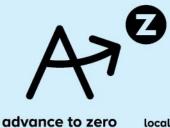


The following is available for Reference Only.
Surveys can be localized to each community.

For more information, contact the Australian Alliance to End
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Prescreen for Families

Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool



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The tool, based on people's disclosed information, assists in prioritising the most vulnerable and to rapidly resolve crisis tool is further used to provide appropriate house and community services to individe their current circumst

Organisations also use the collective, de-identified data to advocate for the change and resources needed to end homelessness in our communities, based on the needs of the people who experience homelessness and housing stress in the community

Administration





| Agency name | | Interviewer name | Survey location |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Survey date | Survey time | Team name | Survey postcode |
| <u>DD/MM/YY</u> | : am/pm | | 141 |

A. Demographics

| Head of Household 1 | L | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| First name | | Nickname | 18/19 | Last name | |
| In what language do | you feel best able to e | express yourself | Ŷ | | |
| Date of birth | Age | Centrelink Ref | erence Number | Consent to pa | rticipate NO |
| Do you identify as ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Torres Strait Is | lander | □ Both □ r | Neither | ☐ Declined |
| Head of Household 2 | 2 | | | | |
| First name | | Nickname | | Last name | |
| In what language do | you feel best able to e | express yourself? | ? | | 1 |
| Date of birth | Age | Centrelink Ref | erence Number | Consent to part YES | icipate NO |
| Do you identify as ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Torres Strait Is | lander | □ Both | Veither | ☐ Declined |
| If either | | • | ; or Indigenous and 50 ye | ars or older scor | e 1. Score |
| | 60 | ref | e | | |





Children

| Please list children under the age of 18, their date of birth, and whether they are currently living with you. | | | | | Declined |
|--|---|---|---|--|---------------|
| Fir | st name | Last name | How old? | Date of birth | With you? |
| | | | | | |
| | | 66. | | | |
| | | 700 | | | |
| | | 161. | | | |
| | | 46, | | | |
| | 16 | | | | |
| | (0) | | | | |
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| | | | | | |
| If h | iousehold includes a female Is any member of the family currently | pregnant? | Yes | □ No | ☐ Declined |
| | with 3+ ch | dren, and/or a child aged 11 or young ildren, and/or a child aged 6 or young | ger, and/or a curre score 1 If there a ger, and/or a curre | for Family Size re two parents | Score |
| | FOL | efer | | | |





B. History of housing and homelessness

| 3. Where do you and your family sleep mos | st frequently? (Mark | only <u>one</u>) | | | |
|--|--|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------|
| □ Beach/Riverbed □ Boarding House/Other Hostels □ Bushland □ Car □ Caravan Park (specify) □ Community Housing that I Rent □ DV Refuge □ Emergency/Crisis Accommodation | □ Hospital □ Hotel/Motel □ House that I Own □ Indigenous Hoste □ Park/Parklands □ Private Housing the □ Squat/Cave □ Streets | el Chat I Rent | ☐ Tent ☐ Toilets ☐ Train/Bu ☐ With Frie (Couch Surf ☐ Other (sp | ends/Family ing) pecify) | Temporarily |
| For Community Housing that I Rent, Ho | | rent or Supported Acc | | Score 0. | Score |
| 4a. Are you and your family sleeping rough | right now? | □Yes | □No | | ☐ Declined |
| 4b. Where have you and your family slept i | n the past month? (/ | Mark all that apply) | | | |
| □ Beach/Riverbed □ Boarding House/Other Hostel □ Bushland □ Car □ Caravan Park (specify) □ Community Housing that I Rent | ☐ Hospital ☐ Hotel/Motel ☐ House that I Owr ☐ Indigenous Hoste ☐ Park/Parklands ☐ Private Housing to ☐ Public Housing the | el hat I Rent | ☐ Tent☐ Toilets☐ Train/Bu☐ With Frie(Couch Surf☐ Other (sp | ends/Family ing) | Temporarily |
| ☐ DV Refuge ☐ Emergency/Crisis Accommodation | ☐ Squat/Cave ☐ Streets | idernene | ☐ Declined | M | |
| 5. What is the total length of time you an tenancy? | d your family have n | ot had your own | years | months | ☐ Declined |
| 6. How long has it been since you and you housing (with a secure lease/tenancy)? | • | manent stable | years | months | ☐ Declined |
| 7a. In the last year, how many times have | you and your family | been homeless? | | times | ☐ Declined |
| 7b. Of these times you and your family have many of these times (1 or more days) h | | | | times | ☐ Declined |
| For 6 or more consecutive months | of homelessness an | nd/or 3+ episodes of h | omelessness | , score 1. | Score |
| 8. a) What age were you when you first sle | ept on the streets or | in emergency accomm | odation? | | |
| Yourself | | Your partner (if appli | cable) | | |
| Age or approximate age: | | Age or approximate a | age: | | |
| ☐ Never slept on the streets or in emerger accommodation | ☐ Never slept on the streets or in emergency accommodation | | | | |
| ☐ Declined | | ☐ Declined | | | |





