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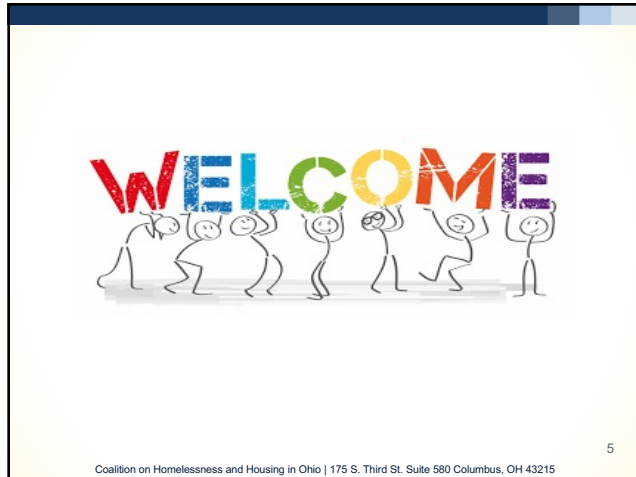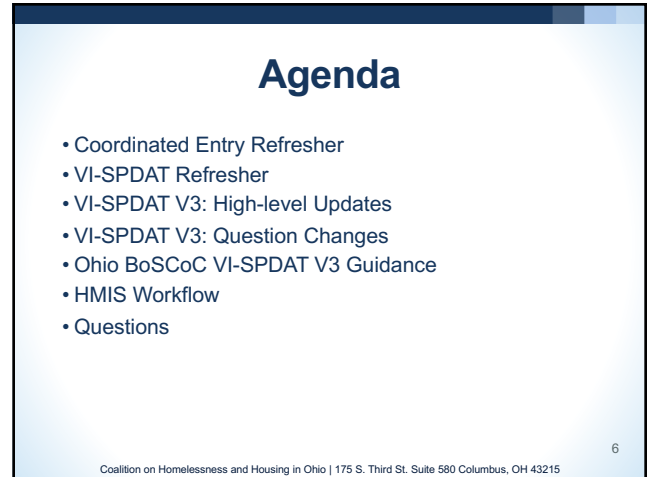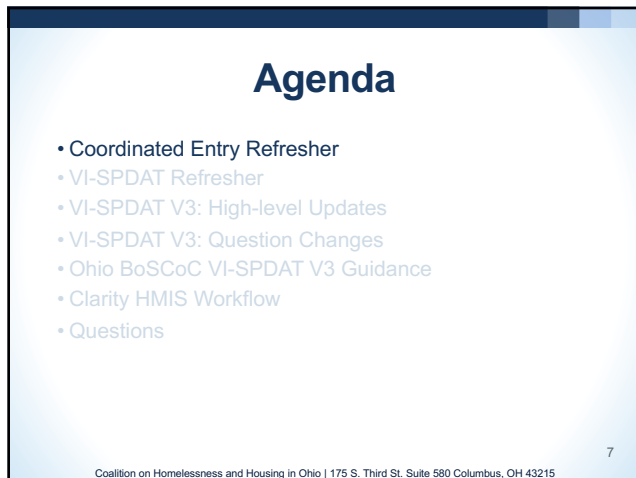**Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio | 175 S. Third St. Suite 580 Columbus, OH 43215**

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Coordinated Entry Definition

Coordinated Entry (CE), also known as coordinated intake, coordinated systems, or coordinated assessment is a process or system that coordinates entry into, movement within, and ultimately exit from a homeless system. Coordinated Entry processes increase the efficiency of a homeless assistance system by standardizing access to homeless services.

