

VULNERABILITY INDEX - SERVICE PRIORITIZATION DECISION ASSISTANCE TOOL (VI-SPDAT)

SINGLE ADULTS

AMERICAN VERSION 2.0

### Administration

<b>Interviewer's Name</b> _____	<b>Agency</b> _____	<input type="radio"/> Team <input type="radio"/> Staff <input type="radio"/> Volunteer
<b>Survey Date</b> DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	<b>Survey Time</b> _____	<b>Survey Location</b> _____

### Opening Script

Every assessor in your community regardless of organization completing the VI-SPDAT should use the same introductory script. In that script you should highlight the following information:

- the name of the assessor and their affiliation (organization that employs them, volunteer as part of a Point in Time Count, etc.)
- the purpose of the VI-SPDAT being completed
- that it usually takes less than 7 minutes to complete
- that only "Yes," "No," or one-word answers are being sought
- that any question can be skipped or refused
- where the information is going to be stored
- that if the participant does not understand a question or the assessor does not understand the question that clarification can be provided
- the importance of relaying accurate information to the assessor and not feeling that there is a correct or preferred answer that they need to provide, nor information they need to conceal

### Basic Information

<b>First Name</b> _____	<b>Nickname</b> _____	<b>Last Name</b> _____
<b>In what language do you feel best able to express yourself?</b> _____		
<b>Date of Birth</b> DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	<b>Age</b> _____	<b>Social Security Number</b> _____
		<b>Consent to participate</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

IF THE PERSON IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THEN SCORE 1.	<b>SCORE:</b> _____
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## A. History of Housing and Homelessness

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

- Shelters
- Transitional Housing
- Safe Haven
- Outdoors**
- Other (specify):** \_\_\_\_\_
- Refused**

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS ANYTHING OTHER THAN "SHELTER", "TRANSITIONAL HOUSING", OR "SAFE HAVEN", THEN SCORE 1. **SCORE:**

2. How long has it been since you lived in permanent stable housing? \_\_\_\_\_ Years  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+ 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? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- b) Taken an ambulance to the hospital? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- c) Been hospitalized as an inpatient? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- d) Used a crisis service, including sexual assault crisis, mental health crisis, family/intimate violence, distress centers and suicide prevention hotlines? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- e) Talked to police because you witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime, or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the police told you that you must move along? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused
- f) Stayed one or more nights in a holding cell, jail or prison, whether that was a short-term stay like the drunk tank, a longer stay for a more serious offence, or anything in between? \_\_\_\_\_  Refused

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

5. Have you been attacked or beaten up since you've become homeless?  Y  N  Refused

6. Have you threatened to or tried to harm yourself or anyone else in the last year?  Y  N  Refused

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

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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?  Y  N  Refused

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

SCORE:

8. Does anybody force or trick you to do things that you do not want to do?  Y  N  Refused

9. Do you 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 know, share a needle, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

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

SCORE:

### C. Socialization & Daily Functioning

10. Is there any person, past landlord, business, bookie, dealer, or government group like the IRS that thinks you owe them money?  Y  N  Refused

11. Do you get any money from the government, a pension, an inheritance, working under the table, a regular job, or anything like that?  Y  N  Refused

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

SCORE:

12. Do you have planned activities, other than just surviving, that make you feel happy and fulfilled?  Y  N  Refused

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

SCORE:

13. Are you currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water and other things like that?  Y  N  Refused

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

SCORE:

14. Is your current homelessness in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because family or friends caused you to become evicted?  Y  N  Refused

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

SCORE:

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**D. Wellness**

- 15. Have you ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of your physical health?  Y  N  Refused
- 16. Do you have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart?  Y  N  Refused
- 17. If there was space available in a program that specifically assists people that live with HIV or AIDS, would that be of interest to you?  Y  N  Refused
- 18. Do you have any physical disabilities that would limit the type of housing you could access, or would make it hard to live independently because you'd need help?  Y  N  Refused
- 19. When you are sick or not feeling well, do you avoid getting help?  Y  N  Refused
- 20. FOR FEMALE RESPONDENTS ONLY. Are you currently pregnant?  Y  N  N/A or Refused

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

- 21. Has your drinking or drug use led you to being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past?  Y  N  Refused
- 22. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for you to stay housed or afford your housing?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR SUBSTANCE USE. SCORE:

- 23. Have you ever had trouble maintaining your housing, or been kicked out of an apartment, shelter program or other place you were staying, because of:
  - a) A mental health issue or concern?  Y  N  Refused
  - b) A past head injury?  Y  N  Refused
  - c) A learning disability, developmental disability, or other impairment?  Y  N  Refused
- 24. Do you have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for you to live independently because you'd need help?  Y  N  Refused

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

IF THE RESPONENT SCORED 1 FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH AND 1 FOR SUBSTANCE USE AND 1 FOR MENTAL HEALTH, SCORE 1 FOR TRI-MORBIDITY. SCORE:

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25. Are there any medications that a doctor said you should be taking that, for whatever reason, you are not taking?  Y  N  Refused

26. Are there any medications like painkillers that you don't take the way the doctor prescribed or where you sell the medication?  Y  N  Refused

**IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR MEDICATIONS.** **SCORE:**

27. YES OR NO: Has your current period of homelessness been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you have experienced?  Y  N  Refused

**IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR ABUSE AND TRAUMA.** **SCORE:**

### Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	/1	<b>Score:</b> 0-5: no housing intervention 6-10: an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 11+: an assessment for Permanent Supportive Housing/ Housing First
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	/2	
B. RISKS	/4	
C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS	/4	
D. WELLNESS	/6	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>/17</b>	

### Follow-Up Questions

<b>On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?</b>	place: _____ time ____ : ____ or <b>Night</b>
<b>Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?</b>	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
<b>Have you ever actively served in the military?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused

Communities are encouraged to think of additional questions that may be relevant to the programs being operated or your specific local context. This may include questions related to.

- military service and nature of discharge
- ageing out of care
- mobility issues
- legal status in country
- income and source of it
- current restrictions on where a person can legally reside
- children that may reside with the adult at some point in the future
- safety planning