

Simcoe County

Homelessness Coordinated Access System

A **Coordinated Access System** is a community-wide strategy to help prevent homelessness and match individuals and families experiencing homelessness to housing and support resources.

Using a **Housing First approach**, participating agencies in Simcoe County's Homeless Services and Supports System work together to **assess** people's housing-related needs and **connect** them to available supports to find and keep housing.



Serving People Who Are Experiencing Homelessness

This includes individual and families who are:

1. **Unsheltered** (sleeping outside, in vehicle, etc)
2. **Emergency Sheltered**
3. **Temporarily Sheltered** (couch surfing, motel, etc.)



Community Access Points and Common Assessment

Agencies trained to **identify and assess** people experiencing homelessness, and are working with them to:

1. **Divert** from emergency shelter where possible.
2. Complete a Simcoe County **Common Intake Form**.
3. **Assess needs** and **make connections** to appropriate service provider(s).



Simcoe County By-Name List (BNL)

Once assessed, people are added to the **By-Name List**: a real-time, up-to-date list of all people experiencing homelessness who have accessed services through Simcoe County's Homeless Services and Supports System. The BNL helps community partners **know every person** experiencing homelessness by name, **understand their unique needs**, and then **prioritize them** for the most appropriate and available housing supports.



Matching to Available Resources

Our BNL matches dedicated **support and housing resources** as they become available, prioritized to meet an individual or family's **depth of need**. These resources can include affordable, supportive, or transitional housing, rent supplements, support workers, financial assistance, housing search support, and more.



Beginning the End of Homelessness.

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