



THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS

Housing First Evaluation Tool

Background: Housing First is a homeless assistance model that prioritizes providing individuals/families experiencing homelessness immediate access to permanent housing and supportive services without the requirement of meeting prerequisites, preconditions, behavioral contingencies or other barriers. The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) requires its subcontractors to comply with and enforce a Housing First Approach through programs funded by TCP.

TCP utilizes the below Housing First Evaluation Model to assess a program's adherence to Housing First and project-level fidelity to Housing First.

Directions: The evaluator must review each Housing First standard and assess the program's compliance with the standard utilizing the corresponding rating scale of "Not at all", "Sometimes" or "Always".

Program Information:

Provider Name:

Program Name:

Contract Number:

Contract Period:

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Housing First Standard	Rating	Notes (If Applicable)
Admission to the program is not contingent on employment status.		
Admission to the program is not contingent on minimum income requirements.		
Admission to the program is not contingent on criminal background.		
Admission to the program is not contingent on physical or mental health history/diagnosis or usage of substances.		
The program has an expedited admission process (to the greatest extent possible) including helping individuals or families seeking services to obtain needed		

documentation, as well as processes to admit individuals or families seeking services regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable.		
Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs and preferences.		
Assessments utilized in the program are focused on identifying needs, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan for the individual or family.		
The program participates in the Coordinated Entry process or has an established referral process.		
The program engages in a continued effort to hold housing for participants/families if they leave their housing for a short period of time due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the program facility or unit.		
For programs that require participants/families to pay rent, when necessary, participants/families are offered payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management.		
Services offered to program participants/families are housing focused to include at minimum the following areas of support: employment/income and housing attainment/ stabilization.		
The program offers case planning that is person/family-centered.		
Language translation and interpretation services are offered and provided to		

participants/families upon request in their preferred language.		
Services offered by the program support a participant's/family's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants/families are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.		
Housing in the program is not dependent on participation in services.		
On an ongoing basis, the program assesses a participant's/family's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.		

Evaluator's comments based off of completion of the evaluation:

Evaluation Completed By/title: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____