

## **GA-506 Marietta/Cobb Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry**

Coordinated Entry (CE) is a community-wide process that matches people experiencing homelessness to housing resources that best meet their needs. Homeless households in Cobb County are referred to one of two “Point of Entry” social service organizations. These organizations help clients complete a standard assessment geared toward identifying their household’s level of vulnerability and need in order to help determine the best type of services available in Cobb for that household. Client data and assessments are input into the Continuum of Care’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS automatically calculates assessment scores and places households on a “By-Name” waitlist that is sorted by assessment score, which prioritizes them by level of vulnerability/need.

A Coordinated Entry Specialist (CES) housed at MUST Ministries is the point person for Cobb’s CE process. The CES maintains up-to-date information about housing availability in each of the CoC’s Rapid-Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs and regularly reviews the By-Name waitlist, making referrals to these housing programs as appropriate and as space becomes available. This means that the housing programs participating in CE no longer maintain their own waitlists or have to recruit households, as they serve the most vulnerable persons in the community. And households no longer must advocate for themselves at multiple organizations in order to access permanent housing programs. However, at present clients must continue to directly contact organizations that specifically provide assistance to meet other housing needs, such as emergency shelter and transitional housing.

Clients experiencing homelessness or risk of homelessness and are requesting housing should be referred to Point of Entry locations (POEs) for Cobb County’s Coordinated Entry System. Referring organizations should clarify for clients that all of the POEs (listed below) perform the same assessments and use the same procedures, so it is only necessary to go to one POE for entry into Cobb’s CE System.

### **GA-506 Marietta/Cobb CoC Point of Entry Locations**

MUST Ministries  
Elizabeth Inn Outreach Building  
55 Elizabeth Church Road  
Marietta, GA 30061  
678-218-4534  
[housingservices@mustministries.org](mailto:housingservices@mustministries.org)  
Intake days and hours:  
M, T, W, TH, F: 10AM-2PM

The Center for Family Resources  
995 Roswell Street, Suite 100  
Marietta, GA 30060  
770-428-2601  
Intake days and hours:  
M, T, TH: 9AM-12PM and 1PM-4PM  
F: 9AM-12PM

**For persons fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking - refer directly to:  
liveSAFE Resources  
24-hour Crisis Line: 770-427-3390**