

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

Prescreen Triage Tool for Families

AMERICAN VERSION 2.0

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COHMIS Client Consent for Data Collection and Release of Information

This notice explains how information about you may be shared and used. It also tells you who can access your information. Please read it carefully and ask any questions you may have.

What is COHMIS?

The Colorado Homeless Management Information System (COHMIS) is a data system that stores information about homelessness services. The name of the software that stores this data is called Clarity Human Services. The purpose of COHMIS is to improve coordination of services that support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. To further ensure and navigate this coordination, data is shared statewide between the three Continuum of Care (CoC) bodies: MDHI (Metro Denver), Pikes Peak (El Paso County) and Balance of State (Remaining Counties). Active agencies that participate in COHMIS are listed on www.coloradohmis.org.

What is the purpose of this form?

With this form, you can give permission to have information about you collected and shared with partner agencies that help provide housing and services. Partner agencies are required to protect the privacy of your identifying information.

You have rights regarding your information:

- You have the right to ask about who has seen your information.
- You have the right to see your information at any time and change it if it isn't correct.
- You have the right to change your authorization regarding the use of your data.
- You have the right to file a grievance if you feel your information has been misused. The Grievance Form may be requested at any time from any participating COHMIS agency.
- Right to refuse information while retaining rights of access to services.

The information to be collected and shared may include:

- Name, date of birth, gender, race, ethnicity, social security number, phone number, address
- Basic medical, mental health, substance use and daily living information
- Housing and program eligibility information
- Use of crisis services, Veteran services, hospitals and jail
- Employment, income, insurance and benefits information
- Services provided by partner agencies
- Results from assessments
- Photograph or other likeness (if included)

By signing this form:

- I authorize the CoC and Clarity to share COHMIS information with partner agencies, and the COHMIS information shared will be used to coordinate services. It will also be used to help evaluate the quality of community programs.
- I understand that the partner agencies may change over time and are always responsible for keeping my information private using reasonable best efforts for privacy policies.
- I understand that agencies must adhere to federal and Colorado laws regarding my protected information.
- I may revoke this consent at any time by returning a completed revocation of consent form, available upon request, to agency staff.
- I can receive a copy of this consent form.
- I understand this consent will expire 7 years from my last COHMIS recorded activity.

Printed Name of Client or Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Client or Representative: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Agency Witness: _____ **Date:** _____

_____ *Initials of Client If Declining Consent*



COHMIS Intake Form

For project type: Coordinated Entry for the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care

PROJECT START DATE *[All Clients]*

		-			-				
Month			Day			Year			

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER *[All Clients]*

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QUALITY OF SOCIAL SECURITY			
<input type="radio"/>	Full SSN reported	<input type="radio"/>	Client doesn't know
<input type="radio"/>	Approximate or partial SSN reported	<input type="radio"/>	Client refused
		<input type="radio"/>	Data not collected

CLIENT NAME <i>[All Clients]</i>																			N/A	
Last																				
First																				
Middle																				<input type="radio"/>
Suffix																				<input type="radio"/>
Alias																				<input type="radio"/>

QUALITY OF CLIENT NAME			
<input type="radio"/>	Full name reported	<input type="radio"/>	Client doesn't know
<input type="radio"/>	Approximate or partial name reported	<input type="radio"/>	Client refused
		<input type="radio"/>	Data not collected

DATE OF BIRTH *[All Clients]*

		-			-					Age:
Month			Day			Year				

QUALITY OF DATE OF BIRTH			
<input type="radio"/>	Full DOB reported	<input type="radio"/>	Client doesn't know
<input type="radio"/>	Approximate or partial DOB reported	<input type="radio"/>	Client refused
		<input type="radio"/>	Data not collected



GENDER *[All Clients]*

<input type="radio"/>	Female	<input type="radio"/>	Client doesn't know
<input type="radio"/>	Male	<input type="radio"/>	Client refused
<input type="radio"/>	Trans Female (MTF or Male to Female)	<input type="radio"/>	Data not collected
<input type="radio"/>	Trans Male (FTM or Female to Male)		
<input type="radio"/>	Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)		

RACE (Select all applicable) *[All Clients]*

<input type="radio"/>	American Indian or Alaskan Native	<input type="radio"/>	Client does not know
<input type="radio"/>	Asian	<input type="radio"/>	Client refused
<input type="radio"/>	Black/African American	<input type="radio"/>	Data Not Collected
<input type="radio"/>	Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
<input type="radio"/>	White/Caucasian		

