

# ESG & ESG-CV Office Hours

## 3/30/2022



# How to ask a question...

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- Question Format:
  - All questions must be submitted in the chat box
  - Please type your organization and question into the chat box
  - The team will read questions out loud at the end of the presentation and will provide answers if possible throughout the presentation
  - All questions and answers entered into the chat box will be recorded as part of the public record



# Agenda

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- Announcements
- ESG/ESG-CV Updates
- Office Hours Update
- ESG/ESG-CV Q&A
- Brown Bag Session: Engagement with DV Providers

# Training on Friday 4/1

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## Habitability Standards

- Date and Time: April 1, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Who Should Attend: All subgrantees, subrecipient partners, CoC staff
- Registration: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlvduuqqTkvEtVS\\_VLh7E6QXacW6h5UDBL-eeeting Registration - Zoom](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlvduuqqTkvEtVS_VLh7E6QXacW6h5UDBL-eeeting+Registration+-Zoom)
- Description: This session will provide an overview of ESG habitability requirements; clarify key differences between habitability standards and HQS; provide examples of habitability recordkeeping requirements (including clarifying the differences between habitability, environmental and lead based paint review); include time for Q&A between participants and presenters
- Please be sure to review information about this, and other upcoming trainings, at [California ESG-CV Training Schedule](#)

# HCD ESG Office Hours Calendar Invite

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- Please note that the current Office Hours Zoom invite was set to expire in May. The calendar invite has now been extended to go up through 9/30
- All current office hours registrants should have received an email from Zoom yesterday with an updated calendar schedule. You will have to download the new calendar invite from the email sent by Zoom in order to get the office hours meeting on your calendar until 9/30.
- You can always re-register as well, in case the option above does not work for you.
- Office hours registration link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvcu6orz4qG9OYkawL0Ok-1gHXqz7MLy3A>

# ESG Updates

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2022 ESG NOFA/Applications: Released end of May

2021 ESG Applications

- Award announcements will be March-April 2022 (posted to our ESG webpage)

2020 ESG (annual) Contracts

- **Expenditure Deadline: July 7, 2022**
  - Be sure you are expending your ESG annual funds
  - You can utilize the COVID Waivers

# ESG Updates

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- **COVID Waivers used with 2018-19-20 ESG Annual Funds**
- As a recipient, HUD requires the State to track any annual ESG funds used to prepare for, prevent and or respond to COVID-19 separately than annual ESG funds not used for COVID-19 response.
  - Emails were sent out to all the ESG Grantees that had a 2018, 2019 and have a 2020 ESG annual contract.
  - Complete the Spreadsheet and COVID Waiver Template (*if applicable*) and return to your ESG Representative. If you have not received this request, reach out to your ESG Representative.
  - We will extend the due date for these to be returned: **Friday, April 1st- COB**

# ESG Updates

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## ESG Team Members:

- Diana Prado
- Giovanni Martinez
- Sarah Theobald
- Tuesday Cool
- Sam Lieu
- Anthony Zepeda

We have realigned our grant management territories. You may have a new ESG Grant Rep.

**Please reach out to your Rep or contact us at: [ESGNOFA@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ESGNOFA@hcd.ca.gov)**



# ESG-CV Reminders & Updates

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- Continue to work towards submitting your February RFF and Budget Amendments for cleaning up Indirect Costs in eCivis, if you have not submitted those yet.

# HCD Office Hours Updates

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Click here to access the training site:

<https://express.adobe.com/page/gtlz01kDaLkpl/>

Upcoming Office Hours topics:

- 4/6/2022: Equal Access Rule (EAR Tool, Planning for LGBTQ+ inclusion)
- 4/13/2022: HCD Homeless Prevention Policy
- 4/20/2022: Language Access Plan, Duplication of Benefits
- 4/27/2022: Engagement with Tribal Nations

# COVID Response Resources

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## **Standing Up Infection Control Measures:**

- [Alternative Approaches to Sheltering](#)
- [Shelter Preparedness Checklist](#)
- [Creative Staffing Solutions \(See Appendix 1\)](#)
- [COVID Informational Flyers](#)
- [Vaccine Messaging Toolkit](#)
- [Eligible ESG Program Costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness](#)

## **CDC and NHCHC Guidance:**

- [Strategies for Proactive Universal Testing](#)
- [Guidance for Service Providers to Respond to COVID](#)

# ESG Resource Links

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[ESG Regulations](#) - (update published April 2017)

[ESG-CV Notice](#)

General ESG Information

- [HUD ESG Landing Page](#)
- [ESG Program Overview](#)
- [ESG Program HMIS Manual](#)
- [ESG Minimum Habitability Standards ES and Permanent Housing](#)

