# Appendix B. Baseline Survey Instrument

# The Impact of Housing and Services Interventions for Homeless Families Baseline Interview

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#### Introduction

NOTE: By the time of the baseline interview, the site liaison will have met with the respondent to explain the study and will have obtained informed consent. The introduction to the survey thus focuses only on the interview. The introduction provides assurances of confidentiality but does not repeat all of the consent form language. The site liaison will conduct the interview right after informed consent and before random assignment. In nearly all cases we assume this will all be part of one meeting between the site liaison and the head of the family in the shelter. The head of family is defined as the custodial parent or if both custodial parents are present in the shelter, the mother.

As I mentioned earlier, I work for Abt Associates, an independent research company. We are helping the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to do a study to find out what kind of housing assistance is best for families who become homeless. One of the things we are asking families who participate in the study to do is to answer questions for a survey to help us learn more about the kinds of experiences families have and the kinds of assistance that is most helpful to them. The survey will take about 40 minutes to complete. You can stop the interview at any time and you can choose not to answer any question. The information you provide will be kept confidential and only used for this study. The collection of this information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget. At the end of the interview, you will be paid \$35 in appreciation for your time.

#### **Section A:** Pre-Shelter Housing

First, I'd like to ask about your housing before you came to this shelter. I would like you to think back to the place where were you living right before you came to [SHELTER NAME]?

Which one of the following best describes your living situation right before you came to [SHELTER NAME]?

Would	you say you were staying in	YE S	N O	RE F	D K
A1a.	A house or apartment that you owned or rented. This does not include your parent's or guardian's home or apartment	1	2	7	8
A1b.	Your partner's (boy/girlfriends/fiancé, significant other's) place.	1	2	7	8
A1c.	A friend or relative's house or apartment, and paying part of the rent [PROBE: THIS INCLUDES YOUR PARENT'S or GUARDIAN'S HOUSE OR APARTMENT OR OTHER FRIEND OR RELATIVE'S APARTMENT]	1	2	7	8
A1d.	A friend or relative's house or apartment, <b>but</b> <u>not</u> paying part of the rent [PROBE: THIS INCLUDES YOUR PARENT'S or GUARDIAN'S HOUSE OR APARTMENT OR OTHER FRIEND OR RELATIVE'S APARTMENT]	1	2	7	8
	CAPI: IF 1a, 1b, 1c, or 1d =Yes SKIP TO A2; Otherwise, continue down 1e through 1p until a yes response i	s reacl	ned.		
A1e.	A permanent housing program with services to help you keep your housing (on site or coming to you) IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1f.	A transitional housing program IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1g.	A voucher hotel or motel IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1h.	A hotel or motel you paid for yourself IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1i.	A residential drug or alcohol treatment program IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1j.	Jail or prison IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1k.	A domestic violence shelter IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1I.	An emergency shelter other than this one [NAME OF CURRENT SHELTER] IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1m.	A car or other vehicle IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1n.	An abandoned building IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A10.	Anywhere outside [PROBE: STREETS, PARKS, ETC.] IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8
A1p.	OTHER → SPECIFY:IF YES: SKIP TO A4	1	2	7	8

Source: adapted from TH study

How long [did you stay there/were you living there] before coming to [NAME OF SHELTER]? INTERVIEWER: RESPONDENT CAN ANSWER IN THE TIMEFRAME MOST COMFORTABLE FOR THEM. IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS IN MONTHS AND YEARS, CONVERT TO MONTHS.

	A2a.	RECORD TIME IN YEARS  Number of Years1-96	
		Less Than One Year	ASK A2b
		REFUSED2	
		DON'T KNOW1	
	A2b.		
		Number of Months1-96	1 C
		Less than One Month	ASK A2c
		DON'T KNOW1	
	A2c.	Number of Days1-31	
		REFUSED2 DON'T KNOW1	
	Source: New		
	What was you	ur street address right before you came to [SHELTER NAME]?	
 A3a.	Was	there a complex/building name?	
			-
A3b.	Was	there an apartment number?	
A3c.	What	t city did you live in?	
A3d.	What	t state did you live in?	
A3e.	What	t was the zip code?	
		SKIP TO SECTION B	

Source: New

How many months or years has it been since you had a regular place to stay, or regular housing? By "a regular place to stay" or "regular housing" I am referring to a house, apartment, room, or other housing where you could stay 30 days or more in the same place. PROBE: THIS COULD MEAN EITHER A HOUSE OR APARTMENT YOU OWNED OR RENTED ON YOUR OWN, OR A HOUSE OR APARTMENT BELONGING TO YOUR PARENTS, OTHER RELATIVES, OR FRIENDS, WHERE YOU COULD STAY FOR 30 DAYS OR MORE]

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS IN MONTHS AND YEARS, CONVERT TO MONTHS.

	REPORTED TIME IN YEARS REPORTED TIME IN MONTHS REPORTED TIME BY DAYS REFUSED DON'T KNOW	2 1-96 97	
A4a.	RECORD TIME IN YEARS  Number of Years  Less Than One Year  REFUSED  DON'T KNOW	0 2	ASK A4b
A4b.	RECORD TIME IN MONTHS  Number of Months  Less than One Month  REFUSED  DON'T KNOW	1 2	ASK A4c
A4c.	RECORD TIME IN DAYS  Number of Days  REFUSED  DON'T KNOW	2	
Source: Adapte	ted from National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers a	and Clients (	(NSHAPC)
	address of that place? NTERVIEWER: COLLECT ALL KNOWN INFORMATION AB	OUT ADDR	ESS]
A4a.	Was there a complex/building name?		
A4b.	Was there an apartment number?		
A4c.	What city did you live in?		
A4d.	What state did you live in?		
A4e.	What was the zip code?		
Source: New	•		

**Section B:** Housing Barriers

Next, I'd like to ask about things that make it difficult at times for some people to find a place to live.

