

Youth

Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (Y-SPDAT)

Assessment Tool for Single Youth

VERSION 1.0

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Welcome to the SPDAT Line of Products

The Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) has been around in various incarnations for over a decade, before being released to the public in 2010. Since its initial release, the use of the SPDAT has been expanding exponentially and is now used in over one thousand communities across the United States, Canada, and Australia.

More communities using the tool means there is an unprecedented demand for versions of the SPDAT, customized for specific client groups or types of users. With the release of SPDAT V4, there have been more current versions of SPDAT products than ever before.

VI-SPDAT Series

The Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) was developed as a pre-screening tool for communities that are very busy and do not have the resources to conduct a full SPDAT assessment for every client. It was made in collaboration with Community Solutions, creators of the Vulnerability Index, as a brief survey that can be conducted to quickly determine whether a client has high, moderate, or low acuity. The use of this survey can help prioritize which clients should be given a full SPDAT assessment first. Because it is a self-reported survey, no special training is required to use the VI-SPDAT.

Current versions available:

- VI-SPDAT V 2.0
- Family VI-SPDAT V 2.0
- Next Step Tool for Homeless Youth V 1.0

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www.orgcode.com/products/vi-spdatt/

SPDAT Series

The Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) was developed as an assessment tool for front-line workers at agencies that work with homeless clients to prioritize which of those clients should receive assistance first. The SPDAT tools are also designed to help guide case management and improve housing stability outcomes. They provide an in-depth assessment that relies on the assessor's ability to interpret responses and corroborate those with evidence. As a result, this tool may only be used by those who have received proper, up-to-date training provided by OrgCode Consulting, Inc. or an OrgCode certified trainer.

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- Y-SPDAT V 1.0 for Youth

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The training gives you the manual, case studies, application to current practice, a review of each component of the tool, conversation guidance with prospective clients – and more!

Current SPDAT training available:

- Level 0 SPDAT Training: VI-SPDAT for Frontline Workers
- Level 1 SPDAT Training: SPDAT for Frontline Workers
- Level 2 SPDAT Training: SPDAT for Supervisors
- Level 3 SPDAT Training: SPDAT for Trainers

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- Excellence in Housing-Based Case Management
- Coordinated Access & Common Assessment
- Motivational Interviewing
- Objective-Based Interactions

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A. Mental Health & Wellness & Cognitive Functioning

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you ever had a conversation with a psychiatrist, psychologist, or school counsellor? When was that? • Do you feel you are getting all the help you might need with whatever mental health stress you might have? • Have you ever hurt your brain or head? • Do you have trouble learning or paying attention? • Has anyone ever told you you might have ADD or ADHD? • Was there ever any special testing done to identify learning disabilities? • Has any doctor ever prescribed you pills for anxiety, depression, or anything like that? • Do you know if, when pregnant with you, your mother did anything that we now know can have negative effects on the baby? • Are there any professionals we could speak with that have knowledge of your mental health? 	NOTES

SCORING	
4	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Serious and persistent mental illness (2+ hospitalizations in a mental health facility or psychiatric ward in the past 2 years) and not in a heightened state of recovery currently <input type="checkbox"/> Major barriers to performing tasks and functions of daily living or communicating intent because of a brain injury, learning disability or developmental disability
3	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Heightened concerns about state of mental health, but fewer than 2 hospitalizations, and/or without knowledge of presence of a diagnosable mental health condition <input type="checkbox"/> Diminished ability to perform tasks and functions of daily living or communicating intent because of a brain injury, learning disability or developmental disability
2	<p>While there may be concern for overall mental health or mild impairments to performing tasks and functions of daily living or communicating intent, all of the following are true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No major concerns about safety or ability to be housed without intensive supports to assist with mental health or cognitive functioning <input type="checkbox"/> No major concerns for the health and safety of others because of mental health or cognitive functioning ability <input type="checkbox"/> No compelling reason for screening by an expert in mental health or cognitive functioning prior to housing to fully understand capacity
1	<p><input type="checkbox"/> In a heightened state of recovery, has a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) or similar plan for promoting wellness, understands symptoms and strategies for coping with them, and is engaged with mental health supports as necessary.</p>
0	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Age 24+ and no mental health or cognitive functioning issues disclosed, suspected or observed</p>
	<p>FOR YOUTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Age 16 or under and would not otherwise score higher <input type="checkbox"/> Age 17-23 and would not otherwise score higher

B. Physical Health & Wellness

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is your health? • Do you feel you are getting all the care you need for your health? When was the last time you saw a doctor? What was that for? • Do you have a clinic or doctor that you usually go to? • Any illness like diabetes, HIV, Hep C or anything like that going on? • Do you have any reason to suspect you might be pregnant? Is that impacting your health in any way? Have you talked with a doctor about your pregnancy? Are you following the doctor's advice? • Anything going on right now with your health that you think would prevent you from living a full, healthy, happy life? • Are there other professionals we could speak with that have knowledge of your health? 	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">NOTES</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #e91e63; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>

Note: In this section, a current pregnancy can be considered a health issue.

