

Coordinated Access Network Overview

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BEFORE THE CAN SYSTEM

Connecticut's
homeless response
system before
Coordinated Access
Networks were
launched in 2014.

- > Program-centric, leaving client in crisis responsible for navigating system
- > Biased towards clients who have good advocates and/or are good self-advocates
- > Lack of information / data on who is experiencing homelessness in the community and what is needed to help them return to stable housing

COORDINATED ACCESS NETWORKS

There are currently seven CANs covering the state of CT, each responsible for coordinating and improving local service delivery.



Client-centric single point of entry and standardized triage process



Housing first and housing focused



Resources and staff time are prioritized to the most vulnerable



Regional data on every household experiencing homelessness and trends over time

Key Components of the CAN System

Each Coordinated Access Network has infrastructure to support the critical functions of the local homeless response system.



ENTRY

United Way 211
Outreach
CAN Housing
Planning



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Emergency Shelter
Flexible Assistance



HOUSING RESOLUTION

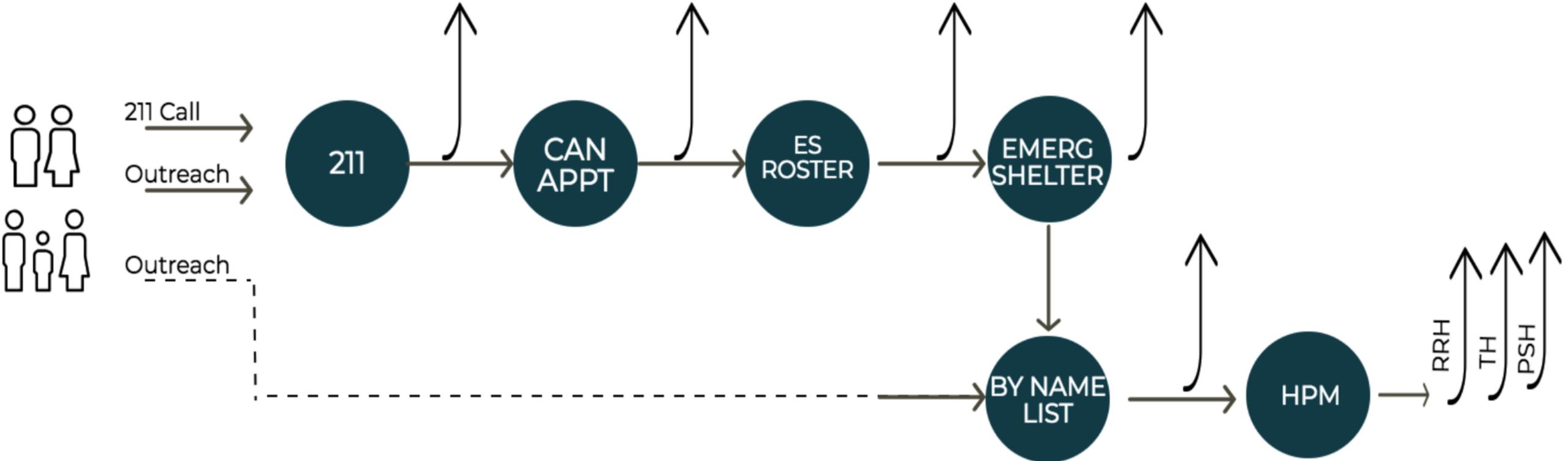
By Name Lists
Solutions Meetings
Rehousing Programming

CAN System Visualization

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System Map

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