

WHAT IS THE VI-SPDAT ?

The VI-SPDAT helps determine the level of need of persons experiencing homelessness and helps inform referral decisions to connect and prioritize them to the most appropriate housing or service intervention.

Use the VI-SPDAT with:

- Households that have been in emergency shelter for five to eight days.
- Households encountered during outreach that are living in an unsheltered location and must remain unsheltered. These assessments must be done immediately.
- Residents that need assistance to exit shelter ASAP for their well being.
- Households with previous episodes of literal homelessness, including those identified as chronically homeless. These assessments must be done immediately at entry into the shelter.

VI-SPDAT is not:

- The only deciding factor in housing referrals. The assessment score is only part of the housing referral process.
- A tool for diversion purposes.
- For homeless veterans since they are immediately referred to the local SSVF provider.

