-time inventory of provider programs with a CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serve persons who are homeless, categorized by five Program Types: Emergency Shelter; Transitional Housing; Rapid Re-housing; Safe Haven; and Permanent Supportive Housing.

HMIS – Homeless Management Information System: The information system designated by the Continuum of Care to comply with the HMIS requirements prescribed by HUD; For NY-511, Institute for Community Alliance (ICA) is the HMIS Lead Agency.

NY-511 maintains an HMIS Committee that focuses on HMIS user issues, HMIS compliance concerns, and system expansion.

Homeless – An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

Category 1

- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- An individual or family living in a supervised 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, or local government programs for low-income individuals); OR



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- An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she 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;

Category 2

- An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
 - The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - No subsequent residence has been identified; and
 - The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing;

Category 3

- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
 - Are defined as homeless under [other federal statutes](#);
 - Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
 - Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities; chronic physical health or mental health conditions; substance addiction; histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect); the presence of a child or youth with a disability; or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment; or



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Category 4

- Any individual or family who:
 - Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
 - Has no other residence; and
 - Lacks the resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

HUD – U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA)- The longitudinal systems analysis (LSA) is a report produced from a Continuum of Care's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and submitted annually to HUD. It provides critical information about how people experiencing homelessness use their system of care, helping HUD and CoC's assess and improve their services. The LSA report is essential for understanding trends and outcomes of homelessness assistance.

NOFO – Notice of Funding Opportunity: Typically used in reference to HUD's annual [Continuum of Care Program Competition](#) (**See CoC**). Program components include:

PH – Permanent Housing: Community-based housing without a designated length of stay; includes both Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing. To be permanent housing, program participants must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year, which is renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long, and is terminable only for cause.

PSH – Permanent Supportive Housing: Permanent housing with indefinite leasing rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons (**See Homeless Category 1**) with a disability or families with an adult or child member with a disability achieve housing stability; An eligible program component for CoC Program funding.

RRH – Rapid Rehousing: Permanent housing that emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance move homeless persons and families (**See Homeless Category 1**) with or without a disability as rapidly as possible into permanent housing; An eligible program component for CoC Program funding.



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TH – Transitional Housing: Temporary housing with accompanying supportive services designed to provide homeless individuals and families (**See Homeless Category 1**) with the interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. All TH program participants must have a lease or occupancy agreement for a term of at least one month and that cannot be extended beyond 24 months.

Joint TH & PH-RRH – Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing: A new project type introduced during the FY17 CoC Program Competition that combines TH and RRH in a single project; An eligible program component for CoC Program funding

Renewal Project – Existing CoC-funded homelessness assistance project

Reallocated Project – A new CoC-funded homelessness assistance project serving new program participants created by shifting funds in whole or in part from existing CoC-funded projects that are eligible for renewal in a competition year

New Project – A new CoC-funded homelessness assistance project serving new program participants created via New/Bonus Project funding made available in a competition year

NY-511 maintains a NOFO Committee tasked with developing the rank and review tools and ensuring the accurate and timely submission of the annual CoC Program Competition *Consolidation Application* and *CoC Priority Listing*, including establishing performance-based ranking and scoring criteria and review procedures.

OTDA – [Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance \(New York State\)](#)

PIT – [Point in Time Count](#): A count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January.

PWLE- Persons with Lived Experience

RABYH- Regional Advisory Board on Youth Homelessness: The RABYH brings together youth-based agencies from around the region to discuss issues on youth services, exchange information and build resources. You can find more information about RABYH here: [Regional Advisory Board on Youth Homelessness | CARES of NY, Inc.](#)

RHY – [Runaway & Homeless Youth Program](#): Under the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children & Families' (ACF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), the RHY Program supports street outreach, emergency shelter,



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and transitional living and maternity group home programs to serve and protect runaway and homeless youth (age 16-21) and their families.

RRJAC- Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee: was formed to provide opportunities for the CoC and community members to get involved in actional systems change to address racial disparities within the homeless service sector. You can find additional information on RRJAC here: [Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee | CARES of NY, Inc.](#)

SDOH – Social Determinants of Health: Conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes. The five key domains of SDOH include: economic stability, education, social and community context, health and health care, and neighborhood and built environment. NYS established a [Bureau of Social Determinants of Health](#) (BSDH) in January 2018.

SOAR – [SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery](#): Certification intended to increase access to the disability income benefit administered by the Social Security Administration for eligible adults who are homeless, or are at risk of homelessness, and have a mental and/or physical illness.

SPM – [System Performance Measures](#): System-level performance criteria established by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act intended to encourage CoC's, in coordination with ESG Program recipients and all other homeless assistance stakeholders, to regularly measure their progress in meeting the needs of people experiencing homelessness and to report this progress to HUD.

STEHP – [Solutions to End Homelessness Program \(New York State\)](#)

Unsheltered Homeless – An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground

VI-SPDAT – Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool: The VI-SPDAT combines a survey (Vulnerability Index™ - VI) with an assessment tool (Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool™ - SPDAT) that helps identify both eligibility and severity of need in recommending the most appropriate housing and support interventions available for those accessing the Coordinated Entry System (**See CES**).



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Written Standards – [Written Standards for Providing Continuum of Care Assistance](#)

YAB – Youth Action Board

YHDP – [Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program](#): Under HUD, YHDP is intended to reduce the number of youth (age under 24, including unaccompanied youth, pregnant, and parenting youth) experiencing homelessness.