

You've Just Completed the VI-SPDAT Assessment,



What's Next?

What is the VI-SPDAT Assessment and why did I take it?

The VI-SPDAT assessment is used to determine eligibility for housing opportunities in Napa County, such as permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing. Assessment is the start of the journey.

How is my information stored?



- Your survey responses and other information will be entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS is a central database that contains information about households seeking services in one system. It is not accessible to the public.
- Agencies will be able to communicate with each other about your case using HMIS.
- You have the option for your information to be entered anonymously.

What happens next?



- If you are eligible for housing programs, you will be placed in a pool known as the Community Queue. When a space becomes available in a housing program, an eligible household is selected from the Community Queue to fill the space.
- If you are selected for a housing program, someone will try to contact you to make sure you are eligible and enroll you in the program. It is very important to make sure your contact information is accurate and up to date.
- If you are not eligible, you will be referred to other services. A case manager or housing navigator can also help you to identify resources to meet your household's needs. [The City and County of Napa Resource Guide](#) is also available.

Is the Community Queue a waiting list?



- The Community Queue is NOT a waiting list. It is NOT a first come, first served system.
- Eligible households who are the most vulnerable and the most in need will be connected to available housing programs first.
- How long a household is on the Community Queue varies depending on eligibility and how many housing opportunities are available at a given time.

HOW WILL MY ANSWERS ON THE VI-SPDAT ASSESSMENT IMPACT MY CHANCES FOR HOUSING?



- Giving honest answers on the VI-SPDAT assessment will help case managers and housing navigators to identify what housing programs and services you are eligible for. It will also help them to identify any potential barriers to housing so they can help you to overcome them.

AM I GUARANTEED HOUSING THROUGH THIS PROCESS?



- Being assessed does not guarantee placement into housing, but it is one of the best ways to get connected to housing and services for households experiencing homelessness.
- During the wait on the Community Queue, households are encouraged to work with a case manager or housing navigator to pursue appropriate housing and non-housing resources and services that meet the household's needs.
- Households can help speed up the housing placement process by helping to gather all required documents needed to obtain housing.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER TAKING THE VI-SPDAT ASSESSMENT?



- **Keep your contact/location information up to date.** This ensures you can be contacted if a housing opportunity becomes available for you.
- **Notify your case manager of significant changes in your life.** For example, a change in your income, health, disability, or family size.
- **Work with your case manager to pursue goals, like becoming document ready.** A case manager or housing navigator can help you to set goals, like becoming document ready, and identify resources to meet your household's needs. The City and County of Napa Resource Guide is also available.

Resource Guide

Use this QR Code or link to identify other resources.



<https://www.napacounty.gov/272/Homeless-Services>



We Want to Hear from You

Use this QR Code or link to give us feedback on this handout.



<https://tinyurl.com/napahandout>