

**Transition Age Youth -  
Vulnerability Index -  
Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool  
(TAY-VI-SPDAT)**

**“Next Step Tool for Homeless Youth”**

**AMERICAN VERSION 1.0**

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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 four Continuum of Care (CoC) bodies: MDHI (Metro Denver), Pikes Peak (El Paso County) Northern Colorado (Larimer and Weld Counties), and Balance of State (Remaining 54 Counties). Active agencies that participate in COHMIS are listed on <https://cohmis.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Names of additional minor children covered by this release: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Client or Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Agency Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Client If Declining Consent*



# COHMIS

## CoC/ESG Intake Form for Project Types:

Coordinated Entry

<b>SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)</b>									
<b>QUALITY OF SSN</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Full SSN reported <input type="checkbox"/> Approximate/partial SSN reported				<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected			
<b>CLIENT NAME</b>									
Last:									
First:									
Middle:						Suffix:			
<b>QUALITY OF NAME</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Full name reported <input type="checkbox"/> Partial, street name, or code name reported				<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected			
<b>DATE OF BIRTH (DOB)</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)									
<b>QUALITY OF DOB</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Full DOB reported <input type="checkbox"/> Approximate/partial DOB reported				<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected			
<b>GENDER</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		<input type="checkbox"/> A gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male' <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Questioning				<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected			
<b>RACE</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian American		<input type="checkbox"/> Black, African American, or African <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White				<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected			
<b>ETHNICITY</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x) <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)						<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected			
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected			
<b>RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> Self (head of household) <input type="checkbox"/> Head of household's child <input type="checkbox"/> Head of household's spouse or partner		<input type="checkbox"/> Head of household's other relation member <input type="checkbox"/> Other: non-relation member							

<b>PROJECT NAME</b>										
<b>PROJECT START DATE</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)										

**PRIOR LIVING SITUATION** (Where did the client sleep the night before entering this project?) (PICK ONLY 1)

**HOMELESS SITUATION**

- Place not meant for human habitation (vehicle, anywhere outside)
- Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for w/ emergency shelter voucher or RHY-funded host home
- Safe Haven

**INSTITUTIONAL SITUATION**

- Foster care home or foster care group home
- Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility
- Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility
- Long-term care facility or nursing home
- Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility
- Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center

**TRANSITIONAL & PERMANENT HOUSING SITUATION**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Host Home (non-crisis)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment, or house</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment, or house</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with GPD TIP subsidy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with HCV voucher (tenant or project)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client in a public housing unit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy</li> </ul> |
|---|---|
- Client doesn't know  
 Client refused  
 Data not collected

**LENGTH OF STAY IN PRIOR LIVING SITUATION** (How long did the client stay in that situation?)

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One night or less                         | <input type="checkbox"/> One month or more, but less than 90 days | <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two to six nights                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days or more, but less than one year  | <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One week or more, but less than one month | <input type="checkbox"/> One year or longer                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected  |

**APPROXIMATE DATE HOMELESSNESS STARTED** (for the client's current episode of homelessness)

MONTH			DAY			YEAR			

**Number of times the client has been on the streets, in ES, or Safe Haven in the past three years including today** (Regardless of where they stayed last night)

- |                                    |   |  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One time  | <input type="checkbox"/> Three times        | <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two times | <input type="checkbox"/> Four or more times | <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused      |
|                                    |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected  |

**Total number of months homeless on the streets, in ES, or SH in the past three years**

- |   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (first time) | <input type="checkbox"/> Five months  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nine months   | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 12 months |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months             | <input type="checkbox"/> Six months   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ten months    | <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months           | <input type="checkbox"/> Seven months | <input type="checkbox"/> Eleven months | <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months            | <input type="checkbox"/> Eight months | <input type="checkbox"/> Twelve months | <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected  |

**DISABLING CONDITION**

- No  
 Yes

- Client doesn't know  
 Client refused  
 Data not collected

**CASH INCOME FOR INDIVIDUAL**

**Income from Any Source?**

- No  
 Yes\*

- Client doesn't know  
 Client refused  
 Data not collected

**\*If YES to Income from Any Source – Indicate all sources that apply**

Income Source (Check all that apply)	Monthly Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Earned Income	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Insurance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	
<input type="checkbox"/> VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation	
<input type="checkbox"/> VA Non-Service Connected Disability Compensation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Disability Insurance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Assistance (GA)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Income from Social Security	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pension or Retirement Income from a Former Job	
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alimony and Other Spousal Support	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Cash Income (Specify: _____)	
<b>Total Monthly Amount</b>	