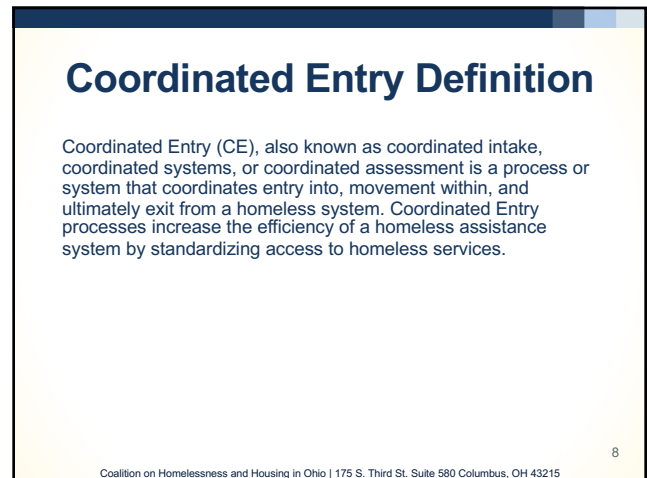Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio | 175 S. Third St. Suite 580 Columbus, OH 43215
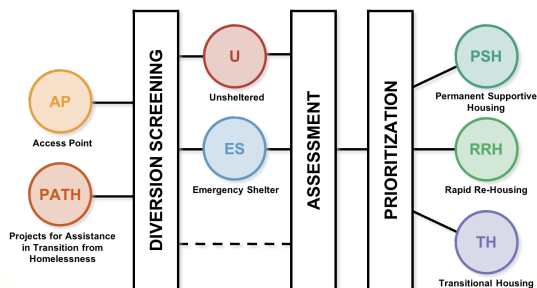
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Coordinated Entry Key Elements

- Prioritizes households with greatest needs
- Includes projects that serve all households types & target populations.
- Easy to access through street outreach, hotlines, and physical locations
- Standardizes assessments that are person-centered
- Fair & equal referral process
- Lowers barriers to entry & uses a Housing First approach to enrollment & service delivery.

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Coordinated Entry Key Components

Access

Assessment

Prioritization

Referral

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Coordinated Entry in Ohio BoSCoC

AP Access Point

PATH Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness

DIVERSION SCREENING

U Unsheltered

ES Emergency Shelter

ASSESSMENT

PRIORITIZATION

PSH Permanent Supportive Housing

RRH Rapid Re-Housing

TH Transitional Housing

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What is the VI-SPDAT?

Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

- The VI-SPDAT is a survey administered to people experiencing homelessness to help determine severity of need and make prioritization decisions for housing resources.
- The VI-SPDAT is the official common assessment tool of the Ohio BoSCoC.
- Only those who have completed training should complete the VI-SPDAT with clients.

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What is the VI-SPDAT?

- Standardized Interview
- Provides numerical assessment of client risk factors
- Based on client self-report
- Takes into account history of homelessness, financial issues, medical issues, mental health

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VI-SPDAT

Tools in the VI-SPDAT series:

- VI-SPDAT for Single Adults
- VI-F-SPDAT for Families
- TAY-VI-SPDAT for Youth

VI-SPDAT

VI-SPDAT Tools

VI-SPDAT V2 Single Adults – fillable
VI-F-SPDAT V2 Families – fillable

VI-SPDAT V3 Single Adults – fillable
VI-F-SPDAT V3 Families – fillable

TAY-VI-SPDAT Youth – fillable

VI-SPDAT Guidance
VI-SDPAT V3 Changes Webinar Recording – July 7, 2021
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VI-SPDAT V3 Guidance
TAY-VI-SPDAT General Information
Request the Administering the VI-SPDAT eLearning Course
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When to Complete the VI-SPDAT

The VI-SPDAT is completed no sooner than 5 days after shelter entry and no later than 8 days after entry.

