

What is Dynamic Prioritization?

Dynamic Prioritization is a dynamic process that uses prioritization criteria to identify the most vulnerable households based on the number of anticipated housing placements across all resources that will occur in the next 60 days.

While this shift to Dynamic Prioritization reorganizes the way a community prioritizes which households are connected to available housing resources, there is no increase in available housing resources with this shift.

Subsidized housing resources continue to be extremely limited across King County. This is why the use of diversion and progressive assistance strategies for all households experiencing a housing crisis are employed as a first step.

Diversion is the primary resource to help households resolve their housing crisis.

King County's Coordinated Entry System is Shifting to Dynamic Prioritization!



What is Diversion?

Diversion is a housing first, person-centered, and strengths-based approach to help households identify the choices and solutions to end their homeless experience with limited interaction with the crisis response system. Diversion is explored with households accessing the Seattle/King County crisis response system who are experiencing literal homelessness or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence without a safe housing option. It assists households to quickly secure permanent or temporary housing by encouraging creative and cost-effective solutions that meet their unique needs. It is a short-term intervention focused on identifying immediate, safe housing arrangements, often utilizing conflict resolution and mediation skills to reconnect people to their support systems.

What about assessors?

- Assessors will all be trained in providing Diversion interventions and will continue to use the Housing Triage Tool for prioritizing households if Diversion is not successful.
- King County's CEA is exploring developing a new prioritization tool and incorporating an Interim Prioritization strategy for the time being.
- Assessors no longer add households to the Priority Pool as this will be handled by the CEA Referral Specialist.
- The single adult, young adult and veteran case conference groups are utilizing the Interim Prioritization strategies and have eliminated banding for all forms of housing. This allows all available resources to go to the most vulnerable households regardless of scores. The Family Case Conferencing group is projected to move to this strategy in late January, 2019.

What role does case conferencing play?

- Case Conferencing will be the mechanism for active management of the Priority Pool and will account for changing priority order as new people present and are added to the Priority Pool; continually readjusting to identify highest need persons. Households will continue to be prioritized if Diversion is not successful, referrals will continue to be made and housing will continue to be matched in real time.
- Each week, the list will be update, households may be removed due to no contact or returned to an active status if they make contact with the crisis response system. Case Conference groups will continue to identify households who are in need of more services, case managers will assist client in housing location, documentation preparation, warm handoff and move in supports. It will be a team effort to house households in our Continuum of Care!