SCORING	
4	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Co-occurring chronic health conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Attempting a treatment protocol for a chronic health condition, but the treatment is not improving health <input type="checkbox"/> Palliative health condition
3	<p>Presence of a health issue with any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not connected with professional resources to assist with a real or perceived serious health issue, by choice <input type="checkbox"/> Single chronic or serious health concern but does not connect with professional resources because of insufficient community resources (e.g. lack of availability or affordability) <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to follow the treatment plan as a direct result of homeless status
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of a relatively minor physical health issue, which is managed and/or cared for with appropriate professional resources or through informed self-care <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of a physical health issue, for which appropriate treatment protocols are followed, but there is still a moderate impact on their daily living
1	<p>Single chronic or serious health condition, but all of the following are true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Able to manage the health issue and live a relatively active and healthy life <input type="checkbox"/> Connected to appropriate health supports <input type="checkbox"/> Educated and informed on how to manage the health issue, take medication as necessary related to the condition, and consistently follow these requirements.
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No serious or chronic health condition <input type="checkbox"/> If any minor health condition, they are managed appropriately

C. Medication

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you recently been prescribed any medications by a health care professional? • Do you take any medications prescribed to you by a doctor? • Have you ever sold some or all of your prescription? • Have you ever had a doctor prescribe you medication that you didn't have filled at a pharmacy or didn't take? • Were any of your medications changed in the last month? If yes: How did that make you feel? • Do other people ever steal your medications? • Do you ever share your medications with other people? • How do you store your medications and make sure you take the right medication at the right time each day? • What do you do if you realize you've forgotten to take your medications? • Do you have any papers or documents about the medications you take? 	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">NOTES</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #e91e63; height: 200px; width: 100%;"></div>

SCORING	
4	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 30 days, started taking a prescription which is having any negative impact on day to day living, socialization or mood <input type="checkbox"/> Shares or sells prescription, but keeps less than is sold or shared <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly misuses medication (e.g. frequently forgets; often takes the wrong dosage; uses some or all of medication to get high) <input type="checkbox"/> Has had a medication prescribed in the last 90 days that remains unfilled, for any reason
3	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 30 days, started taking a prescription which is not having any negative impact on day to day living, socialization or mood <input type="checkbox"/> Shares or sells prescription, but keeps more than is sold or shared <input type="checkbox"/> Requires intensive assistance to manage or take medication (e.g., assistance organizing in a pillbox; working with pharmacist to blister-pack; adapting the living environment to be more conducive to taking medications at the right time for the right purpose, like keeping night-time medications on the bedside table and morning medications by the coffeemaker) <input type="checkbox"/> Medications are stored and distributed by a third-party
2	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fails to take medication at the appropriate time or appropriate dosage, 1-2 times per week <input type="checkbox"/> Self-manages medications except for requiring reminders or assistance for refills <input type="checkbox"/> Successfully self-managing medication for fewer than 30 consecutive days
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Successfully self-managing medications for more than 30, but less than 180, consecutive days
0	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No medication prescribed to them <input type="checkbox"/> Successfully self-managing medication for 181+ consecutive days

D. Substance Use

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When was the last time you had a drink or used drugs? • Is there anything we should keep in mind related to drugs or alcohol? • [If they disclose use of drugs and/or alcohol] How frequently would you say you use [specific substance] in a week? • Ever get into fights, fall down and bang your head, or pass out when drinking or using other drugs? • Have you ever used alcohol or other drugs in a way that may be considered less than safe? • Do you ever end up doing things you later regret after you have gotten really hammered? • Do you ever drink mouthwash or cooking wine or hand sanitizer or anything like that? • Have you engaged with anyone professionally related to your substance use that we could speak with? 	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">NOTES</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #e91e63; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>

Note: Consumption thresholds: 2 drinks per day or 14 total drinks in any one week period for men; 2 drinks per day or 9 total drinks in any one week period for women. “Under legal age” refers to under the age at which it is legal to purchase and consume the substance in question.

