



## **Smart Path Assessment- Transition Age Youth**

### **Smart Path Assessor Information**

**Name:**

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**Agency:**

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**Email:**

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**Phone Number:**

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**Santa Cruz County  
Homeless Management Information System**

**CLIENT INFORMED CONSENT &  
RELEASE OF INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ is a Partner Agency in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS is a computerized system that can improve programs for homeless persons by allowing information to be shared among partner agencies that provide services such as shelter and health care and/or homelessness research or administrative services. The system is Internet-based and uses many security protections to ensure confidentiality. Partner agencies currently include:

Association of Faith Communities	City of Santa Cruz- River St Camp
Community Action Board of Santa Cruz	Downtown Streets Team
Department of Veterans Affairs	Employment and Benefit Services
Encompass	Homeless Garden Project
Encompass HOPWA - PRIVATE	Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement (HOPES)
Families In Transition	Housing Choices
Front St	Janus of Santa Cruz
Homeless Persons Health Project	Mental Health Client Action Network
Homeless Services Center	Mountain Community Resources
Pajaro Rescue Mission	Salud Para La Gente
Pajaro Valley Shelter Services	Santa Cruz Community Health Centers
Salvation Army (Watsonville)	Santa Cruz Public Libraries
Santa Cruz County Human Services Department- CHAMP	Whole Person Care Program
Veterans Resource Center	Wings Homeless Advocacy
Adult and Long Term Care	County HSD Youth Coordinated Entry
Adult Protective Services	Bill Wilson Center San Jose
Behavioral Health	The Housing Authority County Santa Cruz

Participation in the HMIS program is important to our community's ability to provide you with the best services and housing possible. As you receive services, information will be collected about you, the services provided to you, and the outcomes these services help you to achieve. Your name and other identifying information will not be shared with any agency not participating in the system (unless required to do so by law.) Authorizing your information to be entered into the HMIS is voluntary. Refusing to do so will not limit your access to shelter or services.

I give authorization for my basic and relevant information to be entered \_\_\_\_\_ **(please initial)** and shared \_\_\_\_\_ **(please initial)** between Partner Agencies in order to help assist me in obtaining permanent housing, employment, financial assistance, vocational services, counseling and medical/mental health treatment and for research and administrative purposes. (Basic information includes intake date, name, social security number, gender, birth date, ethnicity, marital status, number in household, military status, primary language spoken, and non-confidential services requested and received.) I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of all information shared between the Partner Agencies.

I understand that the current list of participating Partner Agencies may change over time to include other agencies who provide housing or services to the homeless population, and I give authorization for my information to be shared with any new Partner Agency. \_\_\_\_\_ **(please initial)**

I understand that I may request a current list of all Partner Agencies at any time. I understand that I may cancel this authorization at any time by written request, but that the cancellation will not be retroactive. I understand that this release is valid for three years from the date of my signature below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Client or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Of Client Or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Note: A separate, HIPAA-compliant authorization is required for disclosure of any patient health information, including mental health and drug and alcohol information protected by any State or Federal privacy law including, but not limited to, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CMIA"), Civil Code sections 56-56.16, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5328, or 42 C.F.R part 2.1, et seq.

January 2019



HMIS # \_\_\_\_\_  
 CM Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Santa Cruz County HMIS- New Client Form

This form is designed to be completed by a service provider while interviewing a client.  
 A separate form should be completed for each member of the household.

### Household Information Is client: ☐ Single Adult ☐ Adult in Household

<b>If checked Single Adult</b>	<b>Go to Client Profile</b>	
<b>If checked Adult in Household</b>	Are you the Head of Household (HoH)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>If you are in a household, what is your relationship to the HoH?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter <input type="checkbox"/> Son <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Roommate <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild	<input type="checkbox"/> Aunt <input type="checkbox"/> Uncle <input type="checkbox"/> Niece <input type="checkbox"/> Nephew <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Other

### Client Profile

<b>Social Security Number</b>		
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle</b>	
<b>Last Name</b>		
<b>Alias</b> (If multiple aliases, separate by commas)		
<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
<b>U.S. Military Veteran</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client Doesn't Know <input type="checkbox"/> Client Refused
<b>Disabling Condition</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client Doesn't Know <input type="checkbox"/> Client Refused
<b>Primary Phone Number</b>		

## Client Demographics

<b>Date of Birth</b>	____ / ____ / ____	
<b>Gender</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Trans Female (MTF or Male to Female) <input type="checkbox"/> Trans Male (FTM or Female to Male)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female) <input type="checkbox"/> Client Doesn't Know <input type="checkbox"/> Client Refused
<b>Ethnicity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Client Doesn't Know <input type="checkbox"/> Client Refused	<b>Race</b> <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<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

## Client Location

<b>Address Type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Message <input type="checkbox"/> Management Company <input type="checkbox"/> Forwarding Address <input type="checkbox"/> Encampment <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnel
<b>Name of Location</b>		
<b>Address (line 1 )</b>		
<b>Address (line 2)</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	
<b>Zip Code</b>		
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Phone #1</b>		
<b>Phone #2</b>		

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<b>Zip Code</b>		
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Phone #1</b>		
<b>Phone #2</b>		

I, (Adult client or Head of Household) certify that the information I have provided here is true/correct to the best of my knowledge.

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 Print Name of Client

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 Signature of Client

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 Date

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 Print Name of Intake Worker

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 Signature of Intake Worker

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 Date



Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Smart Path Additional Questions

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long has it been since you've lived in permanent stable housing?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you expecting any changes in your family structure?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you working with a case manager at any agency?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- a. If so, what is the name of the agency and case manager?

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:**

## NEXT STEP TOOL FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

SINGLE YOUTH

AMERICAN VERSION 1.0

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>	/17	

## 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

### **Smart Path Non-Housing Resources**

**Select all categories of non-housing resources to which you referred the participant:**

- ☐ Basic Needs (meals, food pantry, clothing, showers, emergency shelter)
- ☐ Health Services (medical services, mental health services, dental services, substance use disorder services)
- ☐ Government Benefits (Medi-Cal, SSI, General Assistance, TANF, CalFresh)
- ☐ Other (employment programs, personal identification (ID, birth certificate, Social Security Card), free phone, mail services, transportation (bus passes))

