**Domain: Housing**

Measures household’s current housing situation

Possible questions:

* What is your current living situation?
* Are you facing immediate eviction or foreclosure?
* Is your home safe?
* Do you receive rent or mortgage assistance? If so, how long will that continue?
* How much is your monthly rent/mortgage? How much is your net monthly income?
* Where would you like to be living? (Neighborhood/school district/type of housing)

Definitions:

* Temporary housing/shelter: <90 days of staying in shelter/temp. program
* Transitional housing: subsidized housing lasting up to 2 years
* Substandard: condemnable, structurally unsafe, mold or vermin infested
* Involuntarily doubled up: living with family/friends due to economic hardship

**Domain: Food**

Measures the household’s ability to obtain food

Possible questions:

* Are you currently able to access food for you and your family?
* Where do you get most of the food that you and your family eat?
* Do you receive assistance such as food stamps or utilize food pantries?
* Are you able to afford to purchase the foods you and your family like?
* Do you feel comfortable preparing the food you buy or receive?

**Domain: Income**

Measures the client’s income adequacy to meet basic needs, as well as save and make discretionary purchases

Possible questions:

* Do you have income?
* Is your current income covering the costs of your basic needs? (food, clothing, housing, etc.)
* Does your income allow you to meet your basic needs AND pay your bills? (utilities, phone, credit card, etc.)
* Do you have a savings account? If so, how many months of expenses are covered?
* Does your income allow you to make discretionary purchases?

**Domain: Transportation**

Measures whether or not the individual has appropriate, safe, and reliable access to transportation

Possible questions:

* Do you have access to transportation when you need it? (e.g. your own car, public transportation, ride from family/friends)
* If yes, how often is transportation available for you?
* Have you had difficulty getting transportation to work or other important appointments recently?
* How often do you or your family members have difficulty getting transportation when you need it?

Definitions:

* Rarely: 1-4 days/month
* Some: 2-4 days/week
* Most: 5-7 days/week

**Domain: Employment**

Measures the nature of the client’s job or career and considers stability of that employment as well as benefits

Possible questions:

* Are you currently employed?
* Is your employment situation temporary, seasonal or permanent?
* How many hours a week do you typically work?
* Are you working the number of hours you’d like or need?
* Does your employment situation provide adequate pay?
* Does your employment situation provide benefits for you? For your dependents?
* What would your dream job be? Is that something you’re interested in pursuing?

**Domain: Health Care**

Measures need for and access to health care and insurance coverage

Possible questions:

* Do you or anyone in your family have immediate health problems or concerns?
* Do you and everyone in your family have health insurance coverage?
* Are you able to access medical care when needed?
* Do you feel comfortable talking to teachers and staff at your children’s school?

**Domain: Adult Education**

Measures adult academic, institution-based achievements.

Possible questions:

* What is the highest level of education you have completed?
* What professional certificates/trainings/degrees have you obtained?
* If you did not graduate from high school, do you have a GED?
* Are you able to read and write and perform basic math skills?
* If English is not your first language, are you able to use it in a functional capacity?
* Are you currently enrolled in any educational classes or programs? If so, for what?
* Do you have any further training/degrees you wish you had the time and money to pursue? If so, what?

**Domain: Child Education**

Measures access to and engagement in school for all children in the family

Possible questions:

* Is/are your school-aged child/children currently enrolled in school?
* How often do any of your children miss school?
* How are your children currently doing in school?

**Domain: Childcare**

Measures the client’s ability to access appropriate childcare

Possible questions:

* Do you have children for whom you need childcare?
  + Do you have childcare for those children?
    - If so, is your childcare reliable? Affordable? Adequate? Your childcare of choice?
  + Do you have a backup plan?
  + What is your ideal childcare situation?

**Domain: Parenting Skills**

Measures the adult individual(s) skills in raising children. Parenting skills can be assessed through self-report or direct observation.

Possible questions:

* Are you a first-time parent within the past year?
* Are you familiar and comfortable with child development concepts? (e.g. parent is a positive role model who maintains structure for children, is involved with children’s education, etc.)
* Have parenting skills classes ever been recommended to you? Do you feel you would benefit from such classes? Are there any specific topics regarding raising your children you would like to learn more about?
* For case manager to ask self: Are you aware of any safety concerns regarding parenting skills? (you are mandated to report concern about possible child abuse/neglect to appropriate authorities)

**Domain: Support System**

Measures the nature of the household’s immediate interpersonal relationships, especially the extent to which they form a foundation for the individual in times of crisis and need

Possible questions:

* Do you have friends or family you can always rely on when in need of support? If yes, how many personal supports can you currently ask for help if needed?
* Are you aware of community support resources that can help support you in a time of need? If yes, are you able to access them?
* Are you connected to or actively involved with groups in your community? (e.g. church, school, etc.)
* Do you feel that you are able to offer help and support to your family and/or friends?