There are many things that can make finding a place to live difficult. I'm going to read a list of reasons why some people might have trouble finding housing. Please tell me if you think this is a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all **for you and your family**.

When	trying to find a place to live is	Big problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	REF	DK
B1a.	Not having enough income to pay rent a	1	2	3	7	8
B1b.	Inability to pay a security deposit or first/last month's rent a	1	2	3	7	8
B1c.	Lack of transportation to look for housing a	1	2	3	7	8
B1d.	Poor credit history a	1	2	3	7	8
B1e.	Racial discrimination a	1	2	3	7	8
B1f.	Not being currently employed a	1	2	3	7	8
B1g.	No rent history at all a	1	2	3	7	8
B1h.	Recently moved to community and no local rent history a	1	2	3	7	8
B1i.	No reference from past landlords a	1	2	3	7	8
B1j.	A past eviction(s) a	1	2	3	7	8
B1k.	Problems with past landlords a	1	2	3	7	8
B1l.	Past lease violations a	1	2	3	7	8
B1m.	Having problems with police a	1	2	3	7	8
B1n.	Having a criminal record or background a	1	2	3	7	8
B1o.	Having a felony drug record, a					
B1p.	Having three or more children in the household a	1	2	3	7	8
B1q.	Having teenagers in the household a	1	2	3	7	8
B1r.	Someone in the household under 21 years old a	1	2	3	7	8
B1s.	Someone in the household that has a disability a	1	2	3	7	8

Source: Strengthening At-Risk and Homeless Young Mothers and Children Initiative Evaluation (Cunningham).

#### **Section C:** Homelessness History

Now I am going to ask you some questions about any experiences you may have had with homelessness in your lifetime. By homeless, I mean times when you didn't have a regular place to stay and you were living in a homeless shelter or temporarily in an institution because you had nowhere else to go. Homeless can also include living in a place not typically used for sleeping such as on the street, in a car, in an abandoned building, or in a bus or train station. Please **do not include** any times when you may have stayed with friends or relatives because you did not have your own place to stay.

Source: Adapted from Center for Mental Health Services and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CMHS/CSAT) Homeless Families Evaluation Homelessness History Module.

C1.	Just before you came to [NAME OF SHELTER] this time, how long had you been homeless? You can tell me this answer in days, weeks, months, or years, whichever is easiest for you. [INTERVIEWER/CAPI: RECORD NUMBER OF DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS, YEARS IN C1a. IF 0, RECORD THAT AS WELL. THEN VERIFY THE C1a RESPONSE IN C1b.]
	C1a. NUMBER OF DAYS NUMBER OF WEEKS NUMBER OF MONTHS NUMBER OF YEARS REFUSED
	C1b. I have recorded that, before you came to [NAME OF SHELTER] this time, you had been homeless for:  NUMBER OF DAYS
C2.	Not including this time right now, How many other times, have you been homeless, in your lifetime? [INTERVIEWER/CAPI: COUNT CURRENT SPELL AS ONE TIME. RESPONSES MUST BE 1 OR GREATER. ZERO IS NOT AN ALLOWABLE VALUE]  NUMBER OF TIMES

	C2a.: So, just to confirm is this the first time you have become nomeless?
	YES
	NO2
	REFUSED7
	DON'T KNOW8
	DON 1 KNOW
C3.	How old were you the first time you became homeless?
	AGEIF =>18, THEN SKIP TO C6. IF =<17, SKIP TO C5
	REFUSED2 ASK C4
	DON'T KNOW1 ASK C4
C4.	Would you say that you were 17 years old or younger?
	YES1
	NO
	REFUSED7
	DON'T KNOW8
C5.	At that time, were you with your parents, or were you on your own?
	WITH MY PARENT(S)1
	ON MY OWN2
	OTHER (SPECIFY)3
	REFUSED7
	DON'T KNOW8
	I'd like to ask you how long you have been homeless altogether in your life. You can tell me this answer in days, weeks, months, or years whichever is easiest for you.
C6.	Altogether, what would you say is the total number of days, weeks, months, or years that you have been homeless in your life? [INTERVIEWER/CAPI: RECORD NUMBER OF DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS, YEARS IN C5a. IF 0, RECORD THAT AS WELL. THEN VERIFY THE C5a RESPONSE IN C5b.]
	C6a. NUMBER OF DAYS NUMBER OF WEEKS NUMBER OF MONTHS
	NUMBER OF YEARS
	REFUSED2
	DON'T KNOW1

	C6b.	I have recorded that in your whole life you have been homeless	s for:
		NUMBER OF DAYS	
		NUMBER OF WEEKS	
		NUMBER OF MONTHS	
		NUMBER OF YEARS	
		Is that correct?	
		YES	1
		NO	
		REFUSED	,
		DON'T KNOW	
C7.		adult, have you ever stayed with family or friends because you co of your own? [PROMPT IF NEEDED: BY AS AN ADULT, I MEAN	
	•	ED 18)	TSINCE TOO
YES	6	1	
NO		2	
		REFUSED	7
		DON'T KNOW	8
C8.	weeks could MEAN WEEN	adult, in the last five years (or since you turned 18), what is the to s, months, or years that you have spent living with family or friends n't find or afford a place of your own? [PROMPT IF NEEDED: BY I SINCE YOU TURNED 18]. [INTERVIEWER/CAPI: RECORD NI KS, MONTHS, YEARS IN C7a. IF 0, RECORD THAT AS WELL. RESPONSE IN C7b.]	s, because you AS AN ADULT, WE UMBER OF DAYS,
	C8a.	NUMBER OF DAYS	
		NUMBER OF WEEKS	
		NUMBER OF MONTHS	
		NUMBER OF YEARS	
		REFUSED	2
		DON'T KNOW	1
	C8b.	I have recorded that, as an adult, in the past five years you hav relatives for:	e lived with friends or
		NUMBER OF DAYS NUMBER OF WEEKS	
		NUMBER OF MONTHS	
		NUMBER OF YEARS	
		Is that correct?	
		YES	1
		NO	
		REFUSED	,
		DON'T KNOW	
			-

## Section D: Employment

Now I'd like to ask a few questions about your work experience.

