

The City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton Homelessness Coordinated Entry System

A Coordinated Entry 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 City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton (CKL-H) work together to assess people's housing related needs, and connect them to available supports to find and keep housing.

“Housing First is a program model, a systems approach, and a philosophy that recognizes housing as a basic human right and focuses on helping people experiencing homelessness obtain housing stability.”



Serving People Who Are Experiencing Homelessness

This includes individuals and families who are:

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



Community Entry Points and Common Assessment

Agencies trained to identify and assess people who are homeless, and are working with them to:

1. Divert from emergency shelter when possible
2. Assess needs and make connections to landlords, supports and available housing
3. Continue to assertively engage with the individual and help remove any barriers to securing and maintaining housing.

Community Entry Points include: A Place Called Home, Fourcast, CMHA, CKL Human Services, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Women's Resources, YWCA-Minden



CKL-H By Name List (BNL)

Once assessed, people are added to the CKL-H By-Name List; a real-time, up to date list of all people experiencing homelessness in CLK-H. The BNL helps community partners know every person experiencing homelessness by name, understand what their unique needs are, and then prioritize them for the most appropriate and available housing intervention.



Matching to Available Resources

CKL-H's 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, rental search support and more.