| 8. b) If you were with your family at the time, what age were you when you first slept on the streets or in emergency accommodation without a parent or guardian? | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Yourself | Your partner (if applicable) | | | |
| Age or approximate age: | Age or approximate age: | | | |
| ☐ Not applicable | ☐ Not applicable | | | |
| ☐ Declined | ☐ Declined | | | |

C. Risks

| ☐ Decl | ined | ☐ Declined |) * | |
|--------|---|----------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| C. Ris | 66/0 | UCE | | |
| Questi | ons | | Response | Declined |
| | the past six months, <u>how many times</u> have you or anyone | | | |
| a) | Received health care at Accident and Emergency at the h | nospital? | times | |
| b) | Taken an ambulance to the hospital? | | times | |
| c) | Been hospitalised as an inpatient in a medical, surgical, ounit? | or maternity | times | |
| d) | Been hospitalised as an inpatient in a specialised mental facility? | healthcare | times | |
| e) | Used a crisis service, including any phone hotlines? | | times | |
| f) | Talked to the police because you witnessed a crime, wer crime or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the you that you must move along? | | times | |
| g) | Stayed one or more nights in a watch house, juvenile de whether that was a short-term stay, a longer stay for a noffence, or anything in between? | | times | |
| | If the total number of interactions equals | 4 or more, score 1 f | or Emergency Service Use. | Score |
| | If the total number of interactions equals | | | |





| Questions | Yes | No | Declined | |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|----------|--|
| For Questions 11 and 12, do not ask if partner is present | | | | |
| 10. Are you, or anyone in your family, currently being harmed or at risk of being harmed by another person such a spouse, parent, relative or friends? | | | | |
| 11. Have you, or anyone in your family, experienced violence or threats or violence, such as punching, kicking, attempted strangulation, use of weapons or controlling behavior, in the last six months, that has had an impact on feeling safe? | | 4/ | | |
| Score 1 if "Yes" to Q10, and add a score of 2 if is "Yes" to Q11 for Current S | afety and Immi | nent Risk of violence | Score | |
| 12. Have you or anyone in your family been physically harmed or verbally abused during a period of homeless? | | | | |
| 13. Have you or anyone in your family thought about, threatened to, or tried to harm themselves or anyone else in the last year? | | | | |
| 14. Have you or anyone in your family ever thought you could be a danger to other people's safety? | | | | |
| 15. When it comes to homelessness services or housing, do you feel you or your family have ever been discriminated against because of things like your age, race, appearance, disabilities, gender, identity or sexual orientation? | | | | |
| If "Yes" to Q. 13 or Q. 14, assess for immedi If "Yes" to any of the abov | | _ | Score | |
| Questions | Yes | No | Declined | |
| 16. 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? | | P | | |
| If "Y | es", score 1 for | Legal Issues. | Score | |
| 17. Does anybody force or stand over you or anyone in your family to do things that they do not want to do? | 0 | | | |
| 18. Is there anyone who has threatened you or anyone in your family or whom you are afraid of? | | | | |
| If "Yes" to any of the above, score 1 for Risk of Exploitation . | | | | |
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D. Socialisation and Daily Functioning

| Questions | Yes | No | Declined |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 19. Is there anyone who thinks you or anyone in your family owes them money, such as a past landlord, business, or bookie? | Ō | | |
| 20. Does your family have any money coming in on a regular basis, like through a job, government benefit, cash in hand work, or anything like that? | | | |
| 21. Do you or any family member ever gamble with money that you cannot afford to lose or have debts associated with gambling? | | | |
| If "Yes" to Q19 or 21 or "No" to Q20, score 1 | l for Money M | anagement. | Score |
| 22. Is your family usually bored or on most days lacking planned things that your family would enjoy? | | | |
| If "Yes", score 1 for | Meaningful D | aily Activity. | Score |
| 23. 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? | | | |
| If ' | 'No", score 1 f | or Self-Care. | Score |
| 24. Is your family's 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? | | | |
| If "Yes" to the above, score | 1 for Social Re | elationships. | Score |
| Forreference | | | |