Source: Adapted from employment series from MTO Interim Evaluation Follow-up Survey and Effects of Housing Vouchers on Welfare Families Follow-up survey

	, ,	
D1.	Last week, did you do any work for pay?	
	YES	SKIP TO D3
D2.	What is the main reason that you did not work for pay last week? (RECORD VITHEN CODE. DO NOT READ LIST)	ERBATIM AND
	UNABLE TO WORK BECAUSE OF HOUSING PROBLEMS	SKIP TO D4
D3.	Do you have a disability, that could include either a physical, emotional, or mer condition, that limits or prevents you from working at a job for pay?	ntal health
	YES	

D4.	-	u responsible for caring for a family member (child or adult) who has a disability? (IF SKIP TO D6)
		YES
D5.		se responsibilities (caring for a family member with a disability), limit or prevent you orking at a job for pay?
		YES1
		NO2
		REFUSED7
		DON'T KNOW8
		IF D1=YES, SKIP TO D7
D6.	When pay?	did you last work for pay? Can you tell me the month and year you last worked for
		DATE LAST WORKED MM/YYYY
		HAVE NEVER WORKED FOR PAY3 SKIP TO E1
		REFUSED2 SKIP TO E1
		DON'T KNOW1 ASK D6A
	D6a.	[PROBE IF R DOES NOT KNOW MONTH OR YEAR ASK. About how long ago would you say you last worked for pay?
		YEARS OR MONTHS
		REFUSED2
		DON'T KNOW1
		SKIP TO SECTION E
		[CAPI: ONLY ASK D7-D15 IF D1=1, YES, CURRENTLY WORKING]
D7.	Last w	eek, did you have more than one job, including part-time and weekend work?
		YES1
		NO2
		REFUSED7
		DON'T KNOW8

D8.	How many hours per week do you usually work at your [main] job? (By mai one at which you usually work the most hours.)	n job, I mean the
	NUMBER OF HOURS	-2
	have a few questions about the (main) job at which you worked last week. By ne where you worked the most hours	⁄ main job I mean
D9.	When did you first start working at your (main) job? Can you tell me the mo started working at your (main) job?	nth and year you
	REFUSEDDON'T KNOW	
	D9a. PROBE IF R DOES NOT KNOW MONTH OR YEAR. About how los say you started working at your main job? RECORD THE LENGTH	
	YEARSMONTHS. REFUSED DON'T KNOW	
D10.	For your (main) job, what is the easiest way for you to report your total earn or other deductions: hourly, weekly, monthly, annually, or on some other ba	-
	HOURLY DAILY WEEKLY BI-WEEKLY (EVERY 2 WEEKS) TWICE MONTHLY MONTHLY ANNUALLY PER UNIT OTHER (SPECIFY	.2 .3 .4 .5 .6 .7 .8 96
D11.	Do you usually receive overtime pay, tips, or commissions (at your main job	)?
	YES NOREFUSEDDON'T KNOW	.2 .7
	DOIN I KNOW	. υ

D12.	Including overtime pay, tips, and commissions), what are your usual [REFER TO PAY FREQUENCY REPORTED IN D10] (hourly/daily/weekly/biweekly/twice monthly/monthly/annual/per unit) earnings on this job, before taxes or other deductions?
	ENTER DOLLAR AMOUNT \$,2 DON'T KNOW1
IF D10=	=2 CONTINUE TO D13 =7 CONTINUE TO D14 =8 CONTINUE TO D15 RWISE SKIP TO SECTION E
D13.	[ASK THIS QUESTION ONLY OF PEOPLE WHO REPORT BEING PAID ON A DAILY BASIS D10=2] How many days a week do you usually work?
	NUMBER OF DAYS  REFUSED2 DON'T KNOW1
D14.	[ASK THIS QUESTION ONLY OF PEOPLE WHO REPORT BEING PAID ON A DAILY BASIS D10=2 OR ANNUAL BASIS D10=7] How many weeks a year do you get paid for?
	NUMBER OF WEEKS
SKIP T	O SECTION E
D15.	[ASK THIS QUESTION ONLY OF PEOPLE WHO REPORT BEING PAID BY THE UNIT D10=8] For how many [UNITs] are you usually paid per week (on this job)?
	NUMBER OF UNITS

### **Section E:** Family Composition

Now I'd like to ask you about the people in your family. First, I'll ask you about people in your family who are with you now. Then, I will ask about those who are part of your family but not here in [NAME OF SHELTER] with you.

