

Connecticut Supportive Housing Assessment

Introduction

This assessment identifies service needs for individuals and households both newly entering and currently housed in permanent supportive housing. It is designed to determine the level of intensity of services. It also provides information to evaluate a tenant's potential ability to move on from supportive housing to other affordable housing options that include limited follow-up supportive services.

The assessment and acuity index is also used in the Connecticut Permanent Supportive Housing Quality Assurance Program. During quality reviews the assessment and index are scored for completeness and timeliness. Reviewers also examine whether the index informs current service plan goals and that progress notes provide detailed information related to achieving service plan goals and moving an individual forward.

Training materials on the assessment - <https://act-ct.org/cthhta.html> - this link lets you register for the new LMS managed by Advancing CT Together.

Instructions

The tool is designed to be completed by both the tenant and case manager and can be completed across multiple meetings. It should be utilized in the development of service plan goals and should include a discussion of the tenant's ability and interest in moving to a different type of unit, building, or neighborhood if applicable. Conversations should include the strength of the tenant's community connections for ongoing supportive services as needed, and ability to meet the occupancy requirements of the new housing unit, if applicable.

Fully complete this tool at initial entry and at least every six months. If information is not applicable, the section must be marked N/A in order to be deemed complete.

The acuity index, in turn, should be used to develop service plan goals. Specifically, a goal should be present on the service plan if an individual's level is a 0 or 1 on an acuity index item. If a large number of items are evaluated as a level 0 or 1, the case manager and supervisor should identify which should be presented as active goals or deferred goals in the service plan. Progress notes should also relate back to the acuity index and explain the steps taken to help meet the service plan goals and assist tenants in moving forward. In addition to informing service plan goals and progress notes, the acuity index can also be used to identify individuals who may be able to move on to another form of housing subsidy with support services provided by community providers.

Initial Reassessment | Date of Last Assessment: _____ Date Initiated: _____ Date Completed: _____

Tenant Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

DDaP Periodic Assessment

Employment Status: Employed full time

Highest Grade Completed: _____

Number of persons dependent on income: _____

Number of minors dependent on income: _____

Principal Source of Support:

None Public Assistance Retirement Salary Disability Other Unknown

Living Situation: Private residence: client holds lease

Homeless in last 6 months? Yes No

Number of days in last 30 that tenant has lived in a controlled environment (jail, locked or monitored facility): _____

Days in group home/ halfway housing in the past 30 days: _____ and in the past six months: _____

Number of arrests in last 30 days: _____ Number of self help meetings attended in last 30 days: _____

Client Interacted with Family/Friends supportive of recovery in past 30 days: Yes No

Substance Use History:

| Substance | Age at First Use | Number of days used in past 30 days | Route of Administration |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| None | | | None |
| None | | | None |
| None | | | None |

International Classification of Diseases

ICD-10 (Axis 1) Behavioral Health (primary) Diagnosis: _____ Diagnosis Date: _____

ICD-10 (Axis 2) Behavioral Health (secondary) Diagnosis: _____ Diagnosis Date: _____

ICD-10 (Axis 3) Medical (not required) Diagnosis: _____ Diagnosis Date: _____

ICD-10 (GAF Score): _____ Diagnosis Date: _____

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If this is an initial assessment, percent of time homeless in past 3 years (*for example 1 year = 33%*): _____

Community-based services connected to in past 6 months:

Mental Health treatment Substance Abuse Treatment Employment Services
 Educational Services Volunteer Organization Health/Medical Services

Percent of time tenant has worked in the past 6 months (*for example, 3 months = 50 %*): _____

Current Annual Household Income: _____ Number of days in jail/prison in past 6 months: _____

Days in a residential program and/or inpatient in past 6 months: _____ ER visits in past 6 months: _____

Number of tenant's children living with tenant: _____ Number of children under 18: _____

HMIS Domestic Violence History

History of Domestic Violence? Yes No If "Yes", how long ago did experience occur?
 Within the past 3 months 3 to 6 months ago 6 to 12 months ago More than a year ago

Members in household other than tenant (if applicable)*

| Name | Age | Gender | Relationship | Name/address of school or readiness program or day care | Service Needs |
|------|-----|--------|--------------|---|---------------|
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*Additional family members can be identified on page 8 in "additional information"

Nearest relative or friend not living with tenant and others to contact for emergencies or to reach

| Name | Address | Phone | Relationship |
|------|---------|-------|--------------|
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Current Medications

| Medication | Prescribed For | Dose/Frequency | Prescriber |
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Housing History and Information

History of housing/homelessness in the past 5 years (if first assessment):