**Domain: Relationship Safety**

Measures the nature of the individual’s personal relationships with regard to overall safety and well-being. Assesses for abuse by an intimate partner and abuse perpetrated by family members or individuals with access to household members.

Possible questions:

* Does someone feel unsafe in your home?
* How often do you or someone in your home feel unsafe? (All, most, or some of the time)
* Are you or someone in your home currently experiencing physical, emotional or psychological violence in your home?

**Domain: Substance Use**

Measures whether or not the individual is using alcohol and/or prescription drugs in an appropriate manner.

Possible questions:

* Do you drink alcohol on a regular basis? If so, how much and how often?
* Are you currently using drugs? If so, how much and how often?
* Have you missed any family or work events because you were drinking or using?
* Would you like to reduce your consumption of alcohol and/or drugs?
* Do you know what resources are available locally to help you deal with alcohol and/or drug abuse?

**Domain: Physical Health**

Measures the general physical health of household members

Possible questions:

* Are you or a household member currently dealing with untreated, chronic, or life threatening physical health challenges?
  + If yes, are you or your household member currently receiving the needed health care services?
  + Have you or your household member seen a doctor to discuss your current health challenges?
  + Are you satisfied with your current medical care
* Do you know how to access local health care services?
* Do you or your household members receive medical and dental preventive care? (e.g. annual wellness exam; dental checkup)

**Domain: Mental Health**

Measures emotional well-being of the client

Possible questions:

* Are you currently experiencing mental health challenges? If so, do you think these challenges impact your ability to live day to day?
* Are you currently receiving the mental health care you need?
* Do you know how and where to access mental health care services?

**Domain: Workplace Skills**

Measures skills and abilities the client has for achieving and sustaining a job/career

Possible questions:

* Have you had a job in the past?
* Have you had difficulty keeping a job? If yes, what do you feel were the challenges?
* Have you ever quit a job with no future job lined up?
* Do you have any current positive references to provide to prospective employers?
* Have you ever worked at the same job for more than a year? If yes, how long?

Definitions

* Negative: history of being fired, quitting with no plan for next job, no positive references
* Limited or inconsistent: work history < 1 yr with no path for advancement and unable to meet family needs OR movement from job to job without increased stability or benefits OR movement from job to job with gaps > 14 days between jobs
* Established: documented work history with positive references; demonstrable related job skills

**Domain: Criminal Justice System**

Measures past and present involvement with law enforcement and other elements of the criminal justice system

Possible questions:

* Have you ever been arrested or charged with a crime? If so, how recently
* Do you have any current outstanding warrants or tickets?
* Are you currently scheduled to go to trial?
* Are you currently on probation or parole?
* Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a felony? If yes, when?
* Are you required to register as a sex offender?

Definitions

* Extensive criminal history: 3 or more felony arrests or convictions; OR is a registered sex offender
* Moderate criminal history: less than 3 felony arrests or convictions
* Minor criminal history: no felony arrests or convictions; minor offenses only (e.g. DUI)

**Domain: Legal (non-criminal)**

Measures whether or not the client has any pressing legal (non-criminal) issues, and if so, whether (s)he has the knowledge, skills and resources to work towards getting them resolved

Possible questions:

* Do you have any issues that may require a lawyer to resolve? (e.g. divorce, child support, discrimination)
* Do you currently have legal representation for these issues? If yes, are you satisfied with the assistance you’re receiving?
* If you don’t currently have issues that need to be resolved with a lawyer, are you aware of how/where you could access legal help if you need it?

**Domain: Money Management**

Measures the household’s ability to manage their finances

Possible questions:

* Do you know how to use a budget? If yes, do you use it regularly?
* Do you know if you have a monthly deficit or surplus?
* Are you able to track and prioritize your expenses?
* Are you able to pay bills on time?
* Do you have a savings/checking account?
* Are you able to save any money?

**Domain: Life Skills**

Measures the household’s ability to handle the day to day tasks associated with managing a household

Possible questions:

* Are you able to keep your home picked up and clean?
* Are you able to do laundry and have clean clothes available for household members?
* Do you do the dishes after a meal and keep the kitchen clean?
* Do you regularly take out trash and recycling?
* Are you able to plan and prepare meals regularly?
* Are you able to replenish household supplies as needed? (e.g. laundry detergent, dish soap)
* Are you able to maintain the outside of your home if needed? (yard, sidewalks)
* Do you have someone to call when something needs repair beyond your abilities or expertise?

Definitions

* Limited: Is usually able to accomplish 1-2 of the above tasks
* Some: Is usually able to accomplish 3-4 of the above tasks
* Solid: Is usually able to accomplish all tasks listed above, but not on a regular basis
* Comprehensive: Is able to accomplish all tasks listed above on a regular basis