Source: Adapted from TH Study Family Roster, MTO HH Roster, and Voucher Study HH Roster

E1.	What is your marital status? Are you currently  Single, never married
E2.	How many <i>adults</i> , that is, people who are 18 years old or older, in your family are <i>living with you right now</i> in [NAME OF SHELTER]?
	NUMBER OF ADULTS          REFUSED2      1
	CAPI: IF 0 SKIP TO E4; ELSE GO TO E3
E3.	Please tell me the first names of the <i>adults</i> in your family <i>who live with you right now</i> in [NAME OF SHELTER]. <i>Do not include yourself</i> . By adult, I mean people who are 18 years old or older.
	E3a E3a
С	API: LOOP UNTIL NAMES COLLECTED FOR NUMBER OF ADULTS REPORTED IN E2
E4.	How many <i>children</i> in your family are <i>living with you right now</i> in [NAME OF SHELTER]? By children I mean people 17 years old or younger.
	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REFUSED2 DON'T KNOW1

CAPI: IF 0 SKIP TO E5; ELSE GO TO E4a

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	<b>⊵</b> 4a.	now in [NAME OF SHELTER]. By children I mean people 17 years old or younger.
		E4a1.
		E4a2.
CAI	PI: L00I	P UNTIL NAMES COLLECTED FOR NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPORTED IN E4
Ξ5.		have a <b>spouse, partner, or significant other</b> who is part of your family but <u>is <b>not</b></u> with you right now in [NAME OF SHELTER]?
		YES1
		NO
	E5a.	Now, can you please tell me the first name of your spouse/partner/significant other who is part of your family <i>but is not living with you right now</i> in [NAME OF SHELTER]?
		NAME
		(spouse or partner who is part of family but not living with Respondent right now)
		SPOUSE/PARTNER IS NOT PART OF FAMILY1
Ξ6.	you rig	have any of <u>your own children</u> who are part of your family but <u>are not living with</u> tht now in [NAME OF SHELTER]? By children I mean people 17 years old or  er. Please do not include children 18 years old or older. Do not include yourself.
		YES1
		NO
		DON'T KNOW8
	E6a.	How many of your own children are not living with you now? By children I mean people 17 years old or younger. <i>Please do not include children 18 years old or older.</i>
		NUMBER OF CHILDREN
		REFUSED2 DON'T KNOW1

or older.	Do not in	iciuae yc	ourseit.		
E6b1				_	
E6b2				_	
E6b3				_	

Now, I would like to ask you some questions about your family members who are here with you now in [NAME OF SHELTER]. Let's start with the adult(s). [COMPLETE THE ROSTER FIRST FOR FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING TOGETHER IN [NAME OF SHELTER]. CAPI WILL INCLUDE A CHECK THAT EVERYONE NAMED IN E3 AND E4a IS ASKED ABOUT IN ROSTER. MORE COLUMNS WILL BE ADDED AS NEEDED

		ADULT FAMILY MEMBER 1 (E3a)	ADULT FAMILY MEMBER 2 (E3b)	CHILD FAMILY MEMBER 3 (E4a1)	CHILD FAMILY MEMBER 4 (E4a2)
E7.	What is [E3a]'s	HUSBAND OR WIFE1	HUSBAND OR WIFE1	HUSBAND OR WIFE1	HUSBAND OR WIFE1
	relationship to you?	LOVER/PARTNER2	LOVER/PARTNER2	LOVER/PARTNER2	LOVER/PARTNER2
		CHILD3	CHILD3	CHILD3	CHILD3
		STEP-CHILD4	STEP-CHILD4	STEP-CHILD4	STEP-CHILD4
		FOSTER CHILD5	FOSTER CHILD5	FOSTER CHILD5	FOSTER CHILD5
		CHILD OF LOVER/PARTNER6	CHILD OF LOVER/PARTNER6	CHILD OF LOVER/PARTNER6	CHILD OF LOVER/PARTNER6
		SON- OR	SON- OR	SON- OR	SON- OR
		DAUGHTER-IN-LAW7	DAUGHTER-IN-LAW7	DAUGHTER-IN-LAW7	DAUGHTER-IN-LAW7
		MOTHER OR FATHER8	MOTHER OR FATHER8	MOTHER OR FATHER8	MOTHER OR FATHER8
		STEP-PARENT9	STEP-PARENT9	STEP-PARENT9	STEP-PARENT9
		MOTHER- OR FATHER-IN-LAW	MOTHER- OR FATHER-IN-LAW	MOTHER- OR FATHER-IN-LAW	MOTHER- OR FATHER-IN-LAW
		OR PARTNER'S PARENT10	OR PARTNER'S PARENT10	OR PARTNER'S PARENT10	OR PARTNER'S PARENT10
		GRANDPARENT11	GRANDPARENT11	GRANDPARENT11	GRANDPARENT11
		BROTHER OR SISTER12	BROTHER OR SISTER12	BROTHER OR SISTER12	BROTHER OR SISTER12
		BROTHER- OR	BROTHER- OR	BROTHER- OR	BROTHER- OR
		SISTER-IN-LAW13	SISTER-IN-LAW13	SISTER-IN-LAW13	SISTER-IN-LAW13
		GRANDCHILD14	GRANDCHILD14	GRANDCHILD14	GRANDCHILD14
		OTHER RELATIVE15	OTHER RELATIVE15	OTHER RELATIVE15	OTHER RELATIVE15
E8.	Is [E3a] male or	MALE1	MALE1	MALE1	MALE1
	female?	FEMALE2	FEMALE2	FEMALE2	FEMALE2
		REFUSED7	DON'T KNOW7	DON'T KNOW7	DON'T KNOW7
		DON'T KNOW8	REFUSED8	REFUSED8	REFUSED8
E9.	What is [E3a]'s Date	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1
	of Birth?	MM DD YYYY	MM DD YYYY	MM DD YYYY	MM DD YYYY
E10.	ASK IF E3a is 15 or	YES1	YES1	YES1	YES1
	OLDER. Is [E3a]	NO2	NO2	NO2	NO2
	currently working for	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7
	pay?	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8