Current landlord: _____ Phone: _____

Length of time currently housed: _____ Number of times rent paid late for past 12 months: _____

Total length of time lease(s) have been continuously maintained: _____

Issues with landlord and/or neighbors (*for example complaints, damage*) for past 12 months:

Circumstances that impact ability to maintain housing:

Daily Living Skills Challenges

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paying rent/utilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Lease compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Housekeeping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money management | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving/using public transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Arranging apartment repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of mental health services | <input type="checkbox"/> Securing/Maintaining Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of health services | <input type="checkbox"/> Socialization | <input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping for food/necessities | <input type="checkbox"/> Taking medication as prescribed | <input type="checkbox"/> Filling prescriptions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | |

Employment and Education

Worked in the past 6 months: Yes No Currently Employed: Yes No

Note employer, type of job, length of employment and hours worked per week:

Currently enrolled in an education program: Yes No If yes, note program: _____

Employment and/or education goals:

Medical and Health

| Provider | Name | Phone | Last Appointment | Next Appointment |
|--------------|------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Primary Care | | | | |
| Dental | | | | |
| Specialist: | | | | |
| Specialist: | | | | |

Medical insurance:

Current health challenges, medical problems and known allergies:

Medical treatment history including hospitalizations (*indicate past or current*):

Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Trauma

| Provider | Name | Phone | Last Appointment | Next Appointment |
|--------------|------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Clinician | | | | |
| Case Manager | | | | |
| Other: | | | | |

Other:

Behavioral health/substance use diagnosis (es) *(indicate past or current)*:

Behavioral health treatment history including inpatient *(indicate past or current)*:

Trauma history:

Introduction – we’re going to talk about things that you may have seen or experienced at different points in your life. You don’t have to answer any questions or tell me anything you don’t want to, and we can stop this part of the assessment at any time you would like. We can also talk about any concerns you may have in this area.

Substance use treatment history including inpatient and detox *(indicate past or current)*:

Currently using substances? Yes No If yes, current harm reduction goals:

Financial Resources and Obligations

Income Sources

| Recipient Name | Source/Type | \$ Per Month | Effective Date | Change? Yes/No |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
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Outstanding Debts/Obligations (outstanding utility bills, child support, medical bills, etc.)

| Type | Creditor | Total Amount |
|------|----------|--------------|
| | | |
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Conservator/Representative Payee (if applicable)

| Type | Name | Address | Phone |
|------------------------|------|---------|-------|
| Conservator of Person | | | |
| Conservator of Finance | | | |
| Representative Payee | | | |

Legal Involvement

| Provider | Name | Phone |
|-------------------|------|-------|
| Attorney | | |
| Probation Officer | | |
| DCF Worker | | |
| Other: | | |

History of legal involvement: Include arrests, convictions, incarcerations, pending court dates, involvement with child welfare, attorney and current status:

Services

Services individual would like to participate in/access:

Natural Supports

List supportive persons/groups:

Involvement with community-based activities:

List person(s) tenant would like to involve in developing service plans goals and the provision of services:

| | | | |
|-------|--|---------------|--|
| Name: | <input style="width: 400px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | Phone number: | <input style="width: 250px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
| Name: | <input style="width: 400px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> | Phone number: | <input style="width: 250px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |

Interests and Hobbies

Interests, hobbies:

Strengths and Barriers to Accessing Resources and/or Services

Strengths (including skills, support and motivation) & Barriers (including physical, motivation, language difficulties, etc):

Additional Information

Summary Notes

Tenant Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

| Acuity Index | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Housing and Lease | Levels | | | | Tenant Score | | Service Plan Goal | |
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | New | Last | Active | Deferred |
| Rent Payment | Rep Payee/Tenant has not paid rent for last 6 months or has only paid on-time 1-3 times in last 12 months | Rep Payee/Tenant has paid rent on-time 4-6 times in last 12 months | Rep Payee/Tenant has paid rent on-time 7-9 times in last 12 months | Rep Payee/Tenant has paid rent on-time every month for the last 12 months | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Utility Bill Payment | Tenant has paid utility bills on-time for 1-3 months in last 12 months | Tenant has paid utility bills on-time for 4-6 months in last 12 months | Tenant has paid utility bills on-time for 7-9 months in the last 12 months | Tenant has paid utility bills on-time for 10-12 months in last 12 months OR utilities are included in rent. | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lease (include all leases if tenant moved) | Tenant has been in supportive housing less than 12 months OR has held a lease less than 12 months | Tenant has been in a supportive housing program and has held lease for 12-23 consecutive months | Tenant has been in a supportive housing program and has held lease for 24-36 consecutive months | Tenant has been in a supportive housing program and has held lease for over 36 consecutive months | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing Subtotal | | | | | 0 | | | |
| Comments: | | | | | | | | |

