

## SCORING INSTRUCTIONS:

**For the housing, food, transportation, utilities, child care, employment, education, and finances questions: Underlined answers indicate a positive response for a social need for that category.**

**For the personal safety questions: A value greater than 10 when the numerical values are summed for answers to these questions indicates a positive response for a social need for personal safety.**

## HOUSING

- What is your housing situation today?<sup>1</sup>
  - I do not have housing (I am staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, abandoned building, bus or train station, or in a park)
  - I have housing today, but I am worried about losing housing in the future
  - I have housing
- Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following? (check all that apply)<sup>2</sup>
  - Bug infestation
  - Mold
  - Lead paint or pipes
  - Inadequate heat
  - Oven or stove not working
  - No or not working smoke detectors
  - Water leaks
  - None of the above

## FOOD

- Within the past 12 months, you worried that your food would run out before you got money to buy more.<sup>3</sup>
  - Often true
  - Sometimes true
  - Never true
- Within the past 12 months, the food you bought just didn't last and you didn't have money to get more.<sup>3</sup>
  - Often true
  - Sometimes true
  - Never true

## TRANSPORTATION

- In the past 12 months, has lack of transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work, or from getting things needed for daily living? (check all that apply)<sup>1</sup>
  - Yes, it has kept me from medical appointments or getting medications
  - Yes, it has kept me from non-medical meetings, appointments, work, or getting things that I need
  - No

## UTILITIES

- In the past 12 months has the electric, gas, oil, or water company threatened to shut off services in your home?<sup>4</sup>
  - Yes
  - No
  - Already shut off

## CHILD CARE

- Do problems getting child care make it difficult for you to work or study?<sup>5</sup>
  - Yes
  - No

## EMPLOYMENT

- Do you have a job?<sup>6</sup>
  - Yes
  - No

## EDUCATION

- Do you have a high school degree?<sup>6</sup>
  - Yes
  - No

## FINANCES

- How often does this describe you? I don't have enough money to pay my bills:<sup>7</sup>
  - Never
  - Rarely
  - Sometimes
  - Often
  - Always



## PERSONAL SAFETY

11. How often does anyone, including family, physically hurt you?<sup>8</sup>
- Never (1)  
 Rarely (2)  
 Sometimes (3)  
 Fairly often (4)  
 Frequently (5)
12. How often does anyone, including family, insult or talk down to you?<sup>8</sup>
- Never (1)  
 Rarely (2)  
 Sometimes (3)  
 Fairly often (4)  
 Frequently (5)
13. How often does anyone, including family, threaten you with harm?<sup>8</sup>
- Never (1)  
 Rarely (2)  
 Sometimes (3)  
 Fairly often (4)  
 Frequently (5)
14. How often does anyone, including family, scream or curse at you?<sup>8</sup>
- Never (1)  
 Rarely (2)  
 Sometimes (3)  
 Fairly often (4)  
 Frequently (5)

Sum of questions 11–14: \_\_\_\_\_

Greater than 10 equals positive screen for personal safety.

## ASSISTANCE

15. Would you like help with any of these needs?
- Yes  
 No

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Health Leads. Social needs screening toolkit. [www.healthleadsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Health-Leads-Screening-Toolkit-July-2016.pdf](http://www.healthleadsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Health-Leads-Screening-Toolkit-July-2016.pdf). Accessed October 3, 2018.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Social Needs Resources and Actions

Housing | Resource and/or action:

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Food | Resource and/or action:

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Transportation | Resource and/or action:

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Utilities | Resource and/or action:

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Child care | Resource and/or action:

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Employment | Resource and/or action:

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Education | Resource and/or action:

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Finances | Resource and/or action:

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Personal safety | Resource and/or action:

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**Follow-up Plan:**

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