		ADULT FAMILY MEMBER 1 (E3a)	ADULT FAMILY MEMBER 2 (E3b)	CHILD FAMILY MEMBER 3 (E4a1)	CHILD FAMILY MEMBER 4 (E4a2)
E11.	ASK IF [E3a] is 15	YES1	YES1	YES1	YES1
	OR OLDER. Does	NO2	NO2	NO2	NO2
	[E3a] have a	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7
	disability that limits or	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8
	prevents work?				
E12.	ASK IF E3a is 18 or	YES1	YES1	YES1	YES1
	OLDER. Has [E3a]	NO2	NO2	NO2	NO2
	ever been convicted	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7
	of a felony for drug or	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8
	other offenses?	SKIP TO NEXT PERSON	SKIP TO NEXT PERSON		
E13.	ASK IF [E4a1] IS 15			YES1	YES1
	OR UNDER AND IF			NO2	NO2
	AN ADULT OF THE			REFUSED7	REFUSED7
	OPPOSITE			DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8
	GENDER FROM				
	RESPONDENT				
	LIVES WITH THE				
	FAMILY: Does				
	[E4a1]'s				
	father/mother live				
	with the family in				
	[NAME OF				
	SHELTER]?				
E14.	ASK IF [E4a1] IS 15			YES1	YES1
	OR UNDER: Was			NO (SKIP TO E15)2	NO (SKIP TO E15)2
	there ever a time			REFUSED7	REFUSED7
	when [CHILD] did not			DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8
	live with you?				

		ADULT FAMILY MEMBER 1 (E3a)	ADULT FAMILY MEMBER 2 (E3b)	CHILD FAMILY MEMBER 3 (E4a1)	CHILD FAMILY MEMBER 4 (E4a2)
E15.	ASK IF [E4a1] IS 15 OR UNDER: Please tell me all of the different places that [CHILD] has lived when s/he did not live with you. Did [CHILD] live [MARK ALL THAT			With his/her other parent	With his/her other parent
E16.	APPLY.]  ASK IF E4a1 IS 5 YEARS OLD OR OLDER. Is [E4a1] currently attending school?			YES	YES
E17.	ASK IF E4a1 IS 15 OR YOUNGER: Does [E4a1] have a disability? That could include either a physical, emotional, or mental health condition.			YES	YES
E18.	ASK IF E4a1 IS 15 OR YOUNGER AND E17=YES. What is E4a1's disability? OPEN END				

Now I'd like to ask you about your spouse/partner/significant other OR children who are part of your family but who are *not* with you now in [NAME OF SHELTER]. [Next, complete the roster for people mentioned in E5a and E6b, spouse/partner/significant other OR children who R considers part of the family but who are not with R in shelter. MORE COLUMNS WILL BE ADDED AS NEEDED

		FAMILY MEMBER 5 (E5a)	FAMILY MEMBER 6 (E6a1)	FAMILY MEMBER 7 (E6a2)	FAMILY MEMBER 8 (E6a3)
E19.	What is	HUSBAND OR WIFE1	HUSBAND OR WIFE1	HUSBAND OR WIFE1	HUSBAND OR WIFE1
	[E5a/E6a1's]	LOVER/PARTNER2	LOVER/PARTNER2	LOVER/PARTNER2	LOVER/PARTNER2
	relationship to	CHILD3	CHILD3	CHILD3	CHILD3
	you?	STEP-CHILD4	STEP-CHILD4	STEP-CHILD4	STEP-CHILD4
		FOSTER CHILD5	FOSTER CHILD5	FOSTER CHILD5	FOSTER CHILD5
		CHILD OF LOVER/PARTNER6	CHILD OF LOVER/PARTNER6	CHILD OF LOVER/PARTNER6	CHILD OF LOVER/PARTNER6
E20.	Is [E5a/E6a1]	MALE1	MALE1	MALE1	MALE1
	male or female?	FEMALE2	FEMALE2	FEMALE2	FEMALE2
		REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7
		DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8
E21.	What is	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1
	[E5a/E6a1]'s	MM DD YYYY	MM DD YYYY	MM DD YYYY	MM DD YYYY
	Date of Birth?	WIND DITTI			
E22.	ASK IF [E5a] is 18	YES1	YES1	YES1	YES1
	OR OLDER. Does	NO2	NO2	NO2	NO2
	[E5a] have a	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7
	disability that limits	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8
	or prevents work?				
E23.	ASK IF E5a is 18	YES1	YES1	YES1	YES1
	or OLDER. Has	NO2	NO2	NO2	NO2
	[E5a] ever been	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7	REFUSED7
	convicted of a	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8	DON'T KNOW8
	felony for drug or	SKIP TO FIRST CHILD IN E6a			
	other offenses?				
E24.	ASK IF [E6a1] IS	Year(s)	Year(s)	Year(s)	Year(s)
	15 OR UNDER:	Month(s)	Month(s)	Month(s)	Month(s)
	How long has it				
	been since [E6a1]	[E5b] has never lived with R <mark>#</mark>			
	lived with you?				

