

## **Housing Status Definition:**

**Rationale:** To identify persons who, at program entry and program exit, are literally homeless; housed, but at imminent risk of losing their housing; housed, but at-risk of losing their housing; or in a stable housing situation

**Data Source:** Client interview or self-administered form.

**When Data are Collected:** Upon initial program entry or as soon as possible thereafter and at program exit. This information may be needed prior to admission to determine program eligibility.

**Subjects:** All clients.

### **Definitions and Instructions:**

**(1) Persons who are *literally homeless* include people who at program entry or program exit are in one of the following:**

- Places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, on the street;
- An emergency shelter;
- A hospital or other institution, if the person was sleeping in an emergency shelter or other place not meant for human habitation (cars, parks, streets, etc.) immediately prior to entry into the hospital or institution;
- A transitional housing program for homeless persons
- Fleeing a domestic violence situation.

**(2) Persons who are *housed and at imminent risk of losing housing* include people who at program entry or program exit are experiencing one of the following:**

- Being evicted from a private dwelling unit (including housing provided by family or friends);
- Being discharged from a hospital or other institution;
- Living in housing that has been condemned by housing officials and is no longer considered meant for human habitation;

Additionally, a person residing in one of these places must also meet the following two conditions:

- Have no appropriate subsequent housing options identified; AND
- Lack the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in existing housing.

**(3) Persons who are *housed and at-risk of losing housing* include people who at program entry or program exit :**

- Are in their own housing or doubled up with friends or relatives and are at-risk of losing their housing due to high housing costs, conflict, or other conditions negatively impacting their ability to remain housed; and
- Lack the resources and support networks needed to maintain or obtain housing. However, such persons are not in immediate danger of becoming homeless (i.e., do not meet the criteria for being housed and at imminent risk of becoming homeless).

**(4) Persons who are *stably housed* are in a stable housing situation and not at risk of losing this housing (i.e., do not meet the criteria for being at-risk of losing their housing**