E. E. Wellness

| Questions | Yes | No | Declined | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|----------|--|--|
| 25. Do you have now, have you ever had, or has a health care provider ever told you that you have any of the following medical conditions: | | | | | |
| a) Cellulitis | | | | | |
| b) Kidney disease/end-stage renal disease or dialysis | | | | | |
| c) Liver disease, cirrhosis, or end-stage liver disease | 90 | | | | |
| d) Heart disease, arrhythmia, or irregular heartbeat | | | | | |
| e) Emphysema/ Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) | | | | | |
| f) Diabetes | | | | | |
| g) Cancer | | | | | |
| h) Hepatitis C | | | | | |
| i) Chronic digestive condition | | | | | |
| j) Epilepsy | | | | | |
| Score 1 for EACH | H question ans | wered "Yes" | Score | | |
| 26. Do you or any family member have now, ever had, or has a health care provider told you that you have any of the following medical conditions: | ever | | | | |
| a) History of frostbite, hypothermia, or immersion foot | | | | | |
| b) HIV+/AIDS | | | | | |
| c) History of heat stroke/heat exhaustion | | | | | |
| d) Asthma | | | | | |
| e) Tuberculosis | | | | | |
| f) Dental problems | | | | | |
| g) Foot/skin infections | | | | | |
| h) Scabies | | | | | |
| i) Dehydration | | | | | |
| j) Convulsions | | | | | |
| k) Other <i>(specify)</i> : | | | | | |





| Questions | | Yes | No | Declined |
|--|--|--------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 27. Do you or any family members avoid care, or are you or any family members unable to go for care when not feeling well? | | | | |
| | | If " | Yes" Score 1 | Score |
| 28. If "No" to Q.28, where do you usuall | y go for health care or when you're not feeli | ng well? | | |
| Hospital GP GP | Community Health Centres Specialist Homeless Health Services Other Specialist Health Services Other (specify) Other (specify) Who | | | |
| Questions | Where | Yes | No | Declined |
| | | 163 | INO | Declined |
| 29. Has your family ever had to leave ho place you were staying because of the your family? | using, crisis accommodation, or other ne physical health of you or anyone in | | | |
| 30. Do you, or family member, have any type of housing you could access, or because you would need help? | | 0, | | |
| | If "Yes" to | o any of the ab | oove, score 1 | Score |
| , | Add scores from Q. 25, 27, 29 and 30 for tota | al score for Ph y | ysical Health | |
| 60 | 1181 | | | |





| Questions | Yes | No | Declined |
|--|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 31. Have you or any family member ever had problematic drug or alcohol use, abused drugs or alcohol, or been told you do – including any issues with using medicines in a way you weren't supposed to or using over-the-counter medications to get high? | | | |
| 32. Have you or any family member consumed alcohol and/or drugs almost every day or every day for the past month? | | | ۵ |
| 33. a) Have you or any family member injected drugs in the last 6 months? | | | |
| b) If so, are you and your family members aware of safe injecting practices? | | | |
| 34. Have you or any family member blacked out because of your alcohol or drug use in the past month? | | ۵ | |
| 35. Have you or any family member ever been treated for drug or alcohol problems and returned to drinking or using drugs? | | | |
| 36. Has drinking or drug use by you or anyone in your family led your family to being kicked out of housing, crisis accommodation or a program you were staying at in the past? | | | |
| 37. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for your family to stay housed or afford your housing? | | | |
| If "Yes" to any of questions 31 to 33(a) or 34 to 37, | score 1 for Sub | ostance Use. | Score |
| 38. Do you or any family member have any of the following: | | 4 | |
| a) Anxiety (other than PTSD) | | | |
| b) Depression | (a), | | |
| c) Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) | , 0 | | |
| d) Bipolar Disorder | | | |
| d) Bipolar Disorder e) Schizophrenia f) Psychosis | | | |
| f) Psychosis | | | |
| g) Borderline Personality Disorder | | | |
| h) Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) | | | |
| i) Eating disorder | | | |
| a) Other mental health condition (specify) | | | |





