Are We a Housing First Community?

1. Emergency shelter, street outreach providers, and other parts of crisis response system are aligned with Housing First and recognize their roles of rapid connection to permanent housing.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

2. Staff in crisis response system services believes that all people experiencing homelessness are housing ready.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

3. Strong and direct referral linkages and relationships exist between crisis response system (emergency shelters, street outreach, etc.) and rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

4. Our crisis response providers (emergency shelter and outreach workers) are aware and trained in how to assist people experiencing homelessness to apply for and immediately obtain permanent housing.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

5. Our community has a unified, streamlined, and user-friendly community-wide process for applying for rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing and/or other housing interventions.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

6. Our community has a coordinated assessment system that matches people experiencing homelessness to the most appropriate housing and services, and where individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and extremely high need families are matched to permanent housing programs first.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

7. Our community has a data-driven approach to prioritizing highest need cases for housing assistance whether through analysis of lengths of stay in Homeless Management Information Systems, vulnerability indices, or data on utilization of crisis services.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

8. Every effort is made to offer a transfer to a tenant from one housing situation to another, if a tenancy is in jeopardy. Whenever possible, eviction back into homelessness is avoided.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

9. All homeless assistance programs' admission/tenant screening and selection practices promote the acceptance of applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, and participation in services.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

10. Programs seldom reject applicants on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, minor criminal convictions, or behaviors that indicate a lack of "housing readiness."

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

11. Rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing programs accept referrals directly from shelters, street outreach, drop-in centers, and other parts of crisis response system frequented by vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

12. Participation in services or program compliance is not a condition of permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing programs.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

13. Use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself (without other lease violations) is not considered a reason for eviction.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	I don't know

14. Tenant selection plan for permanent supportive housing includes a prioritization of eligible tenants based on criteria other than "first come/first serve" such as duration/chronicity of homelessness, vulnerability, or high utilization of crisis services.

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