ETHNICITY *[All Clients]*

<input type="radio"/>	Non-Hispanic/ Non-Latino	<input type="radio"/>	Client does not know
		<input type="radio"/>	Client refused
<input type="radio"/>	Hispanic/Latino	<input type="radio"/>	Data Not Collected
		<input type="radio"/>	Other

VETERAN STATUS *[All Adults]*

<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>	Client doesn't know
<input type="radio"/>	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	Client refused
		<input type="radio"/>	Data not collected

RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD *[All Client Households]*

<input type="radio"/>	Self	<input type="radio"/>	Head of household - other relation to member
<input type="radio"/>	Head of household's child		
<input type="radio"/>	Head of household's spouse or partner	<input type="radio"/>	Other: non--relation member

DISABLING CONDITION *[All Clients]*

<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>	Client doesn't know
<input type="radio"/>	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	Client refused
		<input type="radio"/>	Data not collected



INCOME FROM ANY SOURCE *[Head of Household and Adults]*

<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Client doesn't know
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> Client refused
	<input type="radio"/> Data not collected

IF "YES" TO INCOME FROM ANY SOURCE – INDICATE ALL SOURCES THAT APPLY

Income Source	Amount	Income Source	Amount
<input type="radio"/> Alimony and Other Spousal Support		<input type="radio"/> Child support	
<input type="radio"/> Pension or Retirement income from former job		<input type="radio"/> Earned Income	
<input type="radio"/> Retirement Income from Social Security		<input type="radio"/> General Assistance (GA)	
<input type="radio"/> Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)		<input type="radio"/> Private Disability Insurance	
<input type="radio"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)		<input type="radio"/> Unemployment Insurance	
<input type="radio"/> TANF (Temporary Assist for Needy Families)		<input type="radio"/> Worker's Compensation	
<input type="radio"/> VA Service Connected Disability Compensation		<input type="radio"/> Other source	
<input type="radio"/> VA Non--Service Connected Disability Pension		Specify Other"	
Total monthly amount:			

RECEIVING NON-CASH BENEFITS *[Head of Household and Adults]*

<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Client doesn't know
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> Client refused
	<input type="radio"/> Data not collected

IF "YES" TO NON-CASH BENEFITS – INDICATE ALL SOURCES THAT APPLY

<input type="radio"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	<input type="radio"/> TANF Childcare Services
<input type="radio"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	<input type="radio"/> TANF Transportation Services
<input type="radio"/> Other (Specify):	<input type="radio"/> Other TANF-funded services

COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE *[All Clients]*

<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Client doesn't know
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> Client refused
	<input type="radio"/> Data not collected

IF "YES" TO HEALTH INSURANCE - HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE DETAILS

<input type="radio"/> MEDICAID	<input type="radio"/> Employer Provided Health Insurance
<input type="radio"/> MEDICARE	<input type="radio"/> Insurance Obtained through COBRA
<input type="radio"/> State Children's Health Insurance (SCHIP)	<input type="radio"/> Private Pay Health Insurance
<input type="radio"/> Veteran's Administration (VA) Medical Services	<input type="radio"/> State Health Insurance for Adults
<input type="radio"/> Other (specify):	<input type="radio"/> Indian Health Services Program

Signature of applicant stating all information is true and correct **Date**

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 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

PARENT 1	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	
PARENT 2	<input type="checkbox"/> No second parent currently part of the household		
	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 EITHER HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THEN SCORE 1.			SCORE: _____

Children

1. How many children under the age of 18 are currently with you? _____ Refused
2. 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? _____ Refused
3. **IF HOUSEHOLD INCLUDES A FEMALE:** Is any member of the family currently pregnant? Y N Refused
4. Please provide a list of children's names and ages:

First Name	Last Name	Age	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

IF THERE IS A SINGLE PARENT WITH 2+ CHILDREN, AND/OR A CHILD AGED 11 OR YOUNGER, AND/OR A CURRENT PREGNANCY, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **FAMILY SIZE**. **SCORE:**

IF THERE ARE TWO PARENTS WITH 3+ CHILDREN, AND/OR A CHILD AGED 6 OR YOUNGER, AND/OR A CURRENT PREGNANCY, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **FAMILY SIZE**.