SCORING		FOR YOUTH
4	<input type="checkbox"/> In a life-threatening health situation as a direct result of substance use, or , In the past 30 days, any of the following are true... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Substance use is almost daily (21+ times) and often to the point of complete inebriation <input type="checkbox"/> Binge drinking, non-beverage alcohol use, or inhalant use 4+ times <input type="checkbox"/> Substance use resulting in passing out 2+ times 	<input type="checkbox"/> First used drugs before age 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Scores a 2-3 and is under age 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Scores a 3 and is under legal age
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Experiencing serious health impacts as a direct result of substance use, though not (yet) in a life-threatening position as a result, or , In the past 30 days, any of the following are true... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Drug use reached the point of complete inebriation 12+ times <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol use usually exceeded the consumption thresholds (at least 5+ times), but usually not to the point of complete inebriation <input type="checkbox"/> Binge drinking, non-beverage alcohol use, or inhalant use occurred 1-3 times 	<input type="checkbox"/> First used drugs aged 12-15 <input type="checkbox"/> Scores a 1 and is under age 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Scores a 2 and is under legal age
2	In the past 30 days, any of the following are true... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Drug use reached the point of complete inebriation fewer than 12 times <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol use exceeded the consumption thresholds fewer than 5 times 	<input type="checkbox"/> Scores a 1 and is under legal age
1	<input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, no alcohol use beyond consumption thresholds, or , <input type="checkbox"/> If making claims to sobriety, no substance use in the past 30 days	
0	<input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, no substance use	

E. Experience of Abuse & Trauma

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<p>*To avoid re-traumatizing the individual, ask selected approved questions as written. Do not probe for details of the trauma/abuse. This section is entirely self-reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I don’t need you to go into any details, but has there been any point in your life where you experienced emotional, physical, sexual or psychological abuse?” • “Are you currently or have you ever received professional assistance to address that abuse?” • “Does the experience of abuse or trauma impact your day to day living in any way?” • “Does the experience of abuse or trauma impact your ability to hold down a job, maintain housing or engage in meaningful relationships with friends or family?” • “Have you ever found yourself feeling or acting in a certain way that you think is caused by a history of abuse or trauma?” • “Have you ever become homeless as a direct result of experiencing abuse or trauma?” 	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTES</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #e91e63; height: 200px; width: 100%;"></div>

SCORING	
4	<input type="checkbox"/> A reported experience of abuse or trauma, believed to be a direct cause of their homelessness
3	<input type="checkbox"/> The experience of abuse or trauma is not believed to be a direct cause of homelessness, but abuse or trauma (experienced before, during, or after homelessness) is impacting daily functioning and/or ability to get out of homelessness
Any of the following:	
2	<input type="checkbox"/> A reported experience of abuse or trauma, but is not believed to impact daily functioning and/or ability to get out of homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Engaged in therapeutic attempts at recovery, but does not consider self to be recovered
1	<input type="checkbox"/> A reported experience of abuse or trauma, and considers self to be recovered
0	<input type="checkbox"/> No reported experience of abuse or trauma

F. Risk of Harm to Self or Others

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Do you have thoughts about hurting yourself or anyone else? Have you ever acted on these thoughts? When was the last time?</i> • <i>What was occurring when you had these feelings or took these actions?</i> • <i>Have you ever received professional help – including maybe a stay at hospital – as a result of thinking about or attempting to hurt yourself or others? How long ago was that? Does that happen often?</i> • <i>Have you recently left a situation you felt was abusive or unsafe? How long ago was that?</i> • <i>Have you been in any fights recently - whether you started it or someone else did? How long ago was that? How often do you get into fights?</i> 	<div style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NOTES</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #c00000; height: 150px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>

SCORING

4	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 90 days, left an abusive situation <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 30 days, attempted, threatened, or actually harmed self or others <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 30 days, involved in a physical altercation (instigator or participant)
3	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 180 days, left an abusive situation, but no exposure to abuse in the past 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> Most recently attempted, threatened, or actually harmed self or others in the past 180 days, but not in the past 30 days <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, involved in a physical altercation (instigator or participant), but not in the past 30 days
2	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, left an abusive situation, but no exposure to abuse in the past 180 days <input type="checkbox"/> Most recently attempted, threatened, or actually harmed self or others in the past 365 days, but not in the past 180 days <input type="checkbox"/> 366+ days ago, 4+ involvements in physical alterations
1	<input type="checkbox"/> 366+ days ago, 1-3 involvements in physical alterations
0	<input type="checkbox"/> Reports no instance of harming self, being harmed, or harming others

