



VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT – TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

Administration

Interviewer Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
Organization: _____		
Survey Date: ____/____/____ <small>Month/Day/Year</small>	Survey Time: __: __ AM/PM	Survey Location: _____

Opening Script

Hello, my name is _____ [interviewer’s name], and I work for _____ [organization name].

To determine your eligibility for homeless services, I would like to assess your housing and service needs. If you give me permission, I will ask you questions about your health and housing. The assessment will take about 15 minutes. Some of the questions will be of a personal nature, but only require yes or no answers. The questions are not intended to judge you, but to assess your current needs and eligibility for services. If you ask, I can clarify a question or you can decide not to answer a question. If you do not answer a question, no one will be upset with you. However, this information is important to help determine if you qualify for services. Skipped or inaccurate answers may affect your eligibility. It will benefit you to answer as honestly as possible, especially since we may need to verify some of your answers later.

Basic Information

Do you consent to participate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
First Name	Nickname	Last Name
_____	_____	_____
In what language do you feel best able to express yourself? _____		
Date of Birth: ____/____/____ <small>Month/Day/Year</small>	Age: ____	Social Security Number: _____

IF THE PERSON IS 17 YEARS OF AGE OR LESS, THEN SCORE 1.	SCORE: <input type="text"/>
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A. History of Housing and Homelessness

1. Where do you sleep most frequently? (Check one)

- Housed Transitional Housing Shelters (incl. Emergency Motels)
 Outdoors **Couch Surfing** **Other (specify):** _____ **Refused**

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS "OUTDOORS", "COUCH SURFING", "OTHER" OR "REFUSED" THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

2. How long has it been since you lived in permanent, stable housing? _____ Refused

3. In the last three years, how many times have you been homeless? _____ Refused

IF THE PERSON HAS EXPERIENCED 1 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR 4 OR MORE EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS, THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

B. Risks

4. In the past six months, how many times have you...

- a) Received health care at an emergency department/room? a) _____ Refused
- b) Taken an ambulance to the hospital? b) _____ Refused
- c) Been hospitalized as an inpatient? c) _____ Refused
- d) Used a crisis service, including sexual assault crisis, mental health crisis, family/intimate violence, distress centers, and suicide prevention hotlines? d) _____ Refused
- e) Talked to police because you witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime, were the alleged perpetrator of a crime, or because the police told you that you must move along? e) _____ Refused
- f) Stayed one or more nights in a jail, prison, or juvenile detention, even if you were not charged with a crime? f) _____ Refused

IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS EQUALS 4 OR MORE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE USE.

SCORE:

5. Have you been physically attacked or beaten up since becoming homeless? **Yes** No Refused

6. Have you threatened to, or tried to, harm yourself or anyone else in the last year? **Yes** No Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF HARM.

SCORE:



7. Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in you being locked up, having to pay fines, or that make it more difficult to rent a place to live? Yes No Refused

8. Were you ever incarcerated when younger than age 18? Yes No Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR LEGAL ISSUES.

SCORE:

9. Do you ever feel like you are being forced or manipulated into doing things that you would not normally do? Yes No Refused

10. Do you ever do anything that you or others consider risky, including: exchange sex for money, food, drugs, or a place to stay, run drugs for someone, or share a needle? Yes No Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF EXPLOITATION.

SCORE:

C. Socialization & Daily Functioning

11. Do you owe anyone money, or does anyone think that you owe them money? Yes No Refused

12. Do you have any income from a job, an allowance, under the table work, a pension, inheritance, government benefits, or any other sources? (excluding general assistance/GA) Yes No Refused

IF "YES" TO QUESTION 10, OR "NO" TO QUESTION 11, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MONEY MANAGEMENT.

SCORE:

13. Do you engage in any activities or hobbies – other than meeting your basic needs - that make you feel happy? Yes No Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR MEANINGFUL DAILY ACTIVITY.

SCORE:

14. Are you currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water, and things like that? Yes No Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR SELF-CARE.

SCORE:



15. Has your lack of housing been caused by one of the following reasons? Yes No Refused

- You ran away from your family home, a group home, or foster home.
- A difference in religious or cultural beliefs from your parents, guardians, or caregivers.
- Conflicts around gender identity or sexual orientation.
- Your family or friends caused you to become homeless.

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

SCORE:

16. Is your current lack of stable housing because of violence at home or because of an unhealthy or abusive relationship? Yes No Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR ABUSE/TRAUMA.

SCORE:

D. Wellness

17. Have you ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of your physical health? Yes No Refused

18. Do you have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs, or heart? Yes No Refused

19. Have you ever been diagnosed with HIV or AIDS? Yes No Refused

20. Do you have any physical disabilities that would limit the type of housing you could access, or that would make it hard to live independently because you'd need help? Yes No Refused

21. When you are sick or not feeling well, do you avoid getting help? Yes No Refused

22. Are you currently pregnant, have you ever been pregnant, or have you ever gotten someone pregnant? Yes No Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH.

SCORE:

23. Have you ever had problems with drug or alcohol abuse, abused drugs or alcohol, or been told that you do? Yes No Refused

24. Have you used injection drugs or shots in the last six months? Yes No Refused

25. Have you ever returned to using drugs or alcohol, after being treated for a drug or alcohol problem? Yes No Refused

26. Have you blacked out because of alcohol or drug use in the last month? Yes No Refused

27. If you have ever used marijuana, did you ever try it at age 12 or younger? Yes No Refused



OBSERVATION ONLY – DO NOT ASK: Surveyor, do you observe signs or symptoms of problematic alcohol or drug use?

Yes No Unsure

IF “YES” TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR SUBSTANCE USE.

SCORE:

28. Have you ever been taken to a hospital against your will for a mental health issue or concern? Yes No Refused

29. Have you ever gone to the emergency room because you weren't feeling 100% well emotionally or because of your nerves? Yes No Refused

30. Have you spoken with a psychiatrist, psychologist, or other mental health professional in the last year because of mental health – whether that was voluntary or because someone insisted? Yes No Refused

31. Have you had a serious brain injury or head trauma? Yes No Refused

32. Have you ever been told you have a learning disability or developmental disability? Yes No Refused

33. Do you have any problems concentrating or remembering things? Yes No Refused

OBSERVATION ONLY – DO NOT ASK: Surveyor, do you detect signs or symptoms of severe, persistent mental illness or severely compromised cognitive functioning?

Yes No Unsure

IF “YES” TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MENTAL HEALTH.

SCORE:

IF THE RESPONDENT SCORED 1 FOR *PHYSICAL HEALTH*, AND 1 FOR *SUBSTANCE USE*, AND 1 FOR *MENTAL HEALTH*, THEN SCORE 1 FOR TRI-MORBIDITY.

SCORE:

34. Are there any medications that a doctor said you should be taking but that you are not taking, or are taking differently than prescribed? Yes No Refused

IF “YES,” THEN SCORE 1 FOR MEDICATIONS.

SCORE:



Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	NOTES
Pre-Survey (page 1)	/1	
A. History of Housing and Homelessness	/2	
B. Risks	/4	
C. Socialization and Daily Functioning	/5	
D. Wellness	/5	
GRAND TOTAL:	/17	

Follow-Up Questions

Are you currently working with any case workers? <i>(List name, etc., below.)</i>		
Name	Organization	Phone Number or Email Address

Is there a phone number or email address where someone can safely get in touch with you, or leave you a message?	
Phone Number	Email Address