

**2017 Ending Homelessness Resources Prioritization Chart – Working SHC Version for 2018**

N\* = 6373

|                        | Resource Priority | Homeless Category  | Parameters  | N*   | Bed nights (in 12-month period) | Resources Prioritized   |
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| Longest                | P1                | Long Term Stayers (LTS)/Chronically Homeless: Individuals  | Greater or equal to 180 days in a 365-day period; and/or VI-SPDAT flagged (score >8) including medically compromised; LOCUS (≥ 17), LOCUS ≥ 23 for PNMI | 70   | ≥ 180                           | <b>PSH:</b><br>Prioritized S+C vouchers, prioritized Section 8 vouchers (VNED), ESHAP, BRAP, GA (in conjunction w/ BRAP), PNMI.<br>For Vets: HUD/VASH with initial SSVF assistance.<br>For people with substance use disorders: Recovery housing. |
|                        | P2                | Long Term Stayers (LTS): Families  | Greater or equal to 180 days in a 365-day period; and/or VI-SPDAT flagged (score >8), LOCUS (≥ 17)  | 29   | ≥ 180                           | <b>PSH:</b><br>Section 8, ESHAP, GA, occasional S+C, BRAP.<br>For Vets: HUD/VASH and SSVF, as family qualifies.   |
| Length of Homelessness | P3                | Domestic Violence Families & Individuals   | Fleeing DV greater than 30 days; and/or VI-SPDAT flagged (score >3)   | 945  | ≥ 30                            | <b>TSH (&amp; PSH where appropriate):</b><br>Section 8, BRAP, S+C, ESHAP, GA, STEP or HTS-HCV.<br>For Vets: SSVF.   |
|                        | P3**              | Unaccompanied Youth Unable to be Reunited with their families<br><b>**Prioritize youth-specific resources for youth immediately.</b> | Greater than 30 days; and/or VI-SPDAT flagged (score >3)  | 100  | ≥ 30                            | <b>TSH (&amp; PSH where appropriate):</b><br>GA, ESHAP, Wrap funds, rent and security deposit for DHHS OCFS placements, RHYA resources, BRAP if over 18, STEP or HTS-HCV.<br>For people with substance use disorders: Recovery housing.           |
|                        | P3                | Less than Long Term Stayers (LTS) Individuals & Families   | Greater than 30 days but less than 180 days in a 365-day period and/or VI-SPDAT flagged (score >3)  | 285  | ≥ 30 & < 180                    | <b>PH, TSH, (&amp; PSH where appropriate):</b><br>Section 8, BRAP, S+C, Wrap funds, ESHAP.<br>For Vets: SSVF, or where appropriate HUD/VASH.<br>For people with substance use disorders: Recovery housing.  |
|                        | P4                | People Discharged from Institutions  | Greater than 90 days and exiting institutions to homelessness, LOCUS ≥ 17, LOCUS ≥ 23 for PNMI  | 80   | ≥ 90                            | <b>PH, TSH, (&amp; PSH where appropriate):</b><br>BRAP, PNMI, GA, SSVF, HUD/VASH  |
| Shortest               | P5                | Circumstantially Homeless  | Less than 30 days & not flagged on VI-SPDAT   | 4327 | < 30                            | <b>Safety Net Resources (to solve circumstantial homelessness):</b><br>GA, Family Promise.<br>For Vets: SSVF.<br>For people with substance use disorders: Recovery housing.   |
|                        | P5                | Unaccompanied Youth Working Toward Reunification/stability)  | Less than 30 days & not flagged on VI-SPDAT; RHYA Programs  | 537  | < 30                            | <b>Safety Net Resources (to assist unaccompanied youth toward family reunification/stability):</b><br>RHYA resources, Section 13  |

People who are Veterans, elderly, experiencing mental illness, experiencing substance use disorders, and medically compromised could fit into any prioritization category as applicable (i.e., Veterans could fit into any category except <18 aged youth).

