

**Pierce County Coordinated Entry System (CES)
PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA**

The list below presents a proposed set of criteria that Pierce County will use to identify those homeless people who have the most severe housing needs and receive highest priority for a housing referral. The table presents the proposed criteria, suggested weight of each one, and whether the information is already collected as part of the existing Centralized Intake process.

Proposed Criteria	Proposed Weight in Prioritization Scoring	Information Currently Collected?
1. Vulnerability Factors – Prioritize High Risk of Death or Immediate Harm (Serious Illness, Violence or Victimization)		
a. Age (under 18, over 65)	Medium	Yes – initial phone screen and assessment
b. Acute or chronic medical condition posing immediate risk of harm	High	Yes – Assessment interview
c. Acute current mental health symptoms causing risk to self or others	High	No – would need to add assessment questions
d. Active substance abuse causing risk to self or others	High	No – would need to add assessment questions
e. Pregnancy	High	Yes – Assessment interview
f. Frequent criminal justice interactions	Medium	No – would need to add assessment questions
g. Imminent danger from family, household member, other people in the person’s life (including DV)	High	Yes – Initial phone screen and assessment interview, but probably would need to expand questions.
h. Engaging in risky behavior in exchange for money/shelter	High	No – would need to add assessment questions
2. Housing Barriers Factors – Prioritize People Who Are Hardest to House		
a. Chronically homeless	High	Yes – initial phone screen and assessment
b. Length of time unsheltered	High	Yes – initial phone screen and assessment
c. Disabling condition (health or behavioral health challenge or functional impairment) impairing ability to secure housing	High	Yes – initial phone screen and assessment
d. No income or extremely low income (below 10% AMI)	Medium	Yes – initial phone screen and assessment
e. Criminal record (felony)	Medium	Yes – Assessment interview
f. Eviction history	Medium	Yes – Assessment interview
g. Lack of recent rental history	Medium	Yes – Assessment interview
h. Large household size	Medium	Yes – initial phone screen and assessment