		FAMILY MEMBER 5 (E5a)	FAMILY MEMBER 6 (E6a1)	FAMILY MEMBER 7 (E6a2)	FAMILY MEMBER 8 (E6a3)
E25.	ASK IF [E6a1] IS 15 OR UNDER: Please tell where the [E6a1] is currently living, while not with you in [NAME OF SHELTER].	With his/her other parent			
E26.	ASK IF [E6a1] IS	Other:5	Other:5	Other:5	Other:5
E20.	15 OR UNDER: What would you say has been the total amount of time [CHILD] has spent living apart from you?	Year(s) Month(s)	Year(s) Month(s)	Year(s) Month(s)	Year(s) Month(s)
E27.	ASK IF E6a1 IS 15 OR YOUNGER: Does [E6a1] have a disability? That could include either a physical, emotional, or mental health condition.	YES	YES	YES	YES
E28.	ASK IF E6a1 IS 15 OR YOUNGER AND E27=YES. What is E6a1's disability? OPEN END				

#### **Section F: Income and Income Sources**

Now I would like to ask you about different sources of income or assistance you or people in your family who are with you now in [NAME OF SHELTER] may receive. Your responses to these questions will not affect your family's eligibility for housing assistance or other types of assistance.

Source: Adapted from Effects of Housing Vouchers on Welfare Families Baseline Survey, with modifications

F1. Thinking about the last month, (that is, the last 30 days), did you, or anyone in your family who is with you now, receive any assistance or income from...

[READ EACH SOURCE]

		YES	NO	REF	DK
F1a.	Employment income	1	2	7	8
F1b.	Food stamps?	1	2	7	8
F1c.	SSI (Supplemental Security Income)?	1	2	7	8
F1d.	TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or welfare cash assistance)? [WILL INSERT LOCAL NAME OF TANF PROGRAM AND PROBE USING LOCAL NAME]	1	2	7	8
F1e	Unemployment Compensation?	1	2	7	8
F1f.	Child Support?	1	2	7	8
F1g.	WIC (Women's Infants, and Children)?	1	2	7	8
F1h.	Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	1	2	7	8
F1i.	Social Security Survivor's benefits?	1	2	7	8
F1j.	Medicaid?	1	2	7	8
F1k.	State health insurance? (e.g. GOLD CARD, INDIGENT CARE) [WILL INSERT LOCAL NAMES OF ANY STATE HEALTH INSURANCE OR ASSISTANCE]?	1	2	7	8
F1I.	State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)?	1	2	7	8
F1m.	Child Care Assistance?	1	2	7	8
F1n.	Alimony	1	2	7	8
F10.	Money from family or friends?	1	2	7	8
F1p.	Other Sources of Income or Assistance (LIST)	1	2	7	8

F2. During 2008 (or 2009 for those interviewed in 2010), what was the total combined income, before taxes or other deductions, of you and all the people who live with you now in [NAME OF SHELTER]? Please include money from jobs, work on the side, welfare, SSI, help from your family and friends, child support, alimony, and any other money income received by you or any other household member.

Source: Effects of Housing Vouchers on Welfare Families Follow-up survey

		En	ter dollar amount: \$ , ,	
			REFUSED2 DON'T KNOW1	
		F2a.	I have entered \$[amount from F2] as the total combined income in 20 all the people who live with you. Is this correct?	09 for you and
	YES		1SKIP TO SECTION G NO	
F3.	,	Would	it amount to \$10,000 or more?	
			YES	SKIP TO F7 SKIP TO F7
F4.	,	Would	it amount to \$20,000 or more?	
			YES	SKIP TO F6 SKIP TO F6
F5.	,	Would	it amount to \$25,000 or more?	
	YES NO REFUSED DON'T KNO	W	1	

F6.	Would	t amount to \$15,000 or more?	
	YES NO REFUSED DON'T KNOW	1	CIVID TO CECTION C
F7.	Would	t amount to \$5,000 or more?	
		YES NO REFUSED DON'T KNOW	

#### **Section G:** Family Head: Physical Health (Adult Health)

The next few questions are about your health.

Source: Adapted from various sources about general health.

G1. Overall, how would you rate your health during the past month (that is the past 30 days)?

Excellent	1
Very good	2
Good	3
Fair	4
Poor	5
REFUSED	7
DON'T KNOW	8

G2. [INTERVIEWER/CAPI INSTRUCTION. ASK G2 ONLY IF RESPONDENT IS FEMALE] Are you currently pregnant?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	7
DON'T KNOW	8

Now I am going to ask you about whether you have certain medical conditions.

Source: G3 is taken from National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients (NSHAPC).

G3. Do you have any of the following medical conditions? Do you have [INSERT NAME OF CONDITION?]

Medica	Medical Condition		NO	REF	DK
G3a.	Sugar in your blood (diabetes)	1	2	7	8
G3b.	Anemia (poor blood)	1	2	7	8
G3c.	High blood pressure	1	2	7	8
G3d	Heart disease	1	2	7	8
G3e.	Stroke	1	2	7	8
G3f.	Problems with your liver	1	2	7	8
G3g.	Arthritis, rheumatism, joint problems	1	2	7	8
G3h.	Chest infection, cold, cough, bronchitis	1	2	7	8
G3i.	Pneumonia	1	2	7	8
G3j.	Tuberculosis	1	2	7	8
G3k.	Cancer	1	2	7	8

Medica	Medical Condition		NO	REF	DK
G3I.	Problems walking, a lost limb, or other mobility impairment	1	2	7	8
G3m.	Gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes, chlamydia, other STDs (NOT AIDS)	1	2	7	8
G3n.	HIV positive	1	2	7	8
G30.	Have AIDS	1	2	7	8
G3p.	Use drugs intravenously (shoot up)	1	2	7	8
G3q.	Other (SPECIFY):	1	2	7	8

#### **Section H: Family Head: Mental Health**

The next questions are about how you have been feeling during the past 30 days (that is, the past month).

Source: National Co-Morbidity SurveyK+6 Interviewer administered sequence. http://www.hcp.med.harvard.edu/ncs/k6\_scales.php1

H1. How much of the time during the past 30 days have you felt...

