

## Continuum of Care Abbreviations and Acronyms

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ABREVIATION	EXPLANATION
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report: a report submitted to HUD that shows the number of homeless persons annually
APR	Annual Performance Report: report required for many HUD grants
ART	Advanced Reporting Tool: report generation tool in HMIS
BCH	Bethesda Center for the Homeless
BNL	By Name List
CA	Collaborative Applicant: the organization that submits the CoC grant to HUD on behalf of the CoC
CA Team	Coordinated Assessment Team, run by the CIC, comprised of community members that make decisions regarding RRH or PSH referrals for clients on the BNL
CARES	Cares Act dollars related to the COVID 19 Pandemic
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant: a HUD grant through the City of Winston-Salem
CFC	Community First Center, day shelter operated by City with Dwellings
CH	Chronically Homeless
CHIN	Carolina Homeless Information Network, North Carolina's former HMIS, ended on 4/30/15
CHO	Contributing Homeless Organization: projects providing data on homeless persons in HMIS
CIC	Community Intake Center: our community's coordinated intake and assessment program
CoC	Continuum of Care: our local system of housing, shelter and services for homeless persons
COEH	Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Commission on Ending Homelessness (formerly the Ten Year Plan Commission)
COSH	Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Council on Services for the Homeless: the old name of our CoC from 1987-2014
CPD	Community Planning and Development Division of HUD: funds CDBG, CoC, ESG and other grants
CRF	Corona Relief Funds
CwD	City with Dwellings
DOJ	Department of Justice
DV	Domestic Violence
EA	Emergency Assistance: typically financial assistance for rent, utilities etc.
ES	Emergency Shelter: a generic name for this type of facility
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grant Program: a HUD grant program
ESR	Experiment in Self Reliance
FAST	CoC grant under the larger umbrella of FRRC, it is for families with children, ESR uses these funds
FRRC	Forsyth Rapid Rehousing Collaborative: umbrella overseen by United Way for rapid rehousing programs
FSI	Family Services Inc. (operates the local DV shelter)
HAWS	Housing Authority of Winston-Salem: agency that handles public housing units and housing vouchers
HEARRT	Housing Assistance Rapid Response Team: former housing program dedicated to housing the most vulnerable long-time street homeless, operated by CwD
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009: amended the McKinney-Vento Act which created HUD's homeless programs

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HIC	Housing Inventory Count: count of shelter and housing for homeless persons, submitted to HUD with the PIT count
HIP	CoC grant under the larger umbrella of FRRC, dollars are dedicated to DV clients and funds are used by Family Services DV Case Manager
HM	The Housing Matters Team at United Way, formerly known as TYP (Ten Year Plan)
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	(not an acronym) HOME Investment Partnerships Program: a HUD grant through the city
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS: a HUD grant program
HOT	Housing Opportunities and Treatment: former program operated by WFU Baptist Hospital at Samaritan Ministries' office
HPRP	A HUD rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention grant from 2009-2012, this led to the current RRH Program
HUD	US Department of Housing and Urban Development: a federal department that works on housing and homelessness
HUD FHEO	HUD office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
HUD-VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing: combines housing vouchers from HUD with case management and clinical services from the VA for homeless veterans
IDIS	Integrated Disbursement and Information System: manages HUD ESG, CDBG and HOME funds
LEA	Lead Education Agency: the local school system
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender
LINKS	(not an acronym) Department of Social Services program for youth transitioning from foster care
MCAH	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness: the HMIS lead agency for Michigan and North Carolina (pronounced "mi-cah")
MCO	Managed Care Organization
NAEH	National Alliance to End Homelessness
NC HMIS	The organized HMIS in North Carolina, it has a governance committee with reps from all 12 CoCs in North Carolina
NCCEH	North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness ( <a href="http://www.ncceh.org">www.ncceh.org</a> )
NOFA	Notice of Funds Availability: an announcement of grants we can apply for
PATH	Projects Assisting in Transition to Housing: a federal grant program with outreach, etc. to persons with mental illness
PH	Permanent Housing
PHA	Public Housing Agency or Public Housing Authority (in our community it is HAWS)
PIT Count	Point in Time Count: annual count of the homeless on the streets/shelters, submitted to HUD annually
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing: housing for homeless persons with disabilities
QSOBBA	Qualified Service Organization Business Associate Agreement: an HMIS data sharing agreement
RRH (RR)	Rapid Rehousing: short-term financial assistance and services, funded by HUD CoC, ESG and other sources
SAM	Samaritan Ministries
S+C or SPC	Shelter Plus Care: long-term rental assistance for disabled homeless persons, funded by HUD CoC grants

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SCHIP	State Children’s Health Insurance Program
SOAR	SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery: a federal program to increase access to Social Security disability income benefits for homeless, mentally ill or substance users
SPMI	Severely and persistently mentally ill
SRO	Single Room Occupancy: a dwelling unit generally a sleeping room with shared bath and kitchen
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSVF	Supportive Services for Veterans Families: a VA program providing housing stabilization for veterans
TANF	Transitional Assistance for Needy Families: a federal/state/county program that mainly provides cash assistance
TBRA	Tenant Based Rental Assistance: a voucher that a household may use to shop for a housing unit from landlords
TH	Transitional Housing
TRA	Tenant Rental Assistance (same as tenant based rental assistance) as opposed to project or sponsor based
TSA	The Salvation Army (sometimes referred to as SAWS: Salvation Army Winston-Salem)
TYP	Ten Year Plan: the strategic plan to end homelessness
TYPIC	Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Ten Year Plan Commission on Ending Homelessness
USICH	United States Interagency Council on Homelessness
UWFC/UW	United Way of Forsyth County
VA	Veterans Affairs: a federal department working on issues related to veterans
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing: a federal program which combines housing vouchers from HUD with case management and clinical services from the VA for homeless veterans
VAWA	Violence Against Women Act
VHVH	Veterans Helping Veterans Heal: a local transitional housing facility for homeless veterans
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool: an assessment tool used by the CIC