

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I work for an agency called \_\_\_\_\_. I have a short survey that I would like to complete with you. The answers will help us to determine how we can go about supporting and housing you. Most questions only require a “yes” or a “no”. Some questions require a one word answer. I’ll be honest, some questions are personal in nature, but you can skip or refuse any questions. If you are unclear about what I am asking, just let me know, and I will try to clarify. Also, If I’m unsure about any of your answers, I will ask for clarification. The information collected in this survey will be stored in a secure database, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), **with your consent**, 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 choose to **not** give consent, you will still be eligible for Coordinated Entry.**

One last thing before we begin. I’ve been doing this long enough to know that some people will tell me what they want me to hear, rather than telling me- or even themselves- the truth. It is up to you, but the more honest you are the better we can figure out how to support you. So please answer as honestly as you are able.

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.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey with me. It will be used to help us determine what level of support you may need. As a community we are trying to assist clients with finding housing options as quickly as possible with the limited resources that are available. I do know that this survey asked some sensitive questions. If this survey has made you feel unsafe in anyway, please feel free to call Crisis Services at : 716-834-3131