

HART Supplemental Guide

Homeless Assessment and Referral Tool for NC BoS CoC

Script

[Introduce yourself and your agency]

The purpose of this Coordinated Entry Assessment is to better understand the challenges you and your household face to help you end your experience of homelessness. Our community will use this to help identify what services and housing resources are available for you.

Please know that your privacy and confidentiality are very important to us. We appreciate your openness to share the most accurate information!

Assessment Questions with the statement of purpose and rephrasing options

Housing and Homeless History

1. How long has it been since you lived in your own place?
 - a. Statement of purpose - To determine when the household was last “stably” housed, whether couch surfing or a lease.
 - b. Rephrasing option - When was the last time you had a lease or mortgage in your name or lived stably with family/friends?
2. How many months have you been without a home, such as living outside or in a shelter?
 - a. Statement of purpose - To determine the length of time literally homeless. Asking this question can help us better understand your immediate needs and vulnerabilities. This assessment may be conducted in shelters, but also at community events, in encampments, and other places across the community.
 - b. Rephrasing - None.
3. Where did you sleep last night?
 - a. Statement of purpose - To tease out people who are literally homeless. Asking this question can help us better understand your immediate needs



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- b. Rephrasing - None.
- 4. Where are you going to sleep tonight?
 - a. Statement of purpose - To determine if they will continue to be literally homeless; to help identify a safe place for them to stay
 - b. Rephrasing - None.
- 5. Have you ever been involved in the justice system (even if it was not true) and did that make it difficult to find housing? (Justice involved means being arrested, in jail, in prison, or on probation.)
 - a. Statement of purpose - to better understand barriers to housing; a traffic ticket wouldn't make housing more difficult but enough traffic tickets for fines to prevent paying rent would.
 - b. Rephrasing - None.

Risks

- 6. Did you leave your previous or current living situation because you felt unsafe?
 - a. Statement of purpose - To determine the safety of the living situation
 - b. Rephrasing - None.
- 7. Have you experienced violence since becoming homeless?
 - a. Statement of purpose - To determine at-risk persons
 - b. Rephrasing - None.
- 8. Have you ever experienced violence with someone close to you?
 - a. Statement of purpose - Determining the prior history of domestic violence.
 - b. Rephrasing - None.
- 9. Are you currently experiencing or feel you are at risk of experiencing violence?
 - a. Statement of purpose - Determining if the household is experiencing or at risk of domestic violence/other violence.
 - b. Rephrasing - None.



Health and Wellness

10. Does anyone in your household have any physical or mental health conditions that are treated or have been treated by a professional?
- Statement of purpose - Clients/Households with disabling conditions may need additional supportive services, be eligible for programs like PSH, or have greater challenges finding appropriate housing. Does the client need services related to managing physical or mental health conditions?
 - Rephrasing - This could mean a condition that is being treated or has been treated or that you feel needs to be addressed by a professional. In particular, a disabling condition has impacted housing or work.
11. Do you or does anyone in the household have lung cancer, kidney or liver failure, heart disease, or a substance use disorder?
- Statement of purpose - NC research has shown greater risks of mortality (death) for these specific health conditions when people have experienced homelessness.
 - Rephrasing - none.
12. Is the lack of housing making it hard to get to a doctor's office or take prescribed medications?
- Statement of purpose - We want to determine this household's ability/challenges related to accessing healthcare and medication.
 - Rephrasing - This could include financial difficulties to afford healthcare or medication, and obstacles with transportation and logistics to access healthcare or medication.
13. Do you have health insurance?
- Statement of purpose - Health insurance is a crucial indicator of access to healthcare and medication.
 - Rephrasing - This could include Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance.

Family Unit



14. What is the size of your household? (including you)
- a. Statement of purpose – Supports determine the size of the family currently being served
 - b. Rephrasing – None.
15. Is anyone under 5 years old?
- a. Statement of purpose - Collect the ages of family members; helps determine potential risk factors based on age.
 - b. Rephrasing - What is your date of birth and everyone in your household?
16. Is anyone 55 years or older?
- a. Statement of purpose - Collect the ages of family members; helps determine potential risk factors based on age.
 - b. Rephrasing - What is your date of birth and everyone in your household?
17. Is anyone in the household pregnant?
- a. Statement of purpose - Helps to determine risk factors
 - b. Rephrasing - None.
18. How many children under 18 are not currently staying with your family, but would live with you? (if you have a home)
- a. Statement of purpose - This helps identify potential reunification opportunities and the number of bedrooms needed.
 - b. Rephrasing - If you move into your own place, how many additional children would live with you?
19. How many adults 18 or older are not currently staying with your family, but would live with you? (if you have a home)
- a. Statement of purpose - This helps identify potential reunification opportunities and the number of bedrooms needed.
 - b. Rephrasing - If you move into your own place, how many additional adults would live with you?