G. Involvement in High Risk and/or Exploitive Situations

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>[Observe, don't ask] Any abcesses or track marks from injection substance use?</i> • <i>Does anybody force or trick you to do something that you don't want to do?</i> • <i>Do you ever do stuff that could be considered dangerous like drinking until you pass out outside, or delivering drugs for someone, having sex without a condom with a casual partner, or anything like that?</i> • <i>Do you ever find yourself in situations that may be considered at a high risk for violence?</i> • <i>Do you ever sleep outside? How do you dress and prepare for that? Where do you tend to sleep?</i> 	NOTES

SCORING		YOUTH PREGNANCY
4	Any of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 180 days, engaged in 10+ higher risk and/or exploitive events <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 90 days, left an abusive situation	<input type="checkbox"/> Under the age of 24, and has ever become pregnant
3	Any of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 180 days, engaged in 4-9 higher risk and/or exploitive events <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 180 days, left an abusive situation, but not in the past 90 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Under the age of 24, and has ever gotten someone else pregnant, and wouldn't otherwise score a 4
2	Any of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 180 days, engaged in 1-3 higher risk and/or exploitive events <input type="checkbox"/> 181+ days ago, left an abusive situation	
1	<input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, any involvement in higher risk and/or exploitive events, but not in the past 180 days	
0	<input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, no involvement in higher risk and/or exploitive events	

H. Interaction with Emergency Services

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How often do you go to emergency rooms? • How many times have you had the police speak to you over the past 180 days? • Have you used an ambulance or needed the fire department at any time in the past 180 days? • How many times have you called or visited a crisis team or a crisis counselor in the last 180 days? • How many times have you been admitted to hospital in the last 180 days? How long did you stay? 	<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">NOTES</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #e91e63; height: 200px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>

Note: Emergency service use includes: admittance to emergency room/department; hospitalizations; trips to a hospital in an ambulance; crisis service, distress centers, suicide prevention service, sexual assault crisis service, sex worker crisis service, or similar service; interactions with police for the purpose of law enforcement; interactions with fire service in emergency situations.

SCORING	
4	<input type="checkbox"/> In the past 180 days, cumulative total of 10+ interactions with emergency services
3	<input type="checkbox"/> In the past 180 days, cumulative total of 4-9 interactions with emergency services
2	<input type="checkbox"/> In the past 180 days, cumulative total of 1-3 interactions with emergency services
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Any interaction with emergency services occurred more than 180 days ago but less than 365 days ago
0	<input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, no interaction with emergency services

I. Legal

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have any “legal stuff” going on? • Have you had a lawyer assigned to you by a court? • Do you have any upcoming court dates? Do you think there’s a chance you will do time? • Any involvement with family court or child custody matters? • Any outstanding fines? • Have you paid any fines in the last 12 months for anything? • Have you done any community service in the last 12 months? • Is anybody expecting you to do community service for anything right now? • Did you have any legal stuff in the last year that got dismissed? • Is your housing at risk in any way right now because of legal issues? 	NOTES

SCORING	
4	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current outstanding legal issue(s), likely to result in fines of \$500+ <input type="checkbox"/> Current outstanding legal issue(s), likely to result in incarceration of 3+ months (cumulatively), inclusive of any time held on remand
3	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current outstanding legal issue(s), likely to result in fines less than \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> Current outstanding legal issue(s), likely to result in incarceration of less than 90 days (cumulatively), inclusive of any time held on remand
2	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, relatively minor legal issue has occurred and was resolved through community service or payment of fine(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Currently outstanding relatively minor legal issue that is unlikely to result in incarceration (but may result in community service)
1	<input type="checkbox"/> There are no current legal issues, and any legal issues that have historically occurred have been resolved without community service, payment of fine, or incarceration
0	<input type="checkbox"/> Has not had any legal issues within the past 365 days, and currently no conditions of release
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The youth is under the age of 18 and has current outstanding legal issue(s) that are likely to result in incarceration <input type="checkbox"/> The youth is under the age of 24 and was ever incarcerated while still a minor, and would not otherwise score a 4

J. Managing Tenancy

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you currently homeless? • Have you ever signed a lease? How did that go? • [If the person is housed] Do you have an eviction notice? • [If the person is housed] Do you think that your housing is at risk? • How is your relationship with your neighbors? • How do you normally get along with landlords (or your parents/guardian(s))? • How have you been doing with taking care of your place? 	NOTES

Note: Housing matters include: conflict with landlord and/or neighbors, damages to the unit, payment of rent on time and in full. Payment of rent through a third party is not considered to be a short-coming or deficiency in the ability to pay rent.