There are exceptions to the wait period for:
- Youth
- Unsheltered Populations
- Previously Homeless

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VI-SPDAT Recommendations

VI-SPDAT scores are used to help make housing prioritization decisions:

Score	Recommendation
0-3	Provide community resources
4+	Possible need for consideration for PH resources
8+	Likely need for consideration for PSH (and all other available PH resources)

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VI-SPDAT V3

- Updated VI-SPDAT version 3 released in 2020 for individuals and families
- ~~Transition Age Youth (TAY VI-SPDAT) VI-SPDAT remaining on the original first version~~ Updated to version 2 for youth, as of 7/28/21
- Mahoning County CoC will be using VI-SPDAT version 3 for individuals and families

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VI-SPDAT V3

- It now incorporates input from people with lived experience, service providers, and policy experts
- Questions and processes are streamlined
- In addition to questions about episodes and length of homelessness, now inquiring about disabling conditions in order to help determine chronic homelessness status
  - "*Do you have any diagnosed, documented, disabling conditions?*"

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VI-SPDAT V3

- If a VI-SPDAT V2 has already been completed and is current (meaning done within last year), you do not need to re-complete it using V3
  - *Note: Major changes in the person's life still require a new VI-SPDAT to be completed, and you could completed versus V3 in this case*
- V3 takes about the same amount of time to complete as V2
- Scoring recommendations have not changed
  - *Note: Providers are still encouraged to review and consider information beyond the VI-SPDAT score when making prioritization decisions*

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Question Changes

- Questions better capture ability of households to meet basic needs, housing history, gambling problems, and hoarding
- Questions more adequately capture domestic violence experience and criminal justice involvement
- Simplified and clarified physical and behavioral health questions and rephrased to be less stigmatizing
- Clarified and expanded on many questions

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Question Changes

- Added section to capture new information:
  - Gender Identity
  - Survey Location
  - Pets
  - Age (60+)

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V3 Example

- V2 Question on Housing Supports read as follows:

Is your current homelessness in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because family or friends caused you to become evicted?

- V3 Question on Housing Supports now reads as follows:

Would you say that your homelessness is caused by the following:
- A relationship that broke down
- An unhealthy or abusive relationship
- Because family or friends caused you to lose housing

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V3 Example

- V2 Question on Legal Issues read as follows:

Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in you being locked up, having to pay fines, or that make it more difficult to rent a place to live?

- V3 Question on Legal Issues now reads as follows:

Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in any of the following:
- Being locked up
- Having to pay fines or fees that you cannot afford
- Impact your ability to get housing
- Impact where you could live in your housing

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V3 Example

- V2 Question on Substances read as follows:

Has your drinking or drug use led to you being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past?

Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for you to stay housed or afford housing?

- V3 Question on Substances now reads as follows:

Do you use alcohol or drugs in a way that:
- Impacts your life in a negative way most days
- Makes it hard to access housing
- Would require assistance to main housing

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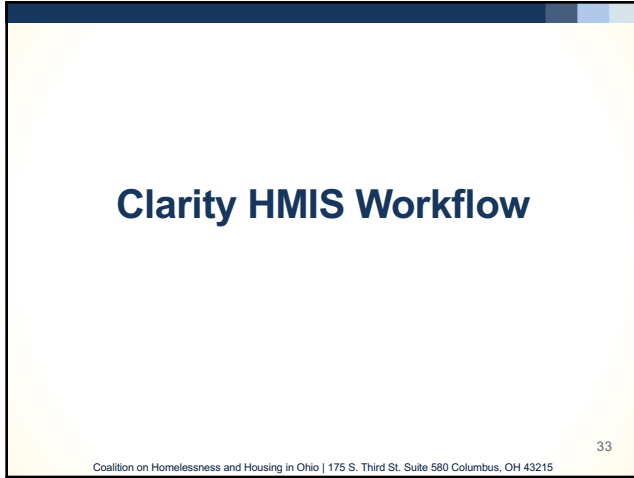Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio | 175 S. Third St. Suite 580 Columbus, OH 43215

