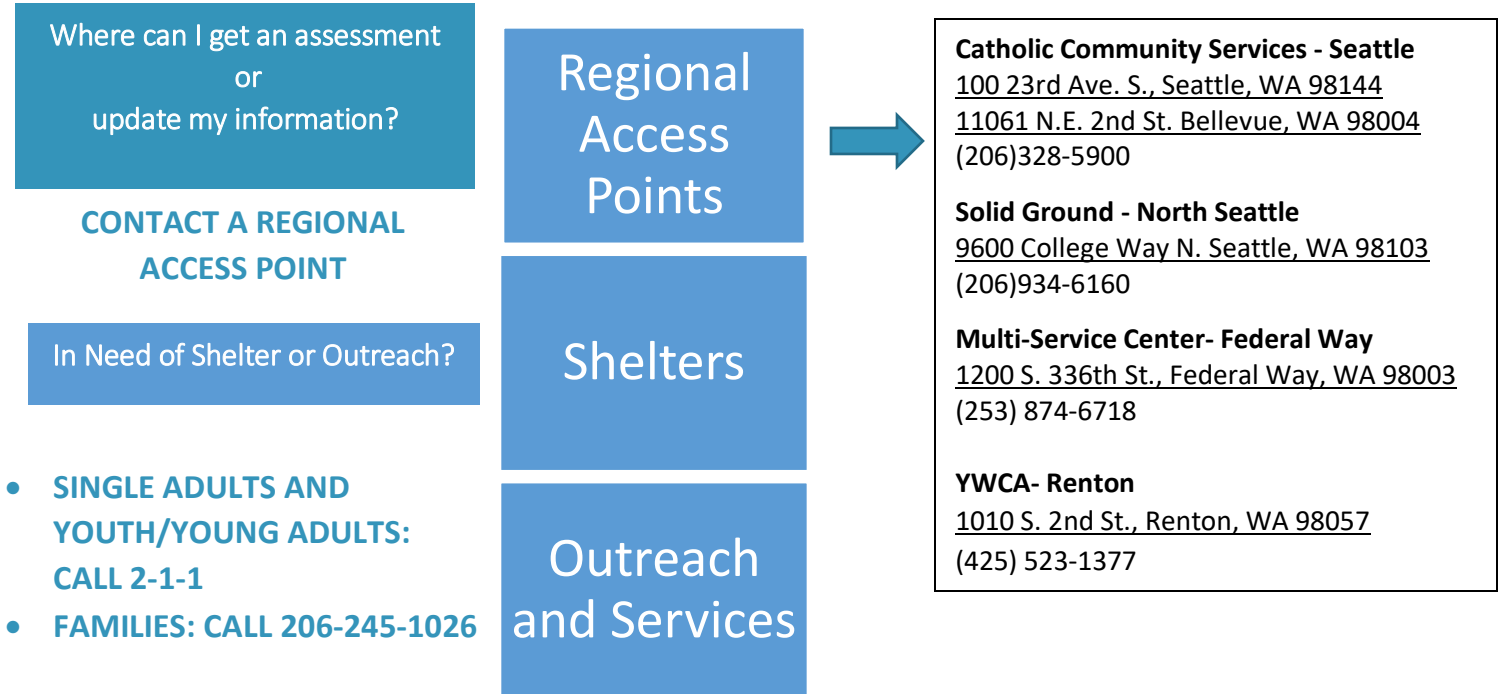




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Housing Triage Tool: Now What?



What is the Housing Triage Tool and why did I complete it?

- The Housing Triage Tool includes the VI-SPDAT and additional questions used to determine vulnerability and eligibility for some types of housing resources in King County. Those housing resources include permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing, but are too few to meet the need.
- King County Coordinated Entry uses the Housing Triage Tool to match the most vulnerable households with housing and services that meet their needs. Due to housing scarcity, most households who complete the Housing Triage Tool will not be matched to a resource.

How is my information stored? / What is HMIS?

- Your Housing Triage Tool responses and other information will be entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- HMIS is a central database that contains all household information in one system. It is not accessible to the public.
- You have the option for your information to be deidentified. If you are fleeing domestic violence or have certain protected health conditions, it is recommended that your information be deidentified. You can choose to deidentify your information at any point.



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What happens next?

- If your answers to the Housing Triage Tool indicate that you are among the most vulnerable households in our community, you will be placed in a Priority Pool. Only households in the Priority Pool will be matched to housing resources. Most households who complete a Housing Triage Tool will not be placed in the Priority Pool.
- King County CEA is working to house each household in the Priority Pool within 60 days.
- If you are placed in the Priority Pool, a housing navigator will contact you to talk about your housing goals and offer support. **It is very important to make sure your contact information is accurate. Update contact information by calling a Regional Access Point or a service provider you are working with.**

Is the Priority Pool a waiting list?

- The Priority Pool is NOT a waiting list and it is NOT a first come, first served system.

If I reported honestly about my past, will that hurt my chances for housing?

- There are some housing resources that screen for certain criminal convictions, but you will never be ineligible for CEA because of credit, criminal history, substance use, or mental health.

Am I guaranteed to get housing through this process?

- NO. There are thousands of people experiencing homelessness in King County at any point in time, and our community does not have enough housing to meet the need.
- Many households who complete the Housing Triage Tool will NOT be offered a housing opportunity. **Do not wait for a referral from CEA to housing. Continue to seek housing on your own and utilize services and resources available in the community.**

What can I do after completing the Housing Triage Tool?

- **Keep your contact/location information up to date.** Many households miss an opportunity for housing because they could not be contacted. **Update contact information by calling a Regional Access Point or a service provider you are working with.**
- **Be sure to update your Housing Triage Tool** if more than a year has passed or you have significant changes in your life, such as a change in your income, health/disability, or family size. You can do so by contacting the Regional Access Point or community provider where you had your Housing Triage Tool completed.
- **Continue to pursue other housing options, services, & benefits.**