

Assessing Circumstances & Offering Resources for Needs (ACORN) Screening Tool

(1)	In the past two months, have you been	n living in stable housing that yo	u own, re	nt, or stay in as part of a household?1				
a. Yes – Living in stable housing								
	The state of the s	.1) Are you worried or concerned that in the next two months you may NOT have stable housing that you own, nt, or stay in as part of a household? ¹						
	i. Yes – worried about housing	near future						
	→ (1.2) Where have you	lived for MOST of the past two n	nonths?1					
	subsidy) b. Apartment/Hous subsidy) c. With Friend/Fan	se/Room (no government se/Room (with government nily	f. H g. <i>H</i>	Short-term Institution like Hospital, Rehab Center, Drug Treatment Center Homeless Shelter Anywhere outside (e.g. Street, Vehicle, Abandoned Building)				
	d. Motel/Hotel		h. (Other				
	ii. No – Not worried about ho	using near future						
	b. No – Not living in stable housing							
	\hookrightarrow Collect answer for the question	"Where have you lived for MOST	of the p	ast two months?" ¹				
>	If respondent endorses either "not living in stable housing" <u>OR</u> "worried about housing near future" for (1): (1.3) Are you currently without a place to stay?							
	a. Yes b.	No						
(2)	2) I'm going to read you two statements that people have made about their food situation. For each statement, please t me whether the statement was often true, sometimes true, or never true for your household in the last 12 months.							
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(5)	Do you currently have any legal issues you need help with?								
	a.	Yes	b.	No					
(6)	Но	How often do you feel lonely or isolated from those around you? ^{6, 7}							
	a.	Often		Sometimes		c.	Never		
(7)	How often does anyone close to you physically hurt you or threaten you with harm?8								
	a.	Often	b.	Sometimes		c.	Never		
(8)	Do	Do you want help finding or keeping work or a job?9							
	a.	Yes, help finding work	b.	Yes, help keeping work	:	c.	I do not need or want help		
(9)	Do	Do you want more information about educational benefits and resources for Veterans?							
	a.	Yes	b.	No					
(10) Do	you have access to any of the fo	llow	ing devices? (Please sel	ect all that a	pply.	.)		
		Simple cell phone (flip phone)			Computer	(lapt	op, desktop, or tablet such as		
		Smartphone (a cell phone with and internet)	a tou	ichscreen	an iPad) None				
(11) Do	you have access to affordable a	nd re	eliable internet at home	?				
	a.	Yes	b.	No		c.	I don't want internet access at home		
(12) Ho	w often do you run out of phone	e mir	nutes and/or data before	the end of	the r	month?		
	a.	Often		C.	Never				
	b.	Sometimes		d.	I don't ha	ve a c	ellphone (flip phone or smartphone)		
(13	-	terans can now have video visits u like help setting up a future vic							
	a.	Yes		C.	I already k	now	how to do video visits/don't need help		
	b.	No		d.	I don't kno	ow wl	hat a video visit is		
>	If respondent endorses "yes" for (13): (13.1) Do you need help learning to use a smartphone, tablet, or computer for video visits at the VA?								
	a.	Yes	b.	No		c.	I don't have any of these devices		
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