		ALL OF THE TIME	MOST OF THE TIME	SOME OF THE TIME	A LITTLE OF THE TIME	NONE OF THE TIME	REF	DK
H1a.	Nervous?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H1b.	Hopeless?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H1c.	Restless or fidgety?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H1d.	So depressed that nothing could cheer you up?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H1e.	That everything was an effort?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H1f.	Worthless?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kessler, R.C., Barker, P.R., Colpe, L.J., Epstein, J.F., Gfroerer, J.C., Hiripi, E., Howes, M.J, Normand, S-L.T., Manderscheid, R.W., Walters, E.E., Zaslavsky, A.M. (2003). Screening for serious mental illness in the general population *Archives of General Psychiatry*. 60(2), 184-189.

#### **PTSD Symptoms**

Source: Modified FOA.2

H2.

Below is a list of the problems that people sometimes have after experiencing a traumatic event. I would like to ask you to think about the **past two weeks**.

I'm going to read each one and then ask you to indicate how much that problem has bothered you in the **past 2 weeks**. Please tell me whether each of the following problems have bothered you: Not at all, a little bit, Moderately, Quite a bit, or Extremely.

		NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE BIT	MODERATELY	QUITE A BIT	EXTREMELY	REF	DK
H2a.	Repeated, disturbing <i>memories</i> , <i>thoughts</i> , or <i>images</i> of a stressful experience?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2b.	Repeated, disturbing <i>dreams</i> of a stressful experience?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2c.	Suddenly acting or feeling as if stressful experiences were happening again (as if you were reliving it)?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2d.	Feeling very upset when something reminded you of a stressful experience?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2e.	Having <i>physical reactions</i> (e.g., heart pounding, trouble breathing, or sweating) when <i>something reminded</i> you of a stressful experience?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2f.	Avoid thinking about or talking about the stressful experiences or avoid having feelings related to it?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2g.	Avoid activities or situations because they remind you of a stressful experience?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2h.	Trouble remembering important parts of the stressful experience?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2i.	Loss of interest in things that you used to enjoy?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2j.	Feeling distant or cut off from other people?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2k.	Feeling <i>emotionally numb</i> or being unable to have loving feelings for those close to you?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2l.	Feeling as if your future will somehow be cut short?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Edna Foa, PhD, Professor of Clinical Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Pennsylvania, <u>PDS (Posttraumatic Stress Diagnostic Scale) test</u>.

	NOT AT ALL	A LITTLE BIT	MODERATELY	QUITE A BIT	EXTREMELY	REF	DK
H2m. Trouble falling or staying asleep?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2n. Feeling irritable or having angry outbursts?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2o. Having difficulty concentrating?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2p. Being "super alert" or watchful on guard?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
H2q. Feeling jumpy or easily startled?	1	2	3	4	5	7	8

#### Section I: Family Head Substance Use

Now I would like to ask you some questions about alcohol and drugs. These are questions about different experiences some people may have if they use drugs or alcohol. We are asking these questions of everyone in the study Remember that the information you provide will be kept confidential and will only be used for this study.

Source: Rapid Alcohol Problems Screen Cherpitel 1995d.3

l1.	Do you sometimes take a drink in the morning when you first get up?
	YES
The ne	xt questions are about the past year. That is, since [MM/YYYY]
12.	During the past year, has a friend or family member ever told you about things you said or did while you were drinking that you could not remember?
	YES
13.	During the past year, have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking?
	YES
14.	During the past year, have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking?
	YES

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cherpitel, Cheryl J., 1995. Screening for Alcohol Problems in the Emergency Room: A Rapid Alcohol Problems Screen. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. 40: 133-137.

<ol> <li>During the past year have you lost friends or boy/girlfriends becau</li> </ol>	use of drinking?
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YES	
NO	
REFUSED	
DON'T KNOW	5

Source: I6 and I7 ADAPTED FROM DAST Drug Abuse Screening Test. This sequence was also used in the Transitional Housing Study.<sup>4</sup>

Now, I have some questions about illegal drugs. By illegal drugs, I mean things like marijuana (except when used for medicinal purposes), ecstasy, cocaine, crack, heroin, speed, uppers, downers, etc.

## 16. Thinking about the past year that is since [MM/YYYY]. (READ EACH CATEGORY AND MARK RESPONSE.)

		YES	NO	REF	DK
I6a.	Have you used more than one drug at a time?	1	2	7	8
l6b.	Have you had "blackouts" or "flashbacks" as a result of drug use?	1	2	7	8
I6c.	Have your friends or relatives known or suspected that you used drugs?	1	2	7	8
16d.	Have you ever lost friends because of drugs?	1	2	7	8
REME	REMEMBER, THIS IS IN THE PAST YEAR				
l6e.	Have you ever not spent time with your family or missed work because of drug use?	1	2	7	8
16f.	Have you engaged in illegal activities in order to obtain drugs?	1	2	7	8
l6g.	Have you ever experienced withdrawal symptoms as a result of heavy drug intake?	1	2	7	8
l6h.	Have you had medical problems as a result of drug use (e.g. memory loss, hepatitis, convulsions, bleeding?)	1	2	7	8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Gavin DR; Ross HE; Skinner HA. (1989) 'Diagnostic validity of the Drug Abuse Screening Test in the assessment of DSM-III drug disorders', *British Journal of Addiction* 84(3): 301-307

17.	Now, thinking only about the <i>past 30 days</i> , have you week, used an illegal drug? Again, by illegal drugs, I when used for medicinal purposes), ecstasy, cocaine etc. (Please do not include prescription drugs taken	mean things like marijuana ( <u>except</u> e, crack, heroin, speed, uppers, downers,
	YES	1
	NO	2
	REFUSED	7
	DON'T KNOW	8

# Section J: Family Head: Foster Care/Group Home History/Criminal Justice History/Domestic Violence

Now I have a couple of questions about when you were a child and teenager. I'd like you to think about the time before you turned 18 years old.

