



## NEW BEDFORD HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS NETWORK [HSPN]

# Acronyms ■ Initials ■ Vocabulary

- ADA** Americans with Disabilities Act
- AHAR** Annual Housing Availability Report
- APR** Annual Performance Report (Annual Progress Report for homeless programs)
- BSAS** Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
- (The) CALL** Coordinated Access to Local Links (New Bedford's Coordinated Entry System)
- CDBG** Community Development Block Grant (CPD Program)
- CHDO** Community and Housing Development Organization. Non-profit housing provider receiving minimum of 15% of HOME Investment Partnership funds
- CoC** Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless
- Continuum of Care** Federal program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness
- Con Plan** Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under the Community Development Block Grant and other CPD programs
- CORI** Criminal Offender Record Information
- CPD** Community Planning and Development (HUD Office of)
- CSS** Catholic Social Services, Inc.
- Data Warehouse** Information system storing HUD program and operational data
- DCF** MA Department of Children and Families
- DHCD** MA Department of Housing & Community Development
- DMH** Department of Mental Health
- DMR** Department of Mental Retardation
- DOJ** Department of Justice
- DPHCD** City of New Bedford's Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development

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| <b>DPH</b>              | Department of Public Health  |
| <b>DTA</b>              | Department of Transitional Assistance  |
| <b>DX</b>               | Diagnosis  |
| <b>DYS</b>              | Department of Youth Services   |
| <b>EAEDC</b>            | Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children  |
| <b>EC</b>               | Enterprise Communities   |
| <b>EIP</b>              | Early Intervention Program (for children ages 0-3)   |
| <b>EOEA</b>             | Executive Office of Elder Affairs  |
| <b>EOHHS</b>            | Executive Office of Health & Human Services  |
| <b>ESG</b>              | Emergency Solutions Grants (CPD program; formerly Emergency Shelter Grants)  |
| <b>ETS</b>              | Employment Training Specialist   |
| <b>Fair Housing Act</b> | 1968 act (amended in 1974 and 1988) providing HUD Secretary with fair housing enforcement and investigation responsibilities |
| <b>FEMA</b>             | Federal Emergency Management Administration  |
| <b>FHA</b>              | Federal Housing Administration (HUD Office of Housing)   |
| <b>FHAP</b>             | Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHEO program). Program assisting State/local govt with process fair housing complaints.     |
| <b>GPRA</b>             | Government Performance and Results Act. Requires Federal Agencies to establish performance standards and report on results.  |
| <b>HEARTH Act</b>       | Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act  |
| <b>HIPPA</b>            | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996  |
| <b>HMIS</b>             | Homeless Management Information System   |
| <b>HOME</b>             | Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)   |
| <b>HOPWA</b>            | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program)  |
| <b>HUD</b>              | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development   |
| <b>LIHTC</b>            | Low Income Housing Tax Credit  |
| <b>MassHealth</b>       | MA Office of Medicaid  |

- MOU** Memorandum of Understanding
- NBHA** New Bedford Housing Authority
- NOFA** (HUD) Notice of Funding Availability
- PAACA** Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc.
- PCA** Personal Care Attendant
- POC** Plan of Care
- PS** Protective Service
- PSH** Permanent Supportive Housing
- RFP** Request for Proposals. Used to solicit proposals for contracts under the negotiated procurement method.
- Section 8** Housing Assistance Payment Program (Housing and Community Development Act of 1974)
- Section 202** Loans for construction/rehab of housing for the elderly or handicapped
- Section 202/811** Programs for housing assistance to the elderly and people with disabilities
- SFS** Southeast Family Services, Inc.
- SRO** Single-Room Occupancy. Mortgage insurance under Section 221(d) for single room apartments.
- SSA** Social Security Administration
- SSDI** Supplemental Security Disability Income
- Super NOFA** HUD's consolidated approach to issuance of Notices of Funding Availability
- TANF** Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.
- TAFDC** Transitional aid to families with dependent children
- VA** Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
- VTH** Veteran's Transition House of Southeaster MA, Inc.
- WIC** MA Woman, Infants & Children's Supplemental Nutrition Program

*A more extensive list of abbreviations associated with HUD programs is available [here](#)*