

Access Points Policy Proposal

Any organization that serves people experiencing homelessness can become a CES Access Point. Any organization can apply to become a CES Access Point. There are no fees, and the WI BOSCOOC coordinates training for all CES Access Points.

- Access Points generally have one or more fixed locations, predetermined business hours, etc.
- CES Access Points, include both stationary sites and outreach workers.
- Access Points must be made accessible to individuals with disabilities, including accessible physical locations for individuals who use wheelchairs, as well as people in the LCES who are least likely to access homeless assistance.
- While most CES Access Points serve all people experiencing homelessness, some are exclusive to one or more of the following subpopulations:
 - Youth
 - Families with children
 - Single adults
 - People fleeing domestic violence
 - Veterans

Under the Access component of CES, people experiencing homelessness shall:

1. Be quickly assessed to determine whether they are experiencing homelessness according to HUD's definition;
2. Receive access to emergency shelter and crisis housing (e.g. churches, hotel/motel vouchers, etc.) as available;
3. Have their information recorded in the WI BOSCOOC CE HMIS or Non-HMIS database;

The Access component of CES is provided by:

- CES Access Points;
- CoC Program-funded SSO, SSO-CE, SSO DV CE projects;
- ESG-funded Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter projects;
- Any other CoC Program- or ESG-funded project that conducts outreach.

For more information on becoming an Access Point, please contact the WIBOS Homeless Systems Team.