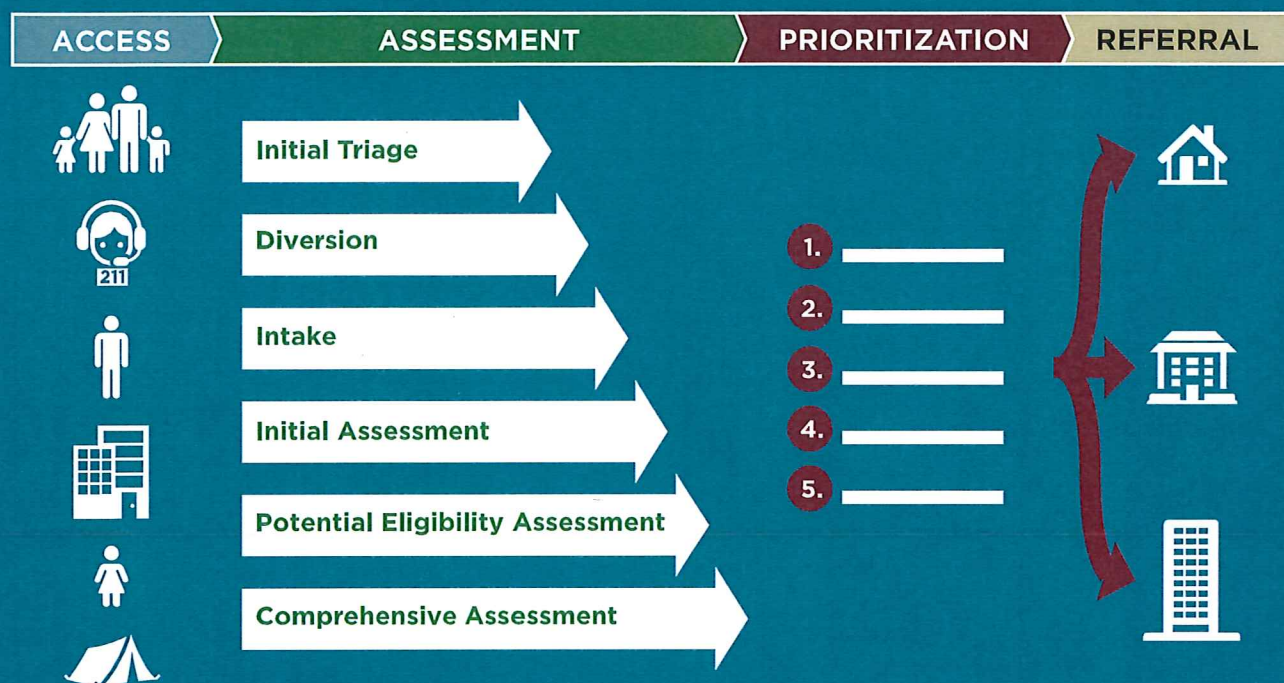


# Coordinated Entry Core Elements



The figure above shows how coordinated entry's core elements might relate to one another.

- **Access**, the engagement point for persons experiencing a housing crisis, could look and function differently depending on the specific community. Persons (families, single adults, youth) might initially access the crisis response system by calling a crisis hotline or other information and referral resource, walking into an access point facility, or being engaged through outreach efforts.
- Upon initial access, CoC providers associated with coordinated entry likely will begin assessing the person's housing needs, preferences, and vulnerability. This coordinated entry element is referred to as **Assessment**. It is progressive; that is, potentially multiple layers of sequential information gathering occurring at various phases in the coordinated entry process, for different purposes, by one or more staff.
- During assessment, the person's needs and level of vulnerability may be documented for purposes of determining **Prioritization**. Prioritization helps the CoC manage its inventory of community housing resources and services, ensuring that those persons with the greatest need and vulnerability receive the supports they need to resolve their housing crisis.
- The final element is **Referral**. Persons are referred to available CoC housing resources and services in accordance with the CoC's documented prioritization guidelines.