[ESG Standards and Inspections](#)

[Habitability Example Checklist](#)

TA Resources:

- [Disease Risks and Homelessness](#) - landing page for resources on a wide range of topics
- [ESG-CV Notice Summary](#)
- [Flexibilities/Waivers Granted by the CARES Act + Mega Waiver and Guidance](#) - applicable Waivers on pages 11-14
- [Strategies to Design and Implement a Successful ESG-CV Program](#)
- [IDIS Fact Sheet for ESG and ESG-CV Funds Setup](#)
- [ESG-CV Quarterly Reporting Calendar](#)
- [National Alliance RRH Toolkit](#)

**Questions?**



# Contact Us...

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- If you have any further questions, please contact us:
  - Annual ESG – Please reach out to your ESG Representative or [ESG@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ESG@hcd.ca.gov)
  - ESG-CV – Please reach out to your Grant Administrator

## Incorporating Victim Service Providers into the CoC & CES

- Karen Kowal





# Questions to Discuss Today

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- What is a VSP & why is it important to include domestic violence service providers in your homeless system of care?
- What are the benefits?
- How to connect survivors to housing resources?





# What is a Victim Services Provider (VSP)?

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HUD defines a **victim service provider** to mean a private nonprofit organization whose **primary mission** is to provide direct services to victims of domestic violence. This term includes permanent housing providers—including rapid re-housing, domestic violence programs (shelters and non-residential), domestic violence transitional housing programs, dual domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and related advocacy and supportive services programs.

*Many agencies provide domestic violence services but are not victim services providers under HUD's definition*



# HUD ESG Homeless Definition

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Categories 1-4 of the [Homeless definition](#).

- **Category 1:** Literally homeless individuals/families
- **Category 2:** Individuals/families who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence with no subsequent residence, resources or support networks
- **Category 3:** Unaccompanied youth or families with children/youth who meet the homeless definition under other federal statutes
- **Category 4:** Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence

(4) Any individual or family who:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) Has no other residence; and
- (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing

*HUD considers human trafficking, including sex trafficking, to be “other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member”*

# Continuum of Care (CoC)

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**CoC are tasked with addressing the needs of all homeless people within their geography and this includes subpopulations like survivors of domestic violence**

