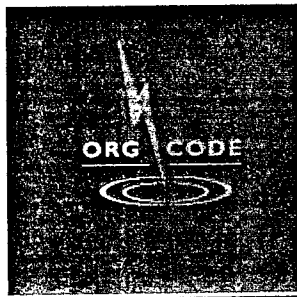


Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT): Scoring Components



Mental Health and Wellness & Cognitive Functioning

0	No mental health or cognitive functioning issues disclosed, suspected or observed.
1	The individual has disclosed that they have a mental health issue or diminished cognitive functioning, and are effectively engaged with professional assistance to manage the issue; or an individual is in a heightened state of recovery, fully aware of their symptoms and wellness and manages their mental health and wellness independently.
2	The individual has a disclosed, suspected or possibility of mental health issues and/or cognitive functioning issues based upon that which is observed or heard, but any impact on communication, daily living, social relationships, etc is minimal. Possibly without formal diagnosis. If diagnosed, may not require anything more than infrequent assistance.
3	The individual has a significant mental health issue disclosed, suspected or observed, or the individual has significantly diminished cognitive functions, most likely having an impact on communication, daily living, social relationships, etc. The individual may have supports but the mental health and/or cognitive functioning issues still have considerable impact on day-to-day living. Assistance is required, but the client has no consistent, ongoing assistance.
4	The individual has a serious and persistent mental health issue disclosed, suspected or observed and/or the individual has major barriers to daily functioning as a result of compromised cognitive functioning; most likely greatly impacting communication, daily living, social relationships, etc., While most often without ongoing assistance, it is possible that the individual does have supports, but their serious and persistent mental health issues or major cognitive functioning issues are still greatly impacting day to day living.

Physical Health and Wellness

0	No physical health issues. Completely well.
1	Physical health issues are relatively minor, or in the event of a chronic condition, the individual has considerable knowledge of their health needs and closely follows the treatment protocol. The individual is connected to appropriate professional resources.
2	Physical health issues present and while the individual is following treatment protocols, day to day functioning is still impacted.
3	Physical health issues present, which may be chronic in nature and/or requires intensive health supports, but the individual is not connected to appropriate professional resources either by choice or because of insufficient community resources. In some limited situations an individual may be connected to supports and following treatment protocols, but the treatment is having very little to no impact on improving day to day living and/or the individual cannot follow all parts of the treatment protocol (e.g., required to rest, but no place to rest 24/7 because of being homeless). The individual may not see the total value of wellness and getting better.
4	Serious health issues, which are most frequently co-occurring, chronic and complex. In most instances the individual is not connected to appropriate professional resources, or the individual is involved in treatment that is having no impact on the condition and/or the individual cannot implement the treatment protocol; and/or, the individual is palliative.

Substance Use

0	Has not used drugs or alcohol for 12 months or more.
1	Does not use drugs. Alcohol consumption does not exceed acceptable consumption thresholds. Substance use has no impact on daily functioning. If practicing abstinence, has achieved at least 14 days of sobriety.
2	Up to four incidents of using drugs and/or alcohol in a one month period, that may occasionally include non-palatable alcohol, and/or may occasionally include binge drinking. Any impact that the substance use has on daily functioning is infrequent. If there are health impacts as a result of substance use, the impacts are relatively minor.
3	More than four incidents of using drugs and/or alcohol in a one month period, that may include non-palatable alcohol, may include binge drinking, and is likely to exceed daily maximum acceptable consumption thresholds on a regular basis. Impacts of the substance use on daily functioning are frequent, even if the individual does not acknowledge these consequences. Health is likely compromised as a result of alcohol or drugs.
4	Use of drugs and/or alcohol is likely daily, frequently including non-palatable alcohol, most often including binge drinking, most often using to the point of complete inebriation (may include passing out). Impacts of the substance use on daily functioning are severe and may be life threatening.

Medication

0	Does not take any medications, or has demonstrated consistent self-management of medications for greater than 6 months.
1	Takes medications and has been self-managing the use of medications for less than 6 months. (Assumes at least 14 days of active management.)
2	Takes medications but requires some assistance from time to time, including prompts to take the medication, understanding what the medication is for and/or instruction on proper storage or use of the medication.
3	The individual takes medications, but may forget to take them regularly or may use them improperly from time to time. If the individual is selling their prescription drugs to others, they keep the majority of the prescription for themselves. Likely requires significant assistance to manage, including regular reminders, schedules or prompts, understanding what the medication is for and/or instruction on proper storage or use of the medication. May also include individuals who have had their prescription changed within the past month and the effects and routine of the new regime are not yet fully worked out, but are not having a debilitating impact on the person's health or daily activities.
4	The individual does not use medications as prescribed, which may include frequently failing to take the medication. This includes individuals with a prescription that is never filled (including those who did not fill the prescription because of financial restraints). If the individual is selling their prescription drugs, most or all of the prescription is sold. The individual may also demonstrate a lack of interest or understanding in how and when to take the medication, what it is for, or how it should be stored or used. May also include individuals who have had their prescription changed within the past month and the effects and routine of the new medication are significantly impacting day-to-day living, their health or daily activities.