Source: Foster care/group home questions are taken from National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients (NSHAPC).

J1. At any time before you turned 18 years old, were you ever placed in any of the following places? Were you placed in...

	YES	NO	REF	DK
J1a. A foster home?	1	2	7	8
J1b. A group home?	1	2	7	8
J1c. Any other kind of institution?	1	2	7	8

Now I'd like to have you think about any time during your entire life, including both childhood and adulthood.

J2.	Have you eve	er been	convicted	of a	felony fo	or drugs	or other	offenses?
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YES	
NO	2
REFUSED	7
DON'T KNOW	8

Source: New

Now think only about your life as an adult, that is since you turned 18.

J3. As an adult, have you ever been physically abused or threatened with violence by a person who you were romantically involved with, such as a spouse, boy/girlfriend, or partner?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	7
DON'T KNOW	

Source: New

# Section K: Screening for Intervention Eligibility (TH Interventions)

We will develop questions specific to each site to ensure that we screen for eligibility for TH programs available in the site under the TH intervention. This is an example. Full development of these questions cannot be done until sites are selected and requirements of TH programs in the interventions/sites are known.

K1.	Some housing programs require residents to be clean of drugs and sober to participate in their program. If staying clean and sober was a requirement for you, do you want to be considered for this program, or should we consider only the other options?
	YES
K2.	Some programs require residents, to participate in treatment if deemed necessary by the program. If participating in treatment was a requirement for you do you want to be considered for this program, or should we consider only the other options?  YES
K3.	Some programs may require residents to work with case workers on a plan to get them ready to live on their own. If you had to work with a case worker to be part of this program, do you want to be considered for this program, or should we consider only the other options?
	YES

THIS INFORMATION IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT FAMILIES ARE ONLY SUBMITTED FOR RANDOM ASSIGNMENT FOR PROGRAMS THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE. WE ARE EXPLORING WHETHER CAPI WILL PRODUCE REPORTS AT THE END OF INTERVIEW OR IF INTERVIEWER WILL RECORD RESPONSES ON DROP SHEET IN RESPONDENT INFORMATION BOOKLET (RIB) THAT THE INTERVIEWER WILL USE FOR EACH RESPONDENT.

### Section L: Demographics

I have a few more questions about you.

L1.	What is your ethnic background? Are you:	
	Hispanic or Latino, or  Not Hispanic or Latino?  REFUSED  DON'T KNOW	2 7
L2.	What is your race? Please select one or more of the following: INTERVIEWER: CODE ALL THAT APPLY.	
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	2 4 5 96
L3.	INTERVIEWER: RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER:  MALE / FEMALE[query or interviewer observiewer]	vation]
L4.	What is your Date of Birth?	
	month	
	date	
	year	

L5.	What is the highest grade or year of regular school that you have completed and gotten credit for?
	Nursery School to 6th grade or no schooling
L6.	Have you ever served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States?
	YES
Source	: HMIS Data Standards-language provided by VA

#### **Section M: Contact Information**

Thank you very much for your time today. To help us be able to get back in touch with you in the future, we would like to collect the names, telephone numbers and addresses of three people who will always know how to reach you. Please tell me about people who live at different addresses. This information will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used if we are unable to contact you.

M1.	Could you tell us the name of someone who does not live with you and will always know how to contact you?					
		YesNo REFUSEDDON'T KNOW	2 7			
CON	<b>ΓΑCT</b> #1	.:				
M2.	What is	s his/her first name?				
	M2a. M2b. M2c.					
M3.	What is	s (his/her) street address?				
	M3a. M3b. M3c. M3d. M3e.	Is there an apartment number? In what city? In what state?				
M4.	What is	s (his/her) home phone number, starting with the	e area code?			
		Telephone # with area code: ()				
M5.	What is	s (his/her) cell phone number, starting with the a				
M6.	What is	s (his/her) email address?				
M7.	What is	s (his/her) relationship to you?				
		Friend  Relative [SPECIFY RELATIONSHIP]  OTHER (SPECIFY_  DON'T KNOW  REFUSED	2 )95 97			

#### CONTACT #2:

M8.	Could you tell us the name of a second person who does not live with you and will alway know how to contact you?						
	Yes       1         No       2         CLOSING       7         CLOSING       7         DON'T KNOW       8         CLOSING	SKIP TO					
M9.	What is his/her first name?						
	M9a. What is his/her middle name? M9b. What is his/her last name? M9c. Does his/her name have a suffix?						
M10.	What is (his/her) street address?						
	M10a. Is there a complex/building name? M10b. Is there an apartment number? M10c. In what city? M10d. In what state? M10e. What is the zip code?						
M11.	What is (his/her) home phone number, starting with the area code?						
	Telephone # with area code: ()						
M12.	What is (his/her) cell phone number, starting with the area code?  Telephone # with area code: ()						
M13.	What is (his/her) email address?						
M14.	What is (his/her) relationship to you?						
	Friend						

REFUSED	98
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#### CONTACT #3:

Could you tell us the name of a third person who does not live with you and will always know how to contact you?					
SKIP TO					
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SKIP TO					
SKIP TO					

CLOSING: Thank you very much for your time today. the study or what happens next?	Do you have any questions for me about