| Questions | Yes | No | Declined |
|---|------------------------|------------------|----------|
| 39. Have you or any family member ever been taken to a hospital against your will for a mental health reason? | | | |
| 40. Have you or any family member ever gone to <i>Accidents and Emergency</i> at the hospital because they weren't feeling 100% well emotionally or because of their nerves? | | | |
| 41. Have you or any family member voluntarily spoken with a psychiatrist, psychologist or other mental health professional in the last 6 months because of your mental health? | | | |
| 42. Have you or any family member had a serious brain injury (ABI) or head trauma? | | | |
| 43. Have you or any family member ever been told they have a learning disability or developmental/intellectual disability? | | | |
| 44. 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? | | | |
| If "Yes" to any of the above, | score 1 for Me | ntal Health. | Score |
| 45. If you indicated in there is a medical condition , with mental health concerns and experience with problematic substance use , was that for the same member of the family in all of those instances? | | | |
| If "Yes" | , score 1 for T | ri-Morbidity. | Score |
| 46. Are there any medications that a doctor said you or anyone in your family should advised because: | l be taking that | t you are not ta | king as |
| a) You, or any family member, sell them instead of taking them | | | |
| b) You, or any family member, misuse them | | | |
| c) You, or any family member, have had them taken or stolen from you | | 1 - | |
| d) You, or any family member, forget to take them | | | |
| e) You, or any family member, are unable to store them | | | |
| f) You, or any family member, are unable to afford them | | | |
| g) You, or any family member, do not agree that you need them | | | |
| h) You, or any family member, do not like the side effects | | | |
| i) For any other reason | | | |
| If "Yes" to any of the abov | e, score 1 for I | Medications. | Score |
| 47. YES OR NO: Have you or any family member experienced any recent or past abuse or trauma? | | | |
| If yes, Have you sought help for it? | | | |
| If "Yes" to 47, scor | re 1 for Abuse | and Trauma. | |





F. Family Unit

| Questions | Yes | No | Declined |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 48. Are there any children that have been removed from the family by a child protection service within the last 6 months? | | | |
| 49. 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? | | | |
| If "Yes" to any of the above, sco | re 1 for Family | Legal Issues. | Score |
| 50. Right now or at any point in the last 6 months have any of your children been separated from you to live with a family member or friend? | 0,0 | | |
| 51. Has any child in the family experienced any emotional, physical, psychological, sexual or other type of abuse or trauma in the last 6 months? | | | |
| 52. If there are school-aged children Do your children attend school more often than not each week? | | | |
| If "Yes" to any of Q50 or Q51, or "No" to Q52, score 1 for Needs of Children. | | | Score |
| 53. Have adults in the family changed over the past 6 months because of things like new relationships or a breakdown in the relationship, prison, military deployment, or anything like that? | | | |
| 54. Do you anticipate any other adults or children coming to live with you in the first 6 months of being housed? | | | |
| If "Yes" to any of the above, score 1 for Family Stability | | | Score |
| 55. 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? | | | |
| 56. Has being homeless made it difficult to be as engaged with your children as you'd like to be? | | | |
| 57. Because of your homelessness, do you rely on your older children to help you with your younger children? | | | |
| 58. Because of your homelessness, are you isolated from family supports? | | | |
| If "No" to Q. 55 or "Yes" to any of Q. 56 to Q. 58, score 1 | L for Parental E | ingagement. | Score |
| Forrefere | | | |





Additional Questions

| Head of Household 1 | | |
|--|---|--|
| Your Gender is best described as Female Male Sistergirl Brotherboy Transgender Gender diverse Non-binary Questioning/Unsure Prefer not to say Prefer to self-describe (specify) | Intersex variation: Yes Unsure No Prefer not to say Declined Your Sexual Identity is best described as Asexual Bisexual Gay Heterosexual Lesbian Pansexual | 17 |
| □ DeclinedWhat country were you born in?□ Australia□ New Zealand | What is your ancestry / ethnic cultural background? (Mark all that apply) Australian | What is your citizenship or residency status? ☐ Australian citizen |
| □ United Kingdom □ China □ India □ Philippines □ Vietnam □ Italy □ South Africa □ Malaysia □ Other (specify) □ Declined | ☐ Australian ☐ Indigenous Australian ☐ English ☐ Irish ☐ Scottish ☐ Italian ☐ German ☐ Chinese ☐ Greek ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Hmong ☐ Kurdish ☐ Maori ☐ Lebanese ☐ Other (specify) ☐ Declined | □ Australian permanent resident □ Visitor Visa □ Working and Skilled Visa □ Studying and Training Visa □ Family and Spousal Visa □ Refugee and Humanitarian Visa □ Bridging Visa □ New Zealand citizen □ Other (specify) □ Declined to state |
| How do you make money? (Mark all that apply) Aged Pension Any other pension/allowance Begging Carer Allowance Carer Payment Disability Support Pension Family Tax Benefit Maintenance (Child Support) New Start/Unemployment Benefit No Income Parenting Payment Rent Assistance Sex Work | □ Special Benefit Payment □ Student Allowance □ Work, Big Issue Vendor □ Work, Employee □ Work, Self-Employed □ Worker's Compensation □ Youth Allowance – Living at Home □ Youth Allowance – Living Away from Home □ Other (specify) □ None of the Above □ Declined | Are your finances administered by: Public Trustee Carer Relative Other N/A (self managed) Declined Do you have a Guardian? Yes No Declined |