Experience of Abuse and/or Trauma

0	The individual does not report a past or present experience of abuse and/or trauma.
1	The individual has a history of abuse and/or traumatic events, but reports no serious consequences on present functioning and/or ability, or indicates resolution of past abuse through therapeutic means.
2	The individual has a history of abuse and/or traumatic events that are impacting present functioning and/or ability. The individual may currently be engaged in therapeutic attempts at recovery, but does not consider self to be recovered.
3	The individual has a history of abuse and/or traumatic events that are severely impacting present functioning and/or ability. The individual has not attempted therapeutic recovery.
4	The individual is currently experiencing abuse or a traumatic event that is causing the current period of homelessness. No attempt at therapeutic recovery has been made.

Risk of Harm to Self or Others

0	No perceived risk to self or others. No known history of harming self or others. No known threats or making of harmful statements.
1	Limited risk to self or others. No history of harming self or others within the past 12 months, though may have limited exposure from the past. No threats or making of harmful statements within the past 6 months.
2	Possible risk to self or others. No history of harming self or others within past 12 months, though may have exposure from the past. May have very infrequently made statements concerning potential harm to self or others within the past 6 months, but no action taken. Individual de-escalated after making statements.
3	Probable risk to self or others. Episode of attempting or actually harming self or others within past 12 months and likely verbal or written statements threatening harm to self or others within the past 6 months.
4	Imminent risk to self or others. Clear, strong threats of harming self or others, without de-escalation. Recent frequent episodes of attempting or actually harming self or others.

Involvement with High Risk and/or Exploitive Situations

0	Has not been involved in a high risk or exploitive situation for more than 6 months.
1	Has not been involved in a high risk or exploitive situation for less than 6 months. (Assumes 14 days of no involvement.)
2	Has been involved in one to three high risk or exploitive situations in the last 6 months.
3	Has been involved in four to nine high risk or exploitive situations in the last 6 months.
4	Has been involved in ten or more high risk or exploitive situations in the last 6 months.

Managing Tenancy

0	Has taken care of apartment unit for 6 months or more without any external support including such things as payment of rent, following lease agreement and physically maintaining unit in good shape.
1	Has taken care of apartment unit for less than 6 months (assumes at least 45 days) without any external support including such things as payment of rent, following lease agreement and physically maintaining unit in good shape.
2	Needs assistance in taking care of the apartment unit up to three times in any three month period or a maximum of once per month, which may include assistance paying rent, managing situations that the landlord has taken exception to, or in physically maintaining the unit in good shape. Has not needed to be re-housed within the past three months.
3	Needs assistance in taking care of the unit four to nine times in any three month period or two or more times per month, which may include assistance paying rent, conflict resolution and problem solving and mediation with the landlord, or in physically maintaining the unit in good shape. Has been re-housed as a result of these or similar issues within the past three months or will likely need to be re-housed within the next two months.
4	Needs assistance taking care of the unit ten or more times in any three month period or three or more times in any given month, which may include assistance paying rent, conflict resolution and problem solving and mediation with the landlord, or in physically maintaining the unit in good shape. Will need to be re-housed imminently or the re-housing process may be underway. This category also includes all clients that are not yet housed at time of baseline evaluation.

Legal Issues

0	No legal issues for 12 months or more.
1	At least one legal issue in the past 12 months, but it was discharged or resolved without community service, payment of fine or incarceration. No current legal issues.
2	At least one legal issue in the past 12 months and it was resolved through payment of fine or community service. It may also include current legal issues that are unlikely to result in loss of housing or incarceration.
3	At least one legal issue in the past 12 months that may result in fines that may put housing at risk and/or periods of incarceration of three months or less that may place housing at risk.
4	At least one legal issue in the past 12 months that resulted in fines that place housing at imminent risk and/or periods of incarceration greater than three months.

Interaction with Emergency Services

0	No interaction with emergency rooms, hospital, crisis service, police, ambulance or fire for 6 months or more.
1	No interaction with emergency rooms, hospital, crisis service, police, ambulance or fire for less than 6 months.
2	One to three interactions with emergency rooms, hospital, crisis service, police, ambulance and/or fire in the last 6 months.
3	Four to nine interactions with emergency rooms, hospital, crisis service, police, ambulance and/or fire in the last 6 months.
4	Ten or more interactions with emergency rooms, hospital, crisis service, police, ambulance and/or fire in the last 6 months.

