My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I work for an agency called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We are part of the Coordinated Entry System that connects individuals and families experiencing housing crisis with services and housing by creating streamlined linkages to all homeless housing programs. **I have an assessment that will need you to answer to help me understand your strengths and needs.** **This assessment is not used to screen you out of housing rather it is used to help figure out what you are eligible for.**    
  
Most questions only require a "yes" or "no." Some questions require a one-word answer. You do not need to provide any additional details or information if you are not comfortable. Simply answering yes or no is okay. **You may refuse to answer or skip any question.** If you do not understand a question, let me know and I can help to clarify. **There are no ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ answers, so please be as honest as you can.**    
  
Your personal information, if consenting, and the answers to this assessment will be stored in a secure database, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), so that **you will only have to fill out this paperwork one time. Almost all agencies in the Erie-Niagara area are part of this system.**  
If you have a case manager who is helping you apply for housing, you should still work with them once you have finished this survey.