



NEW SHELTER PRIORITIZATION POLICY

1. The placement process is as follows:

- a. Families staying in a place where they are being physically or sexually abused and are unable to access a Domestic Violence Shelter (existing process, no change)
- b. “Verified unsheltered” as confirmed by SFHOT / Compass staff, including:
 - i. Long-term shelter lengths of stay in congregate settings:
 1. First Friendship (congregate mats) families whose length of stay is 60+ days. Given the challenges of congregate with mats stays, a family whose length of stay exceeded 60 days will have its stay multiplied by a factor of 1.5, in order to arrive at an adjusted length of stay that is then used to determine placement prioritization.
 2. Hamilton Families (60-day congregate beds) whose length of stay is 100+ days
 3. Adults who will be reunited with child(ren) for whom the adult has documented 50% custody and reunification will occur within seven (7) days of shelter placement.
 4. Adults who are pregnant in shelters or navigation centers by verified lengths of homelessness.
 - c. No change to the following existing practice:

Safety Concerns	1 Point	Self-report
Pregnant in 3rd Trimester/28 weeks)	1 Point	Proof of pregnancy with expected due date
Child under 2 years	1 Point for each child	Birth Certificate/Parent Report
High risk pregnancy	1 Point	Documented and approved by Maria Albarca @ DPH
Health Risk that does not allow family to be in congregate setting	1 point for each member	Documented and approved by Maria Albarca @ DPH
Mental Health Risk that does not allow family to be in congregate setting	1 point for each member	Documented and approved by Director of Clinical Services @ Compass
Substance use/abuse:	1 Point	Documented and approved by Director of Clinical Services @ Compass