Tenant Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

| Arrears and Debt | Levels | | | | Tenant Score | | Service Plan Goal | |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | New | Last | Active | Deferred |
| Rent Arrears | Tenant has outstanding rent arrears and is not willing to set up payment plan | Tenant has 3 or more months of rent arrears and has set up a payment plan | Tenant has 1-2 months of rent arrears and is current on payment plan | Tenant has no rent arrears | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Utility Arrears | Tenant has utility arrears and is not willing to set up payment plan | Tenant has more than \$500 in utility arrears and has set up a payment plan | Tenant has less than \$500 in utility arrears and is current on payment plan | Tenant has no utility arrears | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Debt | Tenant debt greater than 50 percent of income and tenant is unable to meet these obligations | Tenant debt is greater than 50 percent of income and tenant is able to meet these obligations | Tenant debt is less than 50 percent of income and tenant is able to meet these obligations | Tenant debt is between 0 and 10 percent of income and tenant is able to meet these obligations | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arrears and Debt Subtotal | | | | | 0 | | | |
| Comments: | | | | | | | | |

Tenant Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

| Income and Benefits | Levels | | | | Tenant Score | | Service Plan Goal | |
|--|---|---|--|---|--------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | New | Last | Active | Deferred |
| Stable/Consistent Source of Cash Income | Tenant has no stable/consistent source of cash income | Tenant has cash income but it is not stable/consistent | Tenant has had stable/consistent cash income for the last 1 – 6 months | Tenant has had stable/consistent cash income for the last 7 or more months | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Benefits | Tenant has no benefits and has not yet applied for benefits | Tenant has applied for benefits but has not yet received them | Tenant has received all benefits entitled to for the last 1-6 months | Tenant has received all benefits entitled to for the last 7 or more months OR is not eligible for benefits | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employment | Tenant is not employed, is able to work but not seeking employment OR tenant is not able to work and has not received disability benefits | Tenant is not employed, is able to work and is seeking employment or participating in employment services (training, job readiness, etc.) | Tenant is able to work and has been employed for less than 6 months | Tenant is able to work and has been employed for more than 6 months OR tenant is not able to work and receiving disability benefits | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Income and Benefits Subtotal | | | | | 0 | | | |
| Comments: | | | | | | | | |

Tenant Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

| Support Services and Resources | Levels | | | | Tenant Score | | Service Plan Goal | |
|--|---|--|--|---|--------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | New | Last | Active | Deferred |
| Crisis Intervention | Tenant has required has required over 5 crisis interventions in the past 12 months | Tenant required 3-5 crisis interventions in the past 12 months and did not work quickly with case manager to identify needs/help | Tenant required 3-5 crisis interventions in past 12 months and worked quickly with case manager to identify needs/help | Tenant required less than 3 crisis interventions in past 12 months and worked quickly with case manager to identify needs/help | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Life Skills | Tenant is unable to independently meet basic needs such as hygiene, food, activities of daily living | Tenant can independently meet a few basic needs such as hygiene, food, activities of daily living | Tenant can independently meet most but not all basic needs such as hygiene, food, activities of daily living | Tenant is able to independently meet all basic needs | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Legal | Tenant has outstanding warrants or has been incarcerated for more than 90 days in the prior year | Tenant has current charges or trial pending, or is noncompliant with current criminal justice supervision | Tenant has been fully compliant with criminal justice supervision for less than 12 months | Tenant has been fully compliant with criminal justice supervision for more than 12 months OR has no criminal justice supervision requirements | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mobility & Transportation | Tenant has no access to public or private transportation | Transportation is available, but is unreliable or unaffordable | Transportation is available and reliable, but limited and/or inconvenient | Transportation is generally accessible to meet basic travel needs | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Safe Living Environment | Tenant had over 5 contacts with police and/or landlord regarding disruptive activities or unsafe conditions in the unit in last 12 months | Tenant had 3-5 contacts with police and/or landlord regarding disruptive activities or unsafe conditions in the unit in last 12 months | Tenant had 1-2 contacts with police and/or landlord regarding disruptive activities or unsafe conditions in the unit in last 12 months | Tenant had no contacts with police and/or landlord regarding disruptive activities or unsafe conditions in the unit in last 12 months | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Support Services and Resources Subtotal | | | | | 0 | | | |

Comments:

Tenant Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

| Health | Levels | | | | Tenant Score | | Service Plan Goal | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | New | Last | Active | Deferred |
| Mental Health Care Use | Tenant has not had contact with a mental health provider in the past 12 months | Tenant has contact with a mental health provider and has kept less than 50 percent of appointments in the last 12 months | Tenant has contact with a mental health provider and has kept more than 50 percent of appointments in the last 12 months | Tenant has contact with a mental health provider and has kept more than 90 percent of appointments in the last 12 months OR Tenant has no need for mental health services | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Primary/Specialty Health Care Use | Tenant has not had contact with a primary and/or specialty health care provider in the past 12 months | Tenant has contact with a primary and/or specialty health care provider and follows preventive screening and treatment recommendations less than 50 percent of the time | Tenant has contact with a primary and/or specialty health care provider and follows preventive screening and treatment recommendations 50 to 90 percent of the time | Tenant has contact with a primary and/or specialty health care provider and follows preventive screening and treatment recommendations more than 90 percent of the time | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medication Adherence | Tenant self-reports never taking prescribed medications | Tenant self-reports rarely taking prescribed medications | Tenant self-reports sometimes taking prescribed medications | Tenant self-reports regularly taking prescribed medications OR has no prescribed medications | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Harm Reduction (such as substance use, gambling, risky sexual and other behaviors) | Tenant does not see behavior(s) as harmful | Tenant acknowledges behavior(s) may be harmful and is contemplating adoption of harm reduction goals | Tenant has set harm reduction goals and has taken some action to achieve them | Tenant has adopted behaviors to achieve harm reduction goals OR does not engage in harmful behaviors | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Connection to Community Supports | Tenant has no community supports outside of supportive housing program | Tenant has limited community supports and is not interested in attaining others | Tenant has adequate community supports or has limited supports but is interested in attaining others | Tenant seeks out community supports and has many connections including specialized services | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health Subtotal | | | | | 0 | | | |
| Comments: | | | | | | | | |

Tenant Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

| Parenting and Child Services | Levels | | | | Tenant Score | | Service Plan Goal | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | New | Last | Active | Deferred |
| Childcare | Needs childcare, but none is available/accessible and/or child is not eligible. | Childcare is unreliable or unaffordable, inadequate, supervision is a problem for childcare that is available | Affordable subsidized childcare is available, but limited | Reliable, affordable childcare is available, no need for subsidies | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Children's Education | One or more school aged children not enrolled in school | One or more school-aged children enrolled in school, but not attending classes. Parent is unaware and/or has difficulty addressing children issues without significant case management involvement | One or more school-aged children enrolled in school, but only occasionally attending classes. Parent is aware and/or has difficulty addressing children issues without case management involvement. | Enrolled in school and attending classes most of the time. Parent is aware and addressing children issues. | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parenting | There are safety concerns regarding parenting skills | Parenting skills are minimal | Parenting skills are apparent but not adequate | Parenting skills are adequate | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Child Welfare Involvement | High level of mandated involvement with child welfare system | Current involvement with child welfare system, no resolution of matter/case | Recent involvement with child welfare but matter resolved and closed | No history of child welfare involvement OR involvement was more than 2 years ago | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Children with Special Needs | Children not connected with services | Children connected with limited services and/or participation minimal with prompting | Children connected with services but participation minimal with prompting | Children with special needs fully participate in services OR children have no special needs | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Parenting and Child Services Subtotal

0

Comments:

Tenant Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Acuity Index Interpretation

| Domain | Score Range | | | Tenant Score |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| | High Acuity | Medium Acuity | Low Acuity | |
| Housing and Lease | 0-3 | 4-7 | 8-9 | 0 |
| Arrears and Debts | 0-3 | 4-7 | 8-9 | 0 |
| Income and Benefits | 0-3 | 4-7 | 8-9 | 0 |
| Support Services and Resources | 0-6 | 7-12 | 13-15 | 0 |
| Health | 0-6 | 7-12 | 13-15 | 0 |
| Parenting and Child Services | 0-6 | 7-12 | 13-15 | 0 |

Interpretation:

- **All domains fall in Low Acuity range:** Other housing options with community supports should be considered as a short term goal. Client is a candidate for “Moving-On” from Supportive Housing.
- **One or more domains scores in Medium Acuity range but no domains score in High Acuity range:** Other housing options with community-based supports should be considered as a long term goal.
- **One or more domains falls in High Acuity range:** Tenant should remain in supportive housing.

Signatures

The information in this assessment was collected in good faith and is as accurate as possible.

Case Manager Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date