SCORING	
4	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Currently homeless <input type="checkbox"/> In the next 30 days, will be re-housed or return to homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, was re-housed 6+ times <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 90 days, support worker(s) have been cumulatively involved 10+ times with housing matters
3	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the next 60 days, will be re-housed or return to homelessness, but not in next 30 days <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, was re-housed 3-5 times <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 90 days, support worker(s) have been cumulatively involved 4-9 times with housing matters
2	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, was re-housed 2 times <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 180 days, was re-housed 1+ times, but not in the past 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> For the past 90 days, was continuously housed, but not for more than 180 days <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 90 days, support worker(s) have been cumulatively involved 1-3 times with housing matters
1	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, was re-housed 1 time <input type="checkbox"/> For the past 180 days, was continuously housed, with no assistance with housing matters, but not for more than 365 days
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For the past 365+ days, was continuously housed in same unit, with no assistance with housing matters

RUNAWAYS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 90 days, ran away from foster home, group home, or parent's home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, ran away from foster home, group home, or parent's home, but not in the past 90 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ran away from foster home, group home, or parent's home, but not in the past 365 days

K. Personal Administration & Money Management

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are you with taking care of money? • How are you with paying bills on time and taking care of other financial stuff? • Do you have any street debts? • Do you have any drug or gambling debts? • Is there anybody that thinks you owe them money? • Do you budget every single month for every single thing you need? Including cigarettes? Booze? Drugs? • Do you try to pay your rent before paying for anything else? • Are you behind in any payments like child support or student loans or anything like that? 	NOTES

SCORING	
4	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot create or follow a budget, regardless of supports provided <input type="checkbox"/> Does not comprehend financial obligations <input type="checkbox"/> Does not have an income (including formal and informal sources) <input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of the full amount spent on substances, if they use substances <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial real or perceived debts of \$1,000+, past due or requiring monthly payments
3	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Requires intensive assistance to create and manage a budget (including any legally mandated guardian/trustee that provides assistance or manages access to money) <input type="checkbox"/> Only understands their financial obligations with the assistance of a 3rd party <input type="checkbox"/> Not budgeting for substance use, if they are a substance user <input type="checkbox"/> Real or perceived debts of \$999 or less, past due or requiring monthly payments
2	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 365 days, source of income has changed 2+ times <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting to the best of ability (including formal and informal sources), but still short of money every month for essential needs <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntarily receives assistance creating and managing a budget or restricts access to their own money (e.g. guardian/trusteeship) <input type="checkbox"/> Has been self-managing financial resources and taking care of associated administrative tasks for less than 90 days
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has been self-managing financial resources and taking care of associated administrative tasks for at least 90 days, but for less than 180 days
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has been self-managing financial resources and taking care of associated administrative tasks for at least 180 days

L. Social Relationships & Networks

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me about your friends, family and other people in your life. How often do you get together or chat? • How do you get along with teachers, doctors, police officers, case workers, and other professionals? • Are there any people in your life that you feel are just using you? • Are there any of your closer friends that you feel are always asking you for money, smokes, drugs, food or anything like that? • Have you ever had people crash at your place that you did not want staying there? • Have you ever been kicked out of where you were living because of something that friends or family did at your place? • Have you ever been concerned about not following your lease agreement because of your friends or family? 	<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NOTES</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #e91e63; height: 150px;"></div>

SCORING

4	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 90 days, left an exploitive, abusive or dependent relationship, or left home due to family violence or conflict over religious or moral differences, including sexual orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Friends, family or other people are placing security of housing at imminent risk, or impacting life, wellness, or safety <input type="checkbox"/> No friends or family and demonstrates no ability to follow social norms <input type="checkbox"/> Currently homeless and would classify most of friends and family as homeless
3	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the past 90-180 days, left an exploitive, abusive or dependent relationship, or left home due to family violence or conflict over religious or moral differences <input type="checkbox"/> Friends, family or other people are having some negative consequences on wellness or housing stability <input type="checkbox"/> No friends or family but demonstrating ability to follow social norms <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting new people with an intention of forming friendships, or reconnecting with previous friends or family members, but experiencing difficulty advancing the relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Currently homeless, and would classify some of friends and family as being housed, while others are homeless
2	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> More than 180 days ago, left an exploitive, abusive or dependent relationship, or left home due to family violence or conflict over religious or moral differences <input type="checkbox"/> Developing relationships with new people but not yet fully trusting them <input type="checkbox"/> Currently homeless, and would classify friends and family as being housed
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has been housed for less than 180 days, and is engaged with friends or family, who are having no negative consequences on the individual's housing stability
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has been housed for at least 180 days, and is engaged with friends or family, who are having no negative consequences on the individual's housing stability