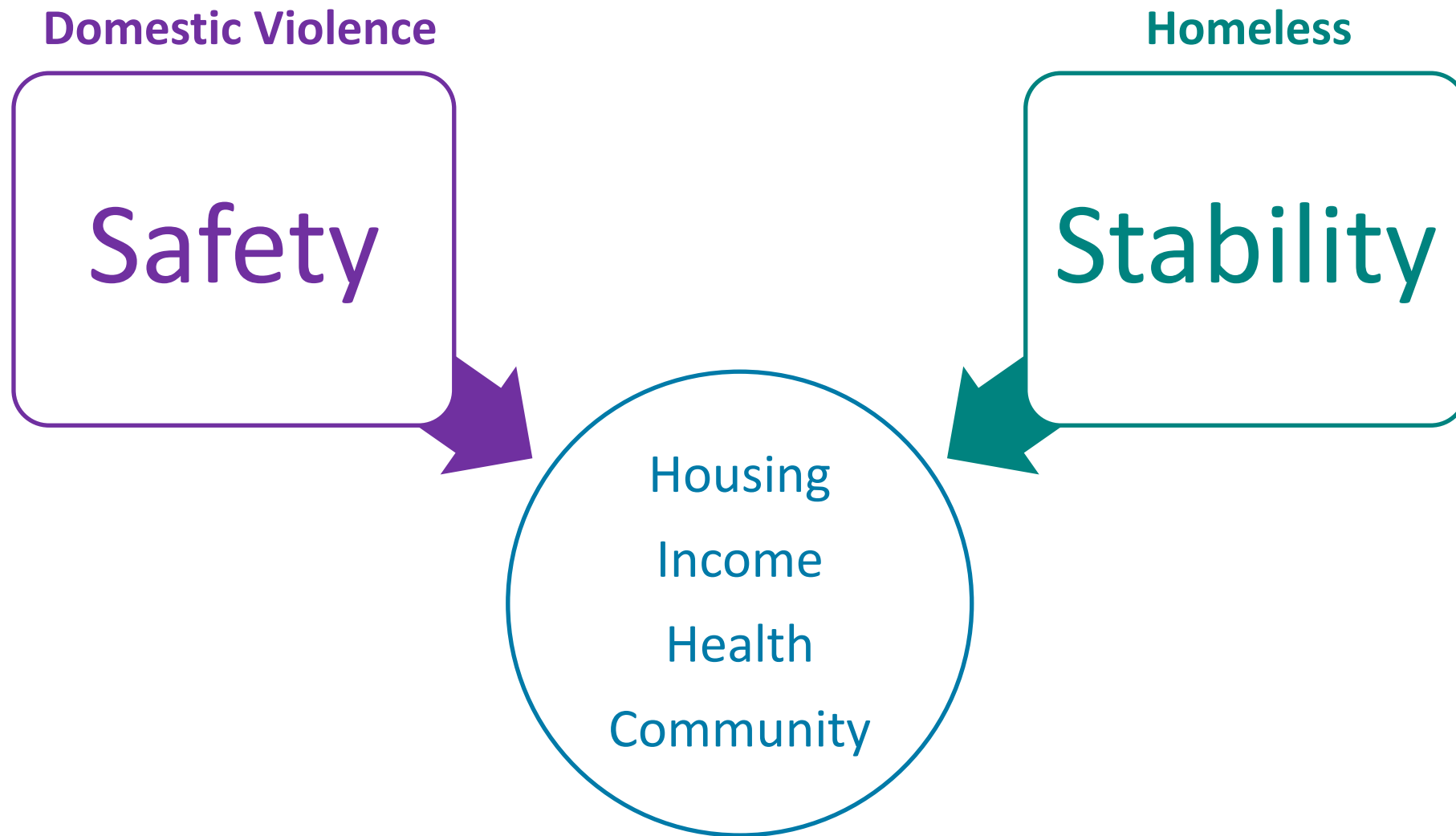


*So why does it feel so challenging?*

# Understanding Each Other

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Example: Measuring Success



# Benefits of Partnering

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Housing First

Equal Access

Trauma  
Informed Care

Disclosure

Client Choice

Elevating  
Survivor  
Needs

Improving  
Participant  
Outcomes

Resource  
Utilization

# Tips for Improving Engagement

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Don't do it just once a year



Leverage each others' strengths



Learn from each other



Don't be afraid

Why is there tension when we talk about housing survivors?

- A. Scarcity of resources
- B. Different definitions of vulnerability
- C. Sharing survivor information
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

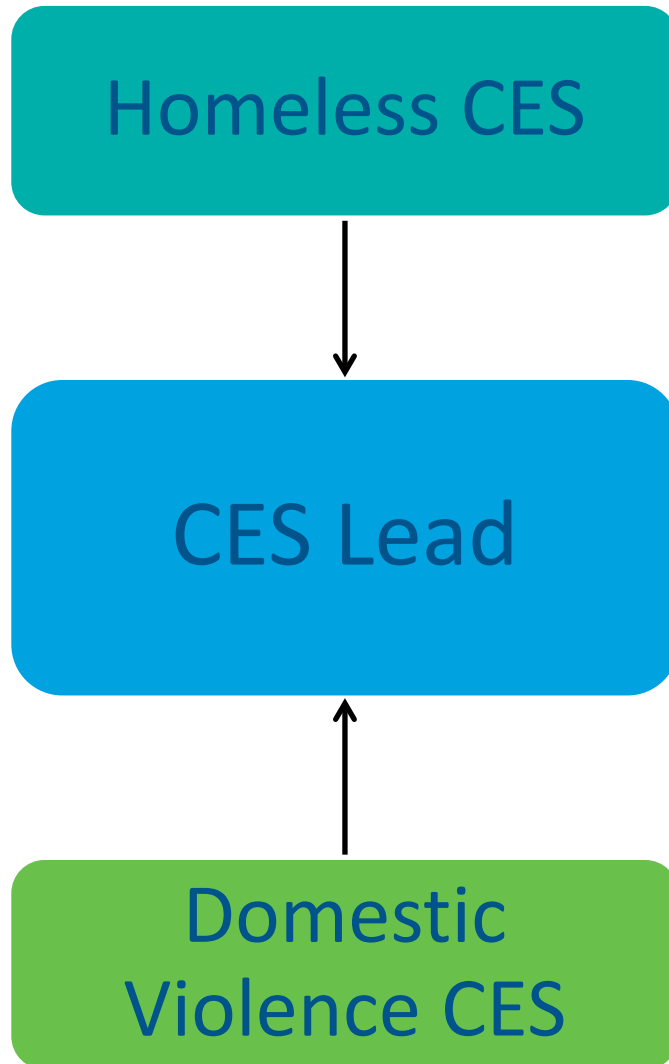
*Creating a Coordinated Entry System where survivors have access to housing resources is challenging.*





