

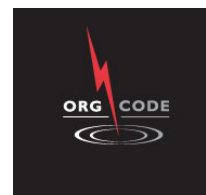
**Vulnerability Index -
Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
(VI-SPDAT)**

**Prescreen Triage Tool for Single Adults
Modified With Additional CT HMIS Questions
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AMERICAN VERSION 2.0

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Administration

Interviewer's Name _____	Agency _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
Survey Date DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	Survey Time ___ : __ AM/PM	Survey Location _____

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

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

IF THE PERSON IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

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? _____

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:

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:

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**.

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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	Score: Recommendation: 0-3: no housing intervention 4-7: an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 8+: 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	
GRAND TOTAL:	/17	

Follow-Up Questions

On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	place: _____ time: ___ : ___ or Morning/Afternoon/Evening/Night
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
Ok, now I'd like to take your picture so that it is easier to find you and confirm your identity in the future. May I do so?	<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
- legal status in country
- children that may reside with the adult at some point in the future
- ageing out of care
- income and source of it
- safety planning
- mobility issues
- current restrictions on where a person can legally reside

ADDITIONAL CT HMIS QUESTIONS

1. Number of adults in the household: _____

2. Number of children under the age of 18 in the household: _____

3. HIV / AIDS: Y N Refused

4. Has physical violence, threat of physical violence, or stalking by a spouse or intimate partner caused or contributed to your current homelessness? Y N Refused

5. Domestic violence victim/survivor: Y N Refused

If Yes, when the experience occurred: Within the past three months 3–6 months
 6 months to one year One year or more Doesn't Know Refused

6. Are you currently working with a case worker from DCF? Y N Refused

7. Have you slept on the streets/place not meant for human habitation or in a shelter in a state other than CT in the past 3 years? Y N Refused

8. Additional Intake / CAN Specific Notes (optional):