Social Relations & Networks

0	Has friends and/or family supports as they would like them, and has maintained those relationships for greater than 6 months.
1	Has some friends and/or family supports, and/or working on relationships, and/or the relationship is how they would like, but for less than 6 months. (Assumes at least 45 days of relationships as they would like it.)
2	Engaged in relationships with friends and/or family, occasionally with some difficulties and/or still at the very early stages of relationship development.
3	Discussing or is in the early stages of establishing relationships with friends and/or family, but having difficulty maintaining contact or advancing the relationship; or client has relationship with friends or family but it is having some negative consequences on the client's wellness. May be talking to new people, but not at a stage of trusting or liking them yet. Meanwhile, the individual may maintain good relationships with professionals.
4	While may have acquaintances or relationships with people out of convenience or necessity – including co-dependent relationships or feelings of need for the relationship based upon past victimization or abuse, no meaningful social relationships and networks with people of their choosing that they like; or client has relationship with friends or family but it is having serious consequences on the client's wellness. While the individual may have relationships with professionals, they are not consistently good.

Meaningful Daily Activities

0	Has activities related to employment, volunteering, socio-recreation, etc. that provide fulfillment intellectually, socially, physically, emotionally, spiritually, etc., occupying most times of day and most days of the week, and which provide a high degree of personal satisfaction.
1	Has some activities related to employment, volunteering, socio-recreation, etc. that provide some fulfillment intellectually, socially, physically, emotionally, spiritually, etc., occupying some times of the day and/or some days of the week, which provide a good degree of personal satisfaction.
2	Attempting activities that may provide fulfillment intellectually, socially, physically, emotionally, spiritually, etc. but not occupying most days or most parts of any given day, and not yet providing a good degree of personal satisfaction.
3	Discussing or in early stages of attempting activities that may provide fulfillment intellectually, socially, physically, emotionally, spiritually, etc. but not fully committed. At times disengaged from activities, and activities are not yet occupying most days, nor providing personal satisfaction.
4	Not engaged in any meaningful daily activities that provide fulfillment intellectually, socially, physically, emotionally, spiritually, etc. Very little to no personal satisfaction.

1	independently, and can pay bills, and fill out all appropriate paperwork and forms without assistance from others. Has been doing so for less than 6 months. (Assumes at least 45 days of successful implementation.)
2	Has an income source and manages most personal finances and benefits with a little help from time to time, which may include help paying bills, filling out paperwork and forms or using a voluntary trusteeship program. Also includes those individuals that manage their money well with what they receive but require assistance from the likes of a food bank at the end of the month to make ends meet, as well as those that are on and off income support more than 2 times in any 12 month period.
3	Has an income source, but requires frequent assistance to manage personal finance and benefits, which may include the use of a guardian or trustee (which may be voluntary). Likely requires intensive supports to take care of paperwork and forms. Likely requires prompts, reminders and/or assistance paying bills and may not always budget appropriately for all bills. Likely requires intensive assistance budgeting. If a substance user, is likely not involved in accounting for substance use in budgeting. May have significant debt load, including "street debts" and/or gambling debts.
4	May or may not have an income. Requires intensive assistance with personal finances and benefits, which may include the use of a guardian or trustee (which may be voluntary). Almost always fails to appropriately fill out forms or complete paperwork. Cannot create or follow a monthly budget. Almost always needs prompts, reminders and/or assistance paying bills and almost always does not have enough income to cover all bills from the previous month (and may not comprehend this, thinking bills are consistently higher than they should be). Most likely not budgeting for substance use, if a substance user. Likely to have significant debt, including "street debts" and/or gambling debts.

Self-Care & Daily Living Skills

0	Takes care of self and meets all daily living needs independently & lives independently.
1	Takes care of self and meets all daily living needs by infrequently accessing other community resources as needed.
2	Attempts to take care of self and meet all daily living needs, but has a few areas where assistance is sometimes required; may not be living independently (staying in a shelter).
3	Not always taking care of self and/or not always aware of what needs to be done to take care of self or daily needs; can require prompts; requires frequent assistance; may excessively acquire belongings (hoard or collect) but is aware that it is an issue.
4	Not taking care of self or meeting daily needs; often unaware and almost always needs prompts; requires intensive, frequent assistance; may excessively acquire belongings (hoard or collect) but is not fully aware or is not at all aware that it is an issue.

History of Homelessness

0	Cumulative duration of homelessness was 7 days or less over the past four years, which may include being recently re-housed.
1	Cumulative duration of homelessness was between 8 and 30 days over the past four years, which may include being recently re-housed.
2	Cumulative duration of homelessness was between 30 days and 2 years over the past four years.
3	Cumulative duration of homelessness was between 2 years and 5 years over the past decade.
4	Cumulative duration of homelessness was greater than 5 years over the past decade.