SCRIPT:

I am going to ask for personal details of your family members. It's okay if you don't have the answer or if you don't feel comfortable answering these questions without their consent. If you do answer these questions, you consent to us collecting information about other members of your family, including your partner.

| Head of Household 2 | | |
|--|---|---|
| Your Gender is best described as Female Male Sistergirl Brotherboy Transgender Gender diverse Non-binary Questioning/unsure Prefer not to say Prefer to self-describe (specify) Declined What country were you born in? Australia | Intersex variation: Yes Unsure No Prefer not to say Declined Your Sexual Identity is best described as Asexual Bisexual Gay Heterosexual Lesbian Pansexual Mhat is your ancestry / ethnic cultural background? (Mark all that | Queer Questioning/unsure Prefer to self-describe (specify) Prefer not to say Declined What is your citizenship or residency status? |
| □ New Zealand □ United Kingdom □ China □ India □ Philippines □ Vietnam □ Italy □ South Africa □ Malaysia □ Other (specify) □ Declined | apply) Australian Indigenous Australian English Irish Scottish Italian German Chinese Greek Vietnamese Hmong Kurdish Maori Lebanese Other (specify) | □ Australian citizen □ Australian permanent resident □ Visitor Visa □ Working and Skilled Visa □ Studying and Training Visa □ Family and Spousal Visa □ Refugee and Humanitarian Visa □ Bridging Visa □ Other Visa □ New Zealand citizen □ Other (specify) □ Declined |
| How do you make money? (Mark all that apply) Aged Pension Any other pension/allowance Begging Carer Allowance Carer Payment Disability Support Pension Family Tax Benefit Maintenance (Child Support) New Start/Unemployment Benefit No Income Parenting Payment Rent Assistance Sex Work | □ Special Benefit Payment □ Student Allowance □ Work, Big Issue Vendor □ Work, Employee □ Work, Self-Employed □ Worker's Compensation □ Youth Allowance – Living at Home □ Youth Allowance – Living Away from Home □ Other (specify) □ None of the Above □ Declined | Are your finances administered by: Public Trustee Carer Relative Other (specify) N/A (self managed) Declined Do you have a Guardian? Yes No Declined |





| Questions | Yes | No | Declined |
|--|-----|----|----------|
| 59. a) Are you a current serving member of the Australia Defence Force? | | | |
| b) Are any other family members a current serving member of the Australia Defence Force? | | | |
| 60. a) Have you ever served in the Australian Defence Force? | | | |
| b) Has any other family member ever served in the Australian Defence Force? | | | |
| 61. a) Have you ever been in foster care, out of home care or institutional care as a child? | 191 | | |
| b) (If applicable) Has your partner ever been in foster care, out of home care or institutional care as a child? | | | |
| 62. a) Have you ever been in institutional care as an adult? | | | |
| b) (If applicable) Has your partner ever been in institutional care as an adult? | | | |
| 63. a) Have you ever been in youth detention? | | | |
| b) (If applicable) Has your partner ever been in youth detention? Not applicable | | | |
| 64. Please specify if you have any pets: | 1 | | |







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:am/pm or |
|--|-----------------------|
| Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message? | Phone:Email: |
| Okay, 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? | ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Declined |
| What do you need to be safe and well? | |

Scoring summary

| Domain | Subtotal | Results |
|--|----------|--|
| A. Demographics | /2 | |
| B. History of Housing and Homelessness | /2 | Score: Recommendation: |
| C. Risks | /7 | 0-4 No housing intervention |
| D. Socialisation and Daily Functions | /5 | 5-9 An assessment for rapid re-housing |
| E. Wellness | /16 | An assessment for permanent supportive housing / housing first |
| F. Family Unit | /4 | Housing / Housing Hist |
| Grand Total | /36 | |
| FOR | | |



