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GENERAL INFORMATION/CONSENT

Interviewer's Name		Agency <input type="checkbox"/> TEAM <input type="checkbox"/> STAFF <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER
Date	Time	Location
HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD 1		
In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?		
First Name		Last Name
Nickname		Social Security Number
How old are you?	What's your date of birth?	Has Consented to Participate <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD 2 (when applicable)		
In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?		
First Name		Last Name
Nickname		Social Security Number
How old are you?	What's your date of birth?	Has Consented to Participate <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If either head of household is 60 years or older, then score 1.		Prescreen Score



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CHILDREN			
Total number of children under the age of 18 that are currently with the head(s) of household		RESPONSE	REFUSED <input type="checkbox"/>
How many children under the age of 18 are not currently with your family, but you have reason to believe they will be joining you when you get housed?		RESPONSE	REFUSED <input type="checkbox"/>
Last Name	First Name	How old?	Date of Birth
Only ask the following question when there is at least one female head of household, and/or if there is at least one female child 13 years of age or older: Is any member of the family currently pregnant?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Single Parent Family: If there are two or more children, or any child 11 years of age or younger, and/or it is a female single parent that is pregnant, score 1.		Prescreen Score	
Two Parent Family: If there are three or more children, or any child 6 years of age or younger, and/or there is a female head of household that is pregnant, score 1.			
PRE-SCREEN GENERAL & FAMILY SIZE INFORMATION SUBTOTAL			

A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

QUESTIONS			
If at least one head of household AND at least one child has experienced two or more cumulative years of homelessness, and/or 4+ episodes of homelessness, then score 1.		RESPONSE	REFUSED <input type="checkbox"/>
1. What is the total length of time you and your family have lived on the streets or in shelters?			<input type="checkbox"/>
2. In the past three years, how many times have you and your family been housed and then homeless again?			<input type="checkbox"/>
PRE-SCREEN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SUBTOTAL			



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B. RISKS

SCRIPT: I am going to ask some questions about all the times you and other members of your family have had interactions with health and emergency services. If you need any help figuring out when six months ago was, just let me know.

QUESTIONS				Prescreen Score
	RESPONSE	REFUSED		
If the total number of interactions across questions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 is equal to or greater than 4, then score 1.				
3. In the past six months, how many times have you and/or members of your family been to the emergency department/room?		<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. In the past six months, how many times have you and/or members of your family had an interaction with the police?		<input type="checkbox"/>		
5. In the past six months, how many times have you and/or members of your family been taken to the hospital in an ambulance?		<input type="checkbox"/>		
6. In the past six months, how many times have you and/or members of your family used a crisis service, including distress centers or suicide prevention hotlines?		<input type="checkbox"/>		
7. In the past six months, how many times have you and/or members of your family been hospitalized as an in-patient, including hospitalizations in a mental health hospital?		<input type="checkbox"/>		
If YES to questions 8 or 9, then score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
8. Have you or any family member been attacked or beaten up since becoming homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Have you or any family member threatened to or tried to harm themselves or anyone else in the last year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If YES to question 10, then score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
10. Do you or any member of the family have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in being locked up or having to pay fines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If YES to questions 11 or 12; OR if respondent provides any answer <i>OTHER THAN "Shelter"</i> in question 13, then score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
11. Does anybody force or trick you or any member of the family to do things that they do not want to do?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Do you or any family member ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone you don't really know, share a needle, or anything like that?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. I am going to read types of places people sleep. Please tell me which one that you and your family sleep at most often. (Check only one.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Street, Sidewalk or Doorway <input type="checkbox"/> Car, Van or RV <input type="checkbox"/> Bus or Subway <input type="checkbox"/> Beach, Riverbed or Park <input type="checkbox"/> Other (SPECIFY): _____			
PRE-SCREEN RISKS SUBTOTAL				



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C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS

