

# Housing First Self-Assessment

Assess and Align Your Program and Community  
with a Housing First Approach

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## HIGH PERFORMANCE SERIES

The 100,000 Homes Campaign team identified a cohort of factors that are correlated with higher housing placement rates across campaign communities. The purpose of this High Performance Series of tools is to spotlight best practices and expand the movement's peer support network by sharing this knowledge with every community.

This tool addresses Factor #4: *Evidence that the community has embraced a Housing First/Rapid Rehousing approach system-wide.*

The full series is available at: <http://100khomes.org/resources/high-performance-series>

# Housing First Self-Assessment For Systems & Community-Level Stakeholders

**1. Does your community set outcome targets around permanent housing placement for your outreach programs?**

- Yes = 1 point
- No = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**2. For what percentage of your emergency shelters does your community set specific performance targets related to permanent housing placement?**

- 90% or more = 4 points
- Between 51% and 89% = 3 points
- Between 26% and 50% = 2 points
- 25% or less = 1 point
- Unknown = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**3. Considering all of the funding sources for supportive housing, what percentage of your vacancies in existing permanent supportive housing units are dedicated for people who meet the definition of chronic and/or vulnerable homeless?**

- 90% or more = 4 points
- Between 51% and 89% = 3 points
- Between 26% and 50% = 2 points
- 25% or less = 1 point
- Unknown = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**4. Considering all of the funding sources for supportive housing, what percentage of new supportive housing units are dedicated for people who meet the definition of chronic and/or vulnerable homeless?**

- 90% or more = 4 points
- Between 51% and 89% = 3 points
- Between 26% and 50% = 2 points
- Between 1% and 25% = 1 point
- 0% (we do not dedicate any units to this population) = 0 points
- Unknown = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**5. Does your community have a formal commitment from your local Public Housing Authority to provide a preference (total vouchers or turn-over vouchers) for homeless individuals and/or families?**

- Yes, a preference equal to 25% or more of total or turn-over vouchers = 4 points
- Yes, a preference equal to 10% - 24% or more of total or turn-over = 3 points
- Yes, a preference equal to 5% - 9% or more of total or turn-over = 2 points
- Yes, a preference equal to less than 5% or more of total or turn-over = 1 point
- No, we do not have an annual set-aside = 0 points
- Unknown = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**6. Has your community mapped out its housing placement process from outreach to move-in (e.g. each step in the process as well as the average time needed for each step has been determined)?**

- Yes = 1 point
- No = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**7. Does your community have a Coordinated Housing Placement System or Single Point of Access into permanent supportive housing?**

- Yes = 1 point
- Partial = ½ point
- No = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**8. Does your community have a Coordinated Housing Placement System or Single Point of Access into permanent subsidized housing (e.g. Section 8 and other voucher programs)?**

- Yes = 1 point
- Partial = ½ point
- No = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**9. Does your community have different application/housing placement processes for different populations and/or different funding sources? If so, how many separate processes does your community have?**

- 5 or more processes = 0 points
- 3-4 processes = 1 point
- 2 processes = 2 points
- 1 process for all populations = 3 points

Number of Points Scored:

**10. The entire process from street outreach (with an engaged client) to move-in to permanent housing typically takes:**

- More than 180 days = 0 points
- Between 91 and 179 days = 1 point
- Between 61 and 90 days = 2 points
- Between 31 and 60 days = 3 points
- 30 days or less = 4 points
- Unknown = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**11. Approximately what percentage of homeless people living on the streets go straight into permanent housing (without going through emergency shelter and transitional housing)?**

- More than 75% = 5 points
- Between 51% and 75% = 4 points
- Between 26% and 50% = 3 points
- Between 11% and 25% = 2 points
- 10% or less = 1 point
- Unknown = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**12. Approximately what percentage of homeless people who stay in emergency shelters go straight into permanent housing without first going through transitional housing?**

- More than 75% = 5 points
- Between 51% and 75% = 4 points
- Between 26% and 50% = 3 points
- Between 11% and 25% = 2 points
- 10% or less = 1 point
- Unknown = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**13. Within a given year, approximately what percentage of your community's chronic and/or vulnerable homeless population who exit homelessness, exits into permanent supportive housing?**

- More than 85% = 5 points
- Between 51% and 85% = 4 points
- Between 26% and 50% = 3 points
- Between 10% and 24% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 point
- Unknown = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**14. In a given year, approximately what percentage of your community's chronic and/or vulnerable homeless population exiting homelessness, exits to Section 8 or other long-term subsidy (with limited or no follow-up services)?**

- More than 50% = 4 points
- Between 26% and 50% = 3 points
- Between 10% and 25% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 point
- Unknown = 0 points

Number of Points Scored:

**15. Approximately what percentage of your permanent supportive housing providers will accept applicants with the following characteristics:**

**a) Active Substance Use**

- Over 75% = 5 points
- 75%-51% = 4 points
- 50%-26% = 3 points
- 25%-10% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 points
- Unknown = 0 points

**b) Chronic Substance Use Issues**

- Over 75% = 5 points
- 75%-51% = 4 points
- 50%-26% = 3 points
- 25%-10% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 points
- Unknown = 0 points

**c) Untreated Mental Illness**

- Over 75% = 5 points
- 75%-51% = 4 points
- 50%-26% = 3 points
- 25%-10% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 points
- Unknown = 0 points

**d) Young Adults (18-24)**

- Over 75% = 5 points
- 75%-51% = 4 points
- 50%-26% = 3 points
- 25%-10% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 points
- Unknown = 0 points

**e) Criminal Background (any)**

- Over 75% = 5 points
- 75%-51% = 4 points
- 50%-26% = 3 points
- 25%-10% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 points
- Unknown = 0 points

**f) Felony Conviction**

- Over 75% = 5 points
- 75%-51% = 4 points
- 50%-26% = 3 points
- 25%-10% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 points
- Unknown = 0 points

**g) Sex Offender or Arson Conviction**

- Over 75% = 5 points
- 75%-51% = 4 points
- 50%-26% = 3 points
- 25%-10% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 points
- Unknown = 0 points

**h) Poor Credit**

- Over 75% = 5 points
- 75%-51% = 4 points
- 50%-26% = 3 points
- 25%-10% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 points
- Unknown = 0 points

**i) No Current Source of Income (pending SSI/DI)**

- Over 75% = 5 points

- 75%-51% = 4 points
- 50%-26% = 3 points
- 25%-10% = 2 points
- Less than 10% = 1 points
- Unknown = 0 points

<b>Question Section</b>	<b># Points Scored</b>
Active Substance Use	
Chronic Substance Use Issues	
Untreated Mental Illness	
Young Adults (18-24)	
Criminal Background (any)	
Felony Conviction	
Sex Offender or Arson Conviction	
Poor Credit	
No Current Source of Income (pending SSI/DI)	
<b>Total Points Scored in Question #17:</b>	

**To calculate your Housing First Score, add the total points scored for each question above, then refer to the key below:**

<b>Total Housing First Score:</b>
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**If you scored: 77 points or more**

- ✓ Housing First principles are likely being implemented ideally

**If you scored between: 57 – 76 points**

- ✓ Housing First principles are likely being well-implemented

**If you scored between: 37 – 56 points**

- ✓ Housing First principles are likely being fairly well-implemented

**If you scored between: 10 – 36 points**

- ✓ Housing First principles are likely being poorly implemented

**If you scored under 10 points**

- ✓ Housing First principles are likely not being implemented