



**HOUSING FIRST ASSESSMENT TOOL for HOUSING PROVIDERS**

*This tool incorporates questions from the USICH Housing First Checklist. Thinking about alignment with the Housing First philosophy within your organization, please rate each statement between 1-5, with 1 being “not even close” and 5 being “we’ve mastered it.” Add comments where additional context would be helpful to explain your situation.*

**Organization** (and program, if applicable):

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| <b>1. Admission/tenant screening &amp; selection practices promote the acceptance of applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment &amp; participation in services. Applicants are seldom rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, minor criminal convictions, or behaviors indicating a lack of “housing readiness.”</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 120px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> |
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| <b>2. Supportive services emphasize engagement &amp; problem-solving over therapeutic goals. Services plans are highly tenant-driven without predetermined goals, and rooted in tenant choice.</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 120px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> |
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| <b>3. Participation in services or program compliance is not a condition of tenancy within my organization.</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 120px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> |
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| <b>4. Alcohol and/or drugs use (without other lease violations) is not considered a reason for eviction.</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 120px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> |
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| <b>5. Whenever possible, eviction back into homelessness is avoided, including offering a transfer from one housing situation to another. (Relies on partnership with CES)</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 120px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> |
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| <b>6. Tenants in PSH are given reasonable flexibility in paying their share of rent on time &amp; offered special payment arrangements (i.e. payment plan) &amp;/or assistance with financial management.</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div> |
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| <b>7. My organization's crisis response system (emergency shelter/outreach) is aligned with Housing First &amp; recognizes their role in housing advocacy &amp; rapid connection to permanent housing.</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div> |
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| <b>8. Our staff believe that all people experiencing homelessness are housing ready.</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div> |
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| <b>9. Our organization is fully aligned with the coordinated entry system and receives 100% of referrals from the coordinated entry process.</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div> |
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| <b>10. The community has a data-driven approach to prioritizing the most vulnerable households for housing assistance through use of HMIS lengths of stay, vulnerability, &amp;/or system utilization data. Our organization supports this approach.</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div> |
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| <b>11. Our organization is aware of the intersection between racial inequity in homelessness and access to affordable housing, and believes alignment with the Housing First philosophy actively promotes racial equity in housing.</b> |  |  |   |  | <b>Organization Comments:</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div> |
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