

SHARE WITH THE CLIENT:

Why we're doing this assessment called Choose your own Housing Pathway:

- ✓ We want to identify different ways you could move out of shelter quickly.
- ✓ To do that I have a some questions to help me get to know you better.
- ✓ This will help us identify if you qualify for any immediate housing opportunities and also helps us know what services we need in order to better help guests.

Your Housing Needs: We also want to know what housing needs you have so we can better respond as a shelter.

Start/Stop: You may stop this conversation at any time.

No Right/Wrong Responses: There are no right or wrong answers. Nothing you say will harm any services you receive from our us. We serve people regardless of anything in your background. The more you are willing to share, the better I can identify what options might work for you.

Demographics & Safety

First Name:

Last Name:

DOB:

Age:

Is there anyone making you feel unsafe or that you are fleeing from?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, are you interested in finding a confidential, safe domestic violence shelter?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Have you ever served in the military before? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

When would you like to begin actively working on a housing pathway out of shelter to a home? ☐ Right now ☐ In a couple of weeks ☐ I want to hear my options ☐ Unsure

Note to Staff: Ask or check HIV+ status; some housing programs are set aside for HIV+.

Current Opportunities

Do you currently have a voucher or housing offer, such as a unit with a Section 8 voucher, or an offer of a public housing unit where your rent will be calculated at about 30-40% of your income?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, what date was it issued or offered to you?

If yes, please write/describe the type of voucher/issuer of the voucher:

Are you now, or have you worked with a housing search agency?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, which ones and when?

Immediate Support Networks

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Your housing needs

- ✓ Our system does not have enough subsidized housing resources for everyone who needs it, unfortunately
- ✓ So we explore people's support networks as one way to exit homelessness quickly
- ✓ Experiencing homelessness for long periods of time can take a toll- we want to avoid people experiencing homelessness in Boston at all, or we want to reduce how long people spend homeless so they can move on to the next pieces of their lives.

Where did you live before this most recent stay in shelter or outside? This could be a place you were staying with friends, family, a lease on your own, another shelter, program, or unsheltered somewhere.

Zip code:

What type of living situation did you have when you lived at that zip code?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Another shelter or program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsheltered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own lease or tenancy | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know |

Could you return to live with your friends or family?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Prompt the client with open-ended questions to brainstorm if there are friends, family and/or other options to pursue. Engage in active open listening; reflect strengths and options back to the client using brainstorming motivational interviewing.

- Is this your first time in shelter or sleeping outside?
- Who are the people that may want to know where you are or want to know that you need help?
- What are some places you have considered staying other than here, even for a night?
- Tell me about places you have stayed that are positive.
- Tell me about your strengths figuring out difficult situations.

When did you start sleeping outside or in a Boston shelter? _____

How long in the last three years have you slept in Boston shelters or outside in Boston (estimated)? _____

Housing Preferences

What is the maximum you could pay for rent?

- ☐ Less than \$300 ☐ \$300 ☐ \$600 ☐ \$900 ☐ \$1200 ☐ \$1500 ☐ \$1800
☐ More than \$1800

Would you be interested in shared housing with roommates? People often choose this option because it lessens the cost of housing, gives you more options of where to live, and helps to offset loneliness in a new home.

- ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No

What is the primary reason you are not interested in shared housing?

- ☐ I want my own home
☐ I have had negative roommate experiences before
☐ I do not know anyone who I'd want to share housing with

Income and Assets Information

How much income do you make per month?

What is your income source?

If not employed: Are you interested in a referral to an employment agency?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐ Opt Out

Housing Pathways: Referrals

See the [full Housing Options Tool](#) for details to access each pathway.

Youth (18-24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Pathways 2021 Assessment in Clarity or ETO for access to youth rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing. • Refer to Bridge Over Troubled Water for general services.
Senior (62+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Elderly Housing Navigation Checklist in Housing Options Tool
Veteran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Veteran Housing Navigation Checklist in Housing Options Tool
HIV+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use HIV+ Housing Navigation Checklist in Housing Options Tool
Housing in Hand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to your internal or HomeStart's Rapid Re-Housing Program for housing search and upfront moving costs
Friends/Family/Relocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Barrier Buster application
Alternative Housing/Service Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer internally to behavioral health or case management expertise.
Housing Now: Market Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to your internal or HomeStart's Rapid Re-Housing Program by contacting Shakyla Taylor at taylor@homestart.org
Housing Navigation-Subsidized/Supportive Housing Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer internally to site's housing navigation staff to begin a subsidized and/or supportive housing option.