QUESTIONS				Prescreen Score	
	YES	NO	REFUSED		
If YES to question 14 or NO to questions 15 or 16, score 1.					
14. Is there anybody that thinks you or any family member owes them money?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
15. Does the family have any money coming in on a regular basis, like through a job or government benefit or even working under the table, binning or bottle collecting, sex work, odd jobs, day labor, or anything like that?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
16. Does your family have enough money to meet all expenses on a monthly basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If NO to question 17, score 1.				Prescreen Score	
17. Do you and each member of the family have planned activities each day other than just surviving that bring happiness and fulfillment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If YES to questions 18 or 19, score 1.					Prescreen Score
18. Do you or any member of the family have any friends, family or other people in your life out of convenience or necessity, but you do not like their company?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
19. Do any friends, family or other people in you or your family's life ever take your money, borrow cigarettes, use your drugs, drink your alcohol, or get you to do things you really don't want to do?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
OBSERVE ONLY. DO NOT ASK! If YES, score 1.	YES	NO			Prescreen Score
20. Surveyor, do you detect signs of poor hygiene or daily living skills of any family member?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
PRE-SCREEN SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS SUBTOTAL					



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D. WELLNESS

QUESTIONS				
If Does Not Go For Care, score 1.		RESPONSE		Prescreen Score
21. Where do you and other family members usually go for healthcare when you're not feeling well?		<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> VA <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Does not go for care		
For EACH YES response in questions 22 through 25 (Medical Conditions), score 1.				
<i>Do you or any family member have now, ever had, or had a healthcare provider ever told you that you have any of the following medical conditions:</i>		YES	NO	REFUSED
22. Kidney disease/End Stage Renal Disease or Dialysis		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. History of frostbite, Hypothermia, or Immersion Foot		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Liver disease, Cirrhosis, or End-Stage Liver Disease		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. HIV+/AIDS		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If YES to any of the conditions in questions 26 to 34, then mark "X" in Other Medical Condition column.		YES	NO	REFUSED
26. History of Heat Stroke/Heat Exhaustion		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Heart disease, Arrhythmia, or Irregular Heartbeat		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Emphysema		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Diabetes		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Asthma		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Cancer		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Hepatitis C		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Tuberculosis		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OBSERVATION ONLY – DO NOT ASK:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
34. Surveyor, do you observe signs or symptoms of a serious health condition?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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If any response is YES in questions 35 through 42, score 1 in the Substance Use column.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Substance Use
35. Have you or any member of the family ever had problematic drug or alcohol use, abused drugs or alcohol, or told you do?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
36. Have you or any family member consumed alcohol and/or drugs almost every day or every day for the past month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
37. Have you or any family member ever used injection drugs or shots in the last six months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
38. Have you or any family member ever been treated for drug or alcohol problems and returned to drinking or using drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
39. Have you or any family member used non-beverage alcohol like cough syrup, mouthwash, rubbing alcohol, cooking wine, or anything like that in the past six months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
40. Have you or any family member blacked out because of alcohol or drug use in the past month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
41. Has any family member under the legal drinking age consumed alcohol four or more times in the last month or used drugs at any point in time during the last month – including marijuana or prescription pills to get high?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OBSERVATION ONLY – DO NOT ASK: 42. Surveyor, do you observe signs or symptoms or problematic alcohol or drug use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If any response is YES in questions 43 through 49, score 1 in the Mental Health Column.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Mental Health
43. Have you or any family member ever been taken to a hospital against their will for a mental health reason?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
44. Have you or any family member ever gone to the emergency room because they weren't feeling 100% well emotionally or because of their nerves?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
45. Have your or any member of your family spoken with a psychiatrist, psychologist or other mental health professional in the last six months because of mental health – whether that was voluntary or because someone insisted that it be done?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
46. Have your or any member of your family had a serious brain injury or head trauma?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
47. Have you or any member of your family ever been told they have a learning disability or developmental disability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
48. Do you or any member of your family have any problems concentrating and/or remembering things?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OBSERVATION ONLY – DO NOT ASK: 49. Surveyor, do you detect signs or symptoms of severe, persistent mental illness or severely compromised cognitive functioning?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If the Substance Use score is 1 AND the Mental Health score is 1 AND the Medical Condition score is at least a 1 OR an X – AND IT IS ALL RELATED TO THE SAME FAMILY MEMBER, then score 1 additional point for tri-morbidity.</i>				Tri-Morbidity Prescreen Score
ASK THIS QUESTION ONLY WHEN THERE WAS 1 in Substance Use AND 1 in Mental Health, and at least 1 in the Medical Conditions OR an X.				
50. You indicated in your responses that there is a medical condition, experience with mental health services and experience with substance use. Is that the same member of the family in all of those instances?				



