

HOUSING

1. Are you worried or concerned that in the next two months you may not have stable housing that you own, rent, or stay in as a part of a household?¹
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
2. Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following? (check all that apply)²
 - ☐ Bug infestation
 - ☐ Mold
 - ☐ Lead paint or pipes
 - ☐ Inadequate heat
 - ☐ Oven or stove not working
 - ☐ No or not working smoke detectors
 - ☐ Water leaks
 - ☐ None of the above

FOOD

3. Within the past 12 months, you worried that your food would run out before you got money to buy more.³
 - ☐ Often true
 - ☐ Sometimes true
 - ☐ Never true
4. Within the past 12 months, the food you bought just didn't last and you didn't have money to get more.³
 - ☐ Often true
 - ☐ Sometimes true
 - ☐ Never true

TRANSPORTATION

5. Do you put off or neglect going to the doctor because of distance or transportation?¹
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

UTILITIES

6. In the past 12 months has the electric, gas, oil, or water company threatened to shut off services in your home?⁴
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Already shut off

CHILD CARE

7. Do problems getting child care make it difficult for you to work or study?⁵
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

EMPLOYMENT

8. Do you have a job?⁶
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

EDUCATION

9. Do you have a high school degree?⁶
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

FINANCES

10. How often does this describe you? I don't have enough money to pay my bills:⁷
 - ☐ Never
 - ☐ Rarely
 - ☐ Sometimes
 - ☐ Often
 - ☐ Always

PERSONAL SAFETY

11. How often does anyone, including family, physically hurt you?⁸
 - ☐ Never (1)
 - ☐ Rarely (2)
 - ☐ Sometimes (3)
 - ☐ Fairly often (4)
 - ☐ Frequently (5)
12. How often does anyone, including family, insult or talk down to you?⁸
 - ☐ Never (1)
 - ☐ Rarely (2)
 - ☐ Sometimes (3)
 - ☐ Fairly often (4)
 - ☐ Frequently (5)

13. How often does anyone, including family, threaten you with harm?⁸

- ☐ Never (1)
- ☐ Rarely (2)
- ☐ Sometimes (3)
- ☐ Fairly often (4)
- ☐ Frequently (5)

14. How often does anyone, including family, scream or curse at you?⁸

- ☐ Never (1)
- ☐ Rarely (2)
- ☐ Sometimes (3)
- ☐ Fairly often (4)
- ☐ Frequently (5)

ASSISTANCE

15. Would you like help with any of these needs?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS:

For the housing, food, transportation, utilities, child care, employment, education, and finances questions: Underlined answers indicate a positive response for a social need for that category.

For the personal safety questions: A value greater than 10, when the numerical values are summed for answers to these questions, indicates a positive response for a social need for personal safety.

Sum of questions 11–14: _____

Greater than 10 equals positive screen for personal safety.

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