NON-CASH BENEFITS			
Receiving Non-Cash Benefits?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes*		<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<b>*If YES to Receiving Non-Cash Benefits – Indicate all sources that apply</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	<input type="checkbox"/> TANF Transportation Services		
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other TANF-Funded Services		
<input type="checkbox"/> TANF Childcare Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Non-Cash Benefit (Specify source: _____)		

HEALTH INSURANCE			
Covered by Health Insurance?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes*		<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<b>*If YES to Covered by Health Insurance – Indicate all sources that apply</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance Obtained Through COBRA		
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Pay Health Insurance		
<input type="checkbox"/> State Children's Health Insurance Program	<input type="checkbox"/> State Health Insurance for Adults		
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Administration (VA) Medical Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Health Services Program		
<input type="checkbox"/> Employer-Provided Health Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Health Insurance (Specify source: _____)		

CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional – entered on the <b>Contacts</b> tab)	
Phone number	
Email	

ADDRESS (Optional – entered on the <b>Locations</b> tab)			
Street			
City			
State		Zip Code	

Signature of applicant stating all information is true and correct

Date

## Administration

<b>Interviewer's Name</b> _____	<b>Agency</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
<b>Survey Date</b> DD/MM/YYYY ___/___/____	<b>Survey Time</b> ___ : __ AM/PM	<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 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="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IF THE PERSON IS 17 YEARS OF AGE OR LESS, THEN SCORE 1.

**SCORE:**

## A. History of Housing and Homelessness

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

- Shelters                       Couch surfing                       Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transitional Housing       Outdoors  
 Safe Haven                       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, prison or juvenile detention, whether it 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
8. Were you ever incarcerated when younger than age 18?  **Y**  N  Refused

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

9. Does anybody force or trick you to do things that you do not want to do?  **Y**  N  Refused
10. Do you ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, food, drugs, or a place to stay, 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

11. Is there any person, past landlord, business, bookie, dealer, or government group like the IRS that thinks you owe them money?  **Y**  N  Refused
12. Do you get any money from the government, an inheritance, an allowance, working under the table, a regular job, or anything like that?  Y  **N**  Refused

IF "YES" TO QUESTION 11 OR "NO" TO QUESTION 12, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MONEY MANAGEMENT**. **SCORE:**

13. 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:**

14. 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:**

15. Is your current lack of stable housing...

- a) Because you ran away from your family home, a group home or a foster home?  Y  N  Refused
- b) Because of a difference in religious or cultural beliefs from your parents, guardians or caregivers?  Y  N  Refused
- c) Because your family or friends caused you to become homeless?  Y  N  Refused
- d) Because of conflicts around gender identity or sexual orientation?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS**.

SCORE:

- e) Because of violence at home between family members?  Y  N  Refused
- f) Because of an unhealthy or abusive relationship, either at home or elsewhere?  Y  N  Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **ABUSE/TRAUMA**.

SCORE:

## D. Wellness

- 16. Have you ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of your physical health?  Y  N  Refused
- 17. Do you have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart?  Y  N  Refused
- 18. 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
- 19. 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
- 20. When you are sick or not feeling well, do you avoid getting medical help?  Y  N  Refused
- 21. Are you currently pregnant, have you ever been pregnant, or have you ever gotten someone pregnant?  Y  N  Refused

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

SCORE:

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22. 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
23. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for you to stay housed or afford your housing?  **Y**  N  Refused
24. If you've ever used marijuana, did you ever try it at age 12 or younger?  **Y**  N  Refused

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

**SCORE:**

25. 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

26. 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:**

27. Are there any medications that a doctor said you should be taking that, for whatever reason, you are not taking?  **Y**  N  Refused
28. 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:**

## Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	/1	<b>Score: Recommendation:</b> 0-3: no moderate or high intensity services be provided at this time 4-7: assessment for time-limited supports with moderate intensity 8+: assessment for long-term housing with high service intensity
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 Morning/Afternoon/Evening/Night
<b>Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can get in touch with you or leave you a message?</b>	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
<b>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?</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 youth at some point in the future
- safety planning