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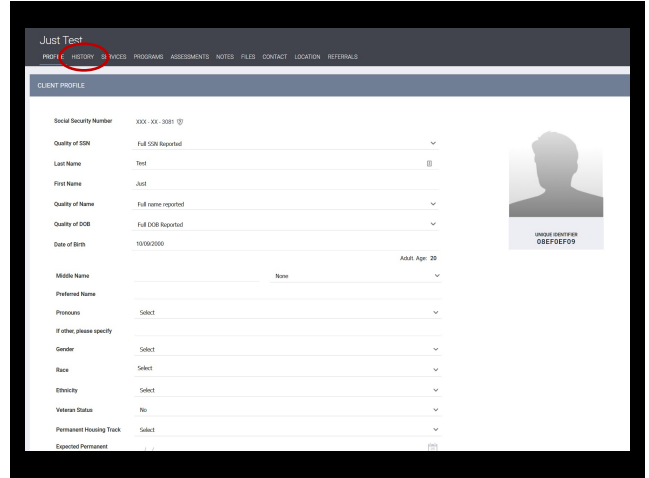- VI-SPDAT V3: Question Changes
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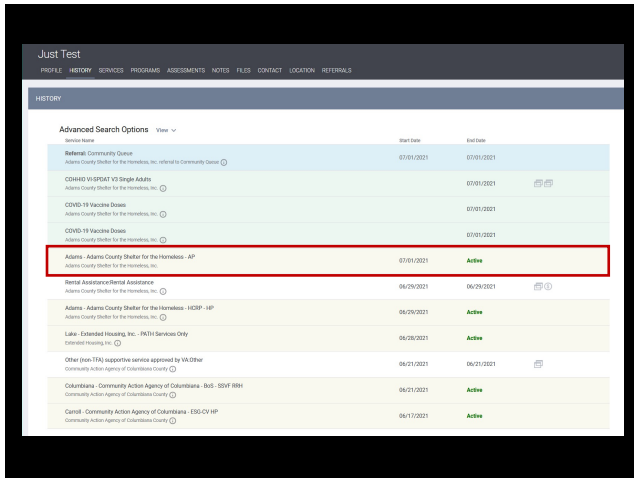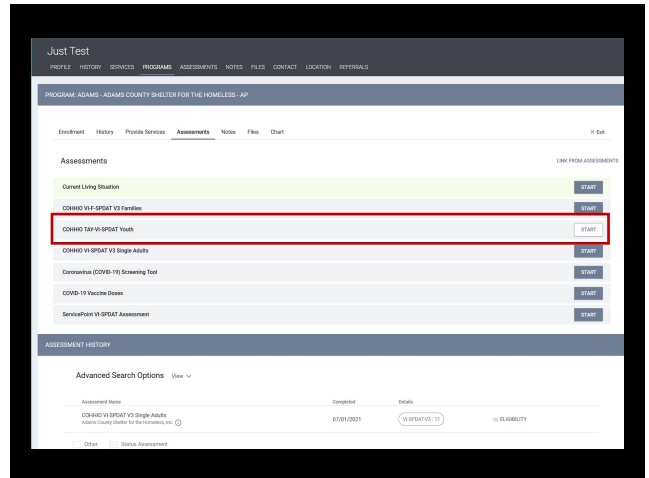Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio | 175 S. Third St. Suite 580 Columbus, OH 43215

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VI-SPDAT Guidance

Guidance is available at
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VI-SPDAT Guidance

- Timeline to transition to VI-SPDAT V3
  - Ideally, July 19, 2021
    - This will enable you to enter V3 VI-SPDATs on new clients you enter into the new HMIS product, Clarity
  - But absolutely no later than August 2, 2021

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VI-SPDAT Training

Any staff who are newly assessing clients with the VI-SPDAT must first complete the *Administering the VI-SPDAT* eLearning course.

New trainees can request to be enrolled in the VI-SPDAT eLearning course here: https://cohhio.org/boscoc/training-and-templates/
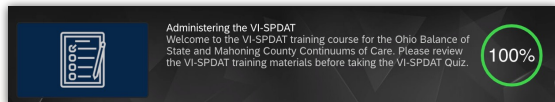
Administering the VI-SPDAT
Welcome to the VI-SPDAT training course for the Ohio Balance of State and Mahoning County Continuums of Care. Please review the VI-SPDAT training materials before taking the VI-SPDAT Quiz.

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