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If YES to question 51, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
51. Have you or any member of the family had any medicines prescribed by a doctor that were not take, sold, stolen, misplaced, or where the prescriptions were never filled?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If YES to question 52, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
52. Yes or No – Have you or any member of your family experienced any emotional, physical, psychological, sexual or other type of abuse or trauma which help was not sought for, and/or which has caused your homelessness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PRE-SCREEN WELLNESS SUBTOTAL				

E. FAMILY UNIT

QUESTIONS				
If YES to question 53 or 54, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
53. Do any of your children spend two or more hours per day when you don't know where they are?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
54. On most days, do any children do tasks that adults would normally do like preparing meals, getting other children ready for bedtime, shopping, cleaning the apartment, or anything like that?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If either 55 or 56 are 3 or more, score 1.	RESPONSE		REFUSED	Prescreen Score
55. What is the total number of times adults in the family have changed in the family over the past year because of things like new relationships or a breakdown in the relationship, prison, military deployment, or anything like that?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
56. What is the total number of times that children have been separated from the family or returned to the family over the past year?				
If YES to either 57 or 58, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
57. Are there any school-aged children that are not enrolled in school or missing more days of school than they are attending?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
58. Right now or at any point in the last six months have any of your children been separated from you to live with a family member or friend?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If YES to either question 59 or 60, score 1.	YES	NO	REFUSED	Prescreen Score
59. Has there been any involvement with any member of your family and child protective services in the last six months – even if it was resolved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
60. Have you had anything in family court over the past six months or anything currently being considered in family court?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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SCORING SUMMARY

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	
GENERAL INFORMATION		If the Pre-Screen Total is equal to or greater than 12, the family is recommended for a Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First Assessment.
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS		If the Pre-Screen Total is 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 the family is recommended for a Rapid Re-Housing Assessment.
B. RISKS		
C. SOCIALIZATION AND DAILY FUNCTIONS		
D. WELLNESS		
E. FAMILY UNIT		If the Pre-Screen Total is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, the family is not recommended for a Housing and Support Assessment at this time.
PRE-SCREEN TOTAL		

Finally I'd like to ask you some questions to help us better understand homelessness and improve housing and support services.

Have you or any family member ever served in the US Military?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<i>If yes, which war/war era?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean War (June 1950-January 1955) <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam Era (August 1964-April 1975) <input type="checkbox"/> Post Vietnam (May 1975-July 1991) <input type="checkbox"/> Persian Gulf Era (August 1991-Present) <input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan (2001-Present) <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq (2003-Present) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
<i>If yes, what was the character of the discharge?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Other than Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Bad Conduct <input type="checkbox"/> Dishonorable <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
What is your citizenship status?	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Undocumented <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Where did you live prior to becoming homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/> This city <input type="checkbox"/> This region <input type="checkbox"/> Other part of the State <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhere else (specify) _____
Have you ever been in foster care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in jail?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Have you ever been in prison?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
Do you or any member of the family have a permanent physical disability that limits mobility? [i.e., wheelchair, amputation, unable to climb stairs?]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused
What kind of health insurance do you have, if any? (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare <input type="checkbox"/> VA <input type="checkbox"/> Private Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____
On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can get in touch with you or leave you a message?	
Ok, now I'd like to take your picture. May I do so?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused

