

# Tze Tza Watul Glossary

## Groups and Organizations

**CAB: Community Advisory Board.** Called Tze Tza Watul, Tze Tza Watul Cowichan CAB, or Cowichan CAB interchangeably.

*Definition: The CAB is an advisory body that assesses and recommends projects in Cowichan for Reaching Home funding based on the local homelessness action plan. The CAB is a member-based group comprised of First Nations, non-profits, service providers, and government. The CAB is formed of up to 20 voting members.*

**Tze Tza Watul:** *The CAB's name was gifted and means "Working together (in sincerity) for the betterment of the People/community."*

**CE: Community Entity.** In Cowichan, the CE is United Way BC - Central & Northern Vancouver Island.

*Definition: Every community receiving Reaching Home funding has a local Community Entity to administer funding on behalf of the federal government in Ottawa. Our CE is United Way BC - Central & Northern Vancouver Island.*

**UWCNVI or UWBC - CNVI: United Way Central & Northern Vancouver Island,** recently changed to United Way BC - Central & Northern Vancouver Island. Cowichan's Community Entity.

**LA: Lead agency.**

*Definition: An organization selected through an RFP process to lead the development of Cowichan's Coordinated Access System.*

**RH: Reaching Home.** Refers to the Government of Canada's Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy funding program.

## Systems

**CA: Coordinated Access** (referring to Coordinated Access Systems, also known as CAS).

*Definition: Coordinated Access is an integrated, systems-based approach to addressing homelessness that supports better service integration and ensures that service providers work together to reach shared, community-level outcomes. A CAS streamlines the steps necessary to access community resources and helps reduce duplication of effort. For more information, see our Cowichan CAB Basics of Coordinated Access or The Homeless Hub's Guide to Coordinated Access.*

**HMIS: Homelessness Management Information System.**

**HIFIS: Homeless Individuals and Families Information System.**

**SPO: Systems Planning Organization**

*Definition: The analysis, planning and design of an integrated system of defined service-delivery components that work together to prevent, reduce and end homelessness.*