\*Numbers are a snapshot as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. They will be updated each July.

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| <p><b>KEY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing</li> <li>• TSH = Transitional Supportive Housing</li> <li>• PH = Permanent Housing (general, non-programmatic)</li> <li>• S+C = Shelter Plus Care</li> <li>• HUD/VASH = Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing</li> <li>• BRAP = Bridging Rental Assistance Program</li> <li>• GA = General Assistance</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PNMI = Private Non-Medical Institutions</li> <li>• ESHAP = Emergency Shelter &amp; Housing Assistance Program (Housing Navigator Stabilization)</li> <li>• SSVF = Supportive Services for Veteran Families</li> <li>• STEP = Stability Through Engagement Program - Rapid Re-Housing (TBRA) funded through ESHAP</li> <li>• TBRA = Tenant Based Rental Assistance – Rapid Re-Housing funded through ESHAP</li> <li>• Home to Stay = Rapid Re-Housing HCV (Section 8 vouchers) funded through ESHAP</li> <li>• VI-SPDAT = Vulnerability Index &amp; Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool</li> <li>• RHYA = Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Services</li> </ul> |
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## How to Use the Ending Homelessness Resources Prioritization Chart

The Ending Homelessness Resources Prioritization Chart is a guideline tool designed to see that people are matched appropriately with, and prioritized for, Maine's finite housing resources. In a nutshell:

- The relatively small group of people with the longest histories of homelessness and/or very complex circumstances underlying their homelessness are directed toward permanent supportive housing (PSH) resources, our most resource-intensive intervention.
- Conversely, the relatively large group of people with simple circumstances and brief experiences of homelessness are directed toward safety net resources, our least resource intensive intervention, to be rapidly rehoused.
- People with lengths of homelessness and/or levels of complexity of circumstances in between, depending on needs, are directed toward transitional housing (TH), and permanent housing (PH) for the most part, or in some cases PSH if that is warranted.

The Chart describes how this pertains to each population. There are eight Homeless Categories, and five Resource Priorities, into which the eight Homeless Categories fit. Columns are as follows:

- The "Homeless Categories" are generally listed from longest to shortest lengths of homelessness, and highest to lowest levels of vulnerability ("Resource Priority" P1 to P5).
- The "Resources Prioritized" are correspondingly listed from most intensive (PSH) to least intensive (Safety Net Resources).
- The "Parameters" column further defines each Homeless Category and its corresponding priority, and includes tools and benchmarks to assist in making this determination. Length of homelessness is the first listed parameter, followed by assessment tools and guideline assessment score ranges.
- The "Bed nights (in a 12-month period)" column discerns length of homelessness in days.
- "N" refers to people in each category per HMIS numbers for the latest year.

Analysis of HMIS data from MaineHousing staff has shown that length of homelessness frequently correlates with VI-SPDAT score ranges. For instances when this is not the case, the Ending Homelessness Resource Prioritization Chart Parameters allow for latitude to ensure very vulnerable populations, who have not yet met the length of homelessness criteria, are appropriately prioritized for resources based on vulnerability assessment. People who are Veterans, elderly, experiencing mental illness, experiencing substance use disorders, and/or medically compromised could fit into any Homeless Category and corresponding Resource Priority, as applicable (i.e., Veterans could fit into any category except <18 aged youth).

In summary, each "Homeless Category" has a corresponding "Resources Prioritized"; people are prioritized for housing resources, and referrals are made, accordingly. People categorized as P1 and P2 would be prioritized for, and be referred to, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs (the prioritization for PSH is consistent with [HUD's Prioritization/PSH Notice](#)). People categorized as P3 would be prioritized for, and referred to, Transitional Supportive Housing (TSH) programs (and PSH programs, where appropriate). People categorized as Priority 4 would be prioritized for, and referred to, general, non-programmatic permanent housing, and TSH (and where appropriate PSH). People categorized as P5 would be prioritized for, and referred to, existing safety net resources to assist with solving their homelessness.