

Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care VI-SPDAT Updates

Purpose of this Listserv Message

This message provides additional information about VI-SPDAT updates that have occurred since the July 7th webinar.

Target Audience

All Ohio BoSCoC providers completing VI-SPDATs.

Background Information

The VI-SPDAT is the common assessment tool of the Ohio BoSCoC and is used to help determine the severity of need of people experiencing homelessness in our system and to make prioritization decisions for permanent housing resources.

On July 7th, 2021, the CoC and HMIS teams hosted a webinar to share information about changes to the VI-SPDATs, as part of the V3 update. All providers completing VI-SPDATs with clients must use the updated versions no later than August 2, 2021.

You can find the webinar recording, slide deck, Ohio BoSCoC VI-SPDAT Instructional Guide, and current VI-SPDAT versions on the Ohio BoSCoC CE page here:

<https://cohhio.org/boscoc/coordinated-entry/>

In the July 7th webinar, staff noted that the TAY-VI-SPDAT (for use with transition-age youth) had not been updated. *However, after that webinar, we were notified that our new HMIS vendor was now going to make the updated TAY-VI-SPDAT available to end users. Therefore, the CoC is updating to the current version as well.*

TAY-VI-SPDAT Updates

The TAY VI-SPDAT V2 is now available to providers on the [Ohio BoSCoC CE page](#). Providers should start using V2 by August 2nd, 2021.

The changes to the TAY VI-SPDAT V2 largely align with the changes made to the VI-SPDATs V3 for single adults and families. Providers can review the updated VI-SPDAT Instructional Guide and presentation from July 7th for details about those changes.

Updated VI-SPDAT Guidance

The TAY-VI-SPDAT V2 guidance from OrgCode also included updated guidance regarding when providers should complete the VI-SPDAT for Single Adults vs. the VI-F-SPDAT for Families. The updated guidance has been incorporated into the [Ohio BoSCoC VI-SPDAT Instructional Guide](#) and is as follows:

VI-SPDAT V3 for Single Adults

- Use VI-SPDAT V3 for single adults when the household includes adults 25 years of age and older. If the household includes two adults, complete the VI-SPDAT for single adults on each adult.

VI-F-SPDAT V3 for Families

- Use the VI-SPDAT V3 for Families when the household has dependent children living with the head of household.

TAY-VI-SPDAT for Transition Age Youth

- Use the TAY-VI-SPDAT for Transition Age Youth when the household includes persons 24 years of age and younger, but without dependent children. If the TAY household includes dependent children use the VI-F-SPDAT.

As a reminder, all providers should start using the updated VI-SPDAT versions no later than August 2nd, 2021.

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