



Housing and Environment Domain – Restructured

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Domain: Housing and Environment

About this domain

Where and how we live is important to life satisfaction. Having a place to call home contributes to our sense of well-being, security, community, and autonomy. Home is where you can be yourself, engage in your preferred routines, come and go from, invite others into or, close others out from.

Many individuals we work with reside in settings where others decide their routines and place limits on their autonomy. In some cases, this has been determined as necessary for their health and safety. But for others, a less restrictive environment is appropriate and preferred.

In this domain, capture your interview specific to housing or the person's living environment. Learn about any required restrictions to the person's choice, freedoms, or access before you start this section of the assessment conversation. Within that context, discover the person's preferences for where and how they want to live. Listen for concerns and desires related to where the person lives or prefers to live. Include goals for addressing concerns and/or searching for alternative living environments in the person's plan.

Question Group: Housing and Environment

Select most accurate setting that describes person's current housing

- Resides in own housing setting**
 - Alone
 - With immediate family
 - With extended family
 - With friends
 - Other _____
- Resides in community-based congregate setting**
 - Board & Lodge
 - Community residential setting/Corporate Foster Care
 - Family Foster Care
 - Housing with Services (not apartment)
 - Other _____
- Resides in institutional setting**
 - NF, including Boarding Care
 - ICF
 - Hospital
 - Regional Treatment Center
 - Other time-limited treatment program
 - Other _____
- Resides in correctional facility**

- Homeless** – including shelters, motels, hotels, cars, couch hopping, on street, etc.
- Other _____

Does the Home and community-based services (HCBS) provider own the home or have their name on the lease with the landlord? Y/N

Person-Centered Interview. Based on status, interview takes one of two (2) tracks.

At this time person is:

- Not wanting or planning to move** from current environment
- Wanting or planning to move** from current living environment

Track 1:

Not wanting or planning to move from current living environment

- Adapt your interview with respect to the person’s current living situation.
- Discover if person has recently moved. If person is homeless – discover prior housing history as to preferences, successful experiences, and current barriers.
- Learn about & understand preferred living choices, needs, and concerns.
- Listen for concerns that require mitigation or follow-up in the support plan; referrals. For those interested or open to finding another place to live, discover known or feared barriers to moving.

Use comment boxes to capture key points and summarize what you have learned or discovered regarding the topic.

Things likes about where lives (describe)

Comments

Wishes were different/better about where lives (describe)

Comments

Describe reported or observed safety or sanitation concerns. Make appropriate referrals and/or include in support plan.

Comments

Discussion notes for how concerns are or will be addressed (Note: Support plan goal implication)

Comments

Discussion notes for exploring options for alternative housing (Note: Support plan goal implication)

Comments

Informed choice decisions - Based on the interview, assessor completes the following:

- Yes - would like to begin process for finding an alternative living environment and needs assistance. Create housing goal in plan.
- Yes – would like to begin process for finding an alternative living environment; prefers to do on own or with family/friends. Create housing goal in plan.
- Yes willing to learn more about options or process before they decide about moving. Create housing goal in plan.
- No - Is not interested in moving; would like to work on resolving concerns. Create housing goal in plan to address concerns.
- No - Is not interested in moving; wants to continue to live where they are.

Track 2

Wanting or planning to move from current living environment

- Adapt your interview with respect to the person's current living situation and housing search.
- Inquire about progress in relocating or transitioning to a new home.
- Listen for concerns that require mitigation or follow-up in the support plan; referrals.
- Discover known or feared barriers to moving. Document preferences and needs shared.

Use comment boxes to capture key points and summarize what you have learned or discovered regarding the topic.

Discussion notes for exploring alternative living environments

(Note: Support plan goal implication)

- Status of planning or search efforts
- Note options that have been explored and/or considered
- Include comments about what is going well (with effort/progress)

Comments

Identify persons or agencies assisting individual. If needed, make appropriate referrals.

Comments

Concerns, barriers or issues with effort/progress (describe)

Comments

Concerns with current environment that need to be addressed while still residing there (Note: Support plan goal implication)

Comments

Describe reported or observed safety or sanitation concerns. Make appropriate referrals and/or include in support plan.

Comments

Discussion notes about how concerns are or will be addressed (Note: Support plan goal implication)

Comments

Informed choice decisions - Based on the interview, assessor completes the following:

- Yes - relocation goal with assistance is in current plan.**
Retain housing goal in plan.
- Yes - relocation goal with assistance is in current plan and alternative supports are needed to address concerns/barriers.**
Update housing goal in plan.
- Yes - relocation goal with assistance is needed/preferred.**
Create new housing goal in plan.
- Yes - relocation goal without assistance is preferred.**
Create new housing goal in plan.
- No – deciding to not seek alternative housing in coming year; suspend search effort; no longer a goal to move**

Barriers to moving

Can't meet income requirements
Concerns for health & safety by legal rep/team
Credit history
Criminal history
Drug/alcohol use
Lack of affordable housing
Lack of rental history
History of evictions or Unlawful Detainers
Needs housing access assistance
Personal safety concerns related to available locations
Security deposit/first-month's rent
Tobacco use
Transportation access / public transportation
Other
None

Preferences and Needs

Accessibility to home and all areas of home
Accommodates desired routines and preferred schedule
Accommodates my cultural preferences or needs
Alcohol and/or tobacco use
Availability of public transportation
Have a pet
Location – concerns for personal safety
Location – to family/friends
Location – to leisure/entertainment activities
Location – to shopping, school, doctors, etc.
Location – to work or jobs
Own apartment/home
Roommate(s)
Space/room for caregiver
Other
None/Prefers not to share

Satisfaction with current housing/living environment:

(The following does not show for homeless, institutional or correctional facility)

Person's satisfaction:

(1) Dissatisfied, (2) Neither dissatisfied or satisfied (not discernable), (3) Satisfied with where they live and

- Access to community activities they prefer _____
- Meeting their personal needs and preferences _____
- Supporting the level of social engagement they prefer _____

Person has moved in last 12 months Yes/No

- If yes, do they indicate improved satisfaction with:
- Access to community activities they prefer Y/N
- Meeting their personal needs and preferences Y/N
- Supporting the level of social engagement they prefer Y/N

Comments

Question Group: Referrals & Goals

What the person values and wants for their life

Support plan implications for meeting the person's identified needs

Referrals assessor and/or case manager will make:

- Advocacy services
- Assistive Technology evaluation
- Disability Linkage Line (1-866-333-2466)
- Environmental Accessibility Consultation
- Follow-up to safety concerns of lease
- HomeLINE <https://homelinemn.org/> (612-728-5767 or 866-86603546) Homemaker assistance
- Housing access services
- Housing Benefits 101 (HB101-mn.hb101.org) – information about housing
- HousingLink <https://www.housinglink.org/>
- Lead Agency Environmental Health services
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Occupational Therapist
- Pest Control
- Protective services
- Senior LinkAge Line (1-800-333-2433)
- Other