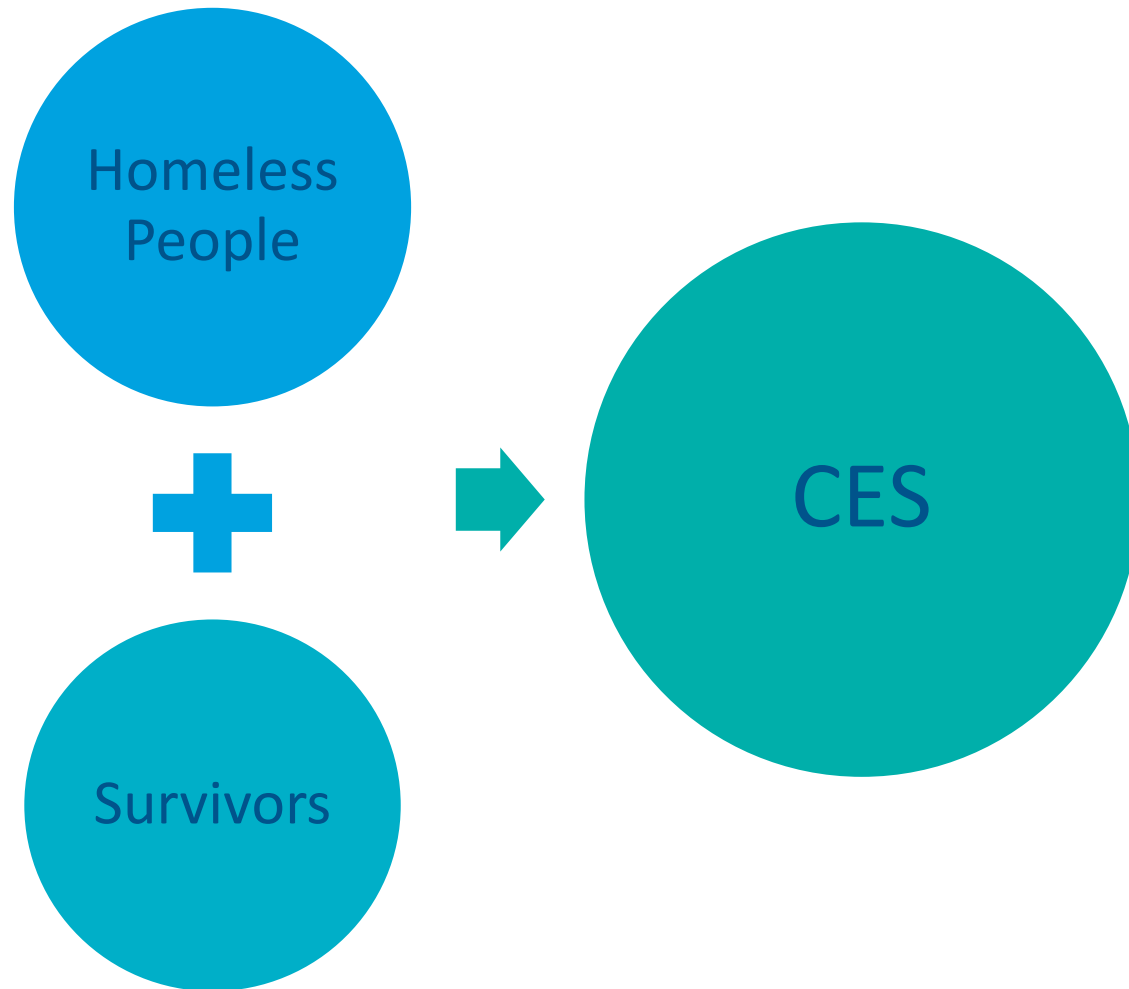
# Coordinated Entry – “Parallel System”

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- CES for DV is separate from CES for the general homeless population
- DV and homeless database can be exact copies
- By Name Lists are separate
- Separate access points and assessors
- People may be on both lists based on community resources and communication
- Incorporating survivors on the homeless BNL or homeless on the DV BNL is through the CES Lead or List Manager

# Coordinated Entry – “Integrated System”



- One system for all regardless whether they are homeless or survivors
- One database BUT VSPs do not enter data
  - Need a process for VSP to have people added to the system (Usually done by CES Lead or List Manager)
- One By Name List are together
- Access points and assessors are trained to work with survivors
- Policies, protocols in place to protect survivor safety and PII
- Access to same housing resources regardless of whether they are homeless or survivors

- You can have anonymous records or records with unique identifiers in HMIS & have data quality
- It is ok to be ok with some duplication in HMIS or between systems
- VSPs must use a comparable database (if HUD funded)
- VSPs cannot enter PII into HMIS
- ROIs = your new BF



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