A. History of Housing and Homelessness

5. Where do you and your family 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:**

6. How long has it been since you and your family lived in permanent stable housing? _____ Refused
7. In the last three years, how many times have you and your family been homeless? _____ Refused

IF THE FAMILY HAS EXPERIENCED 1 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR 4+ EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS, THEN SCORE 1. **SCORE:**

B. Risks

8. In the past six months, how many times have you or anyone in your family...

- 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 they witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime, or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the police told them that they 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:

- 9. Have you or anyone in your family been attacked or beaten up since they've become homeless? Y N Refused
- 10. Have you or anyone in your family threatened to or tried to harm themselves 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:

- 11. Do you or anyone in your family have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in them 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:

- 12. Does anybody force or trick you or anyone in your family to do things that you do not want to do? Y N Refused
- 13. Do you or anyone in your family ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone they 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

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

15. Do you or anyone in your family 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 14 OR "NO" TO QUESTION 15, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MONEY MANAGEMENT. **SCORE:**

16. Does everyone in your family have planned activities, other than just surviving, that make them feel happy and fulfilled? Y N Refused

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

17. Is everyone in your family 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:**

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

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

D. Wellness

19. Has your family ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of the physical health of you or anyone in your family? Y N Refused

20. Do you or anyone in your family have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart? Y N Refused

21. 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 or anyone in your family? Y N Refused

22. Does anyone in your family 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

23. When someone in your family is sick or not feeling well, does your family avoid getting medical help? Y N Refused

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

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24. Has drinking or drug use by you or anyone in your family led your family to being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past? Y N Refused

25. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for your family to stay housed or afford your housing? Y N Refused

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

SCORE:

26. Has your family 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

27. Do you or anyone in your family have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for your family to live independently because help would be needed? Y N Refused

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

SCORE:

28. *IF THE FAMILY SCORED 1 EACH FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND MENTAL HEALTH:* Does any single member of your household have a medical condition, mental health concerns, **and** experience with problematic substance use? Y N N/A or Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR **TRI-MORBIDITY**.

SCORE:

29. Are there any medications that a doctor said you or anyone in your family should be taking that, for whatever reason, they are not taking? Y N Refused

30. Are there any medications like painkillers that you or anyone in your family don't take the way the doctor prescribed or where they sell the medication? Y N Refused

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

SCORE:

31. *YES OR NO:* Has your family's 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 or anyone in your family have experienced? Y N Refused

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

SCORE:

E. Family Unit

32. Are there any children that have been removed from the family by a child protection service within the last 180 days? **Y** N Refused

33. Do you have any family legal issues that are being resolved in court or need to be resolved in court that would impact your housing or who may live within your housing? **Y** N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY LEGAL ISSUES.

SCORE:

34. In the last 180 days have any children lived with family or friends because of your homelessness or housing situation? **Y** N Refused

35. Has any child in the family experienced abuse or trauma in the last 180 days? **Y** N Refused

36. **IF THERE ARE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN:** Do your children attend school more often than not each week? Y **N** N/A or Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 34 OR 35, OR "NO" TO QUESTION 36, SCORE 1 FOR NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

SCORE:

37. Have the members of your family changed in the last 180 days, due to things like divorce, your kids coming back to live with you, someone leaving for military service or incarceration, a relative moving in, or anything like that? **Y** N Refused

38. Do you anticipate any other adults or children coming to live with you within the first 180 days of being housed? **Y** N Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR FAMILY STABILITY.

SCORE:

39. Do you have two or more planned activities each week as a family such as outings to the park, going to the library, visiting other family, watching a family movie, or anything like that? Y **N** Refused

40. After school, or on weekends or days when there isn't school, is the total time children spend each day where there is no interaction with you or another responsible adult...

a) 3 or more hours per day for children aged 13 or older? **Y** N Refused

b) 2 or more hours per day for children aged 12 or younger? **Y** N Refused

41. **IF THERE ARE CHILDREN BOTH 12 AND UNDER & 13 AND OVER:** Do your older kids spend 2 or more hours on a typical day helping their younger sibling(s) with things like getting ready for school, helping with homework, making them dinner, bathing them, or anything like that? **Y** N N/A or Refused

IF "NO" TO QUESTION 39, OR "YES" TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 40 OR 41, SCORE 1 FOR PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT.

SCORE:

Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	/2	Score: Recommendation: 0-3 no housing intervention 4-8 an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 9+ 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	
E. FAMILY UNIT	/4	
GRAND TOTAL:	/22	

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
- 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