



### **What is a By-Name List?**

A By-Name List (BNL) is a real-time list of all people experiencing homelessness in our community. Using a Housing First approach, participating agencies of the Community Advisory Board in Dufferin County work together to assess people's housing related needs, and connect them to available supports to find and keep housing. The By-Name List ranks applicants based on a number of factors with the highest ranking clients receiving assistance first regardless of date of application.

### **Who will see the applicant's information?**

To ensure that applicants access the supports that they need, it may be important for relevant information to be shared among the partner agencies. Only information related to obtaining and maintaining housing will be collected and accessed by partner agencies. For a list of partnering agencies, please contact the number below.

Applicants will be asked to sign a By-Name List consent to allow for the sharing of personal information. This consent is required to participate in the By-Name List & Housing First.

### **What questions will be asked?**

Applicants will be asked to complete the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Prescreen Tool (Vi-SPDAT) and a Housing Needs Assessment.

The VI-SPDAT helps identify who should be recommended for each housing and support intervention, moving the discussion from simply who is eligible for a service intervention to who is eligible and in greatest need of that intervention.

The Housing Needs Assessment will be completed to assist agencies with matching clients to appropriate housing.

### **How will applicants be prioritized?**

Applicants will then be placed on the Dufferin By-Name List, answers they have provided will be used to calculate their By-Name List ranking. This ranking will be used to prioritize applicants for supports & service.

Please note that completing the application for the By-Name List does not guarantee immediate assistance.

## **What are the criteria for applying to the by-Name List?**

Applicants need to meet the following criteria:

- Must be 16 years or older
- Must be in Dufferin County
- Must be homeless for a minimum of 14 days prior to application

## **To participate or for further information:**

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