N. Meaningful Daily Activity

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you spend your day? • How do you spend your free time? • Does that make you feel happy/fulfilled? • How many days a week would you say you have things to do that make you feel happy/fulfilled? • How much time in a week would you say you are totally bored? • When you wake up in the morning, do you tend to have an idea of what you plan to do that day? • How much time in a week would you say you spend doing stuff to fill up the time rather than doing things that you love? • Are there any things that get in the way of you doing the sorts of activities you would like to be doing? 	NOTES

SCORING		SCHOOL-AGED YOUTH
4	<input type="checkbox"/> No planned, legal activities described as providing fulfillment or happiness	<input type="checkbox"/> Not enrolled in school and with no planned, legal activities described as providing fulfillment or happiness
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussing, exploring, signing up for and/or preparing for new activities or to re-engage with planned, legal activities that used to provide fulfillment or happiness	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in school, but attending class fewer than 3 days per week
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempting new or re-engaging with planned, legal activities that used to provide fulfillment or happiness, but uncertain that activities selected are currently providing fulfillment or happiness, or the individual is not fully committed to continuing the activities.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in school, and attending class 3 days per week
1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 days per week, has planned, legal activities described as providing fulfillment or happiness	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in school and attending class 4 days per week
0	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+ days per week, has planned, legal activities described as providing fulfillment or happiness	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in school and maintaining regular attendance

0. History of Homelessness & Housing

PROMPTS	CLIENT SCORE: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long have they been homeless? • How many times have they been homeless in their life other than this most recent time? • Have they spent any time sleeping on a friend's couch or floor? And if so, during those times did they consider that to be their permanent address? • Have they ever spent time sleeping in a car or alleyway or garage or barn or bus shelter or anything like that? • Have they ever spent time sleeping in an abandoned building? • Were they ever in hospital or jail for a period of time when they didn't have a permanent address to go to when they got out? 	<div style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">NOTES</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #c00000; height: 150px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>

SCORING	
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Over the past 10 years, cumulative total of 5+ years of homelessness
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Over the past 10 years, cumulative total of 2+ years but fewer than 5 years of homelessness
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Over the past 4 years, cumulative total of 30+ days but fewer than 2 years of homelessness
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Over the past 4 years, cumulative total of 7+ days but fewer than 30 days of homelessness
0	<input type="checkbox"/> Over the past 4 years, cumulative total of 7 or fewer days of homelessness

SERVICE PRIORITIZATION DECISION ASSISTANCE TOOL (SPDAT)

SINGLE YOUTH

VERSION 1.0

Client:	Worker:	Version:	Date:
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COMPONENT	SCORE	COMMENTS
MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS AND COGNITIVE FUNCTIONING		
PHYSICAL HEALTH & WELLNESS		
MEDICATION		
SUBSTANCE USE		
EXPERIENCE OF ABUSE AND/OR TRAUMA		
RISK OF HARM TO SELF OR OTHERS		
INVOLVEMENT IN HIGH RISK AND/OR EXPLOITIVE SITUATIONS		
INTERACTION WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES		

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COMPONENT	SCORE	COMMENTS
LEGAL INVOLVEMENT		
MANAGING TENANCY		
PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION & MONEY MANAGEMENT		
SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS & NETWORKS		
SELF-CARE & DAILY LIVING SKILLS		
MEANINGFUL DAILY ACTIVITIES		
HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS		
TOTAL		<p>Score: Recommendation:</p> <p>0-19: No housing intervention</p> <p>20-34: Rapid Re-Housing</p> <p>35-60: Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First</p>

Appendix A: About the SPDAT

OrgCode Consulting, Inc. is pleased to announce the release of Version 4 of the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT). Since its release in 2010, the SPDAT has been used with over 10,000 unique individuals in over 100 communities across North America and in select locations around the world.

Originally designed as a tool to help prioritize housing services for homeless individuals based upon their acuity, the SPDAT has been successfully adapted to other fields of practice, including: discharge planning from hospitals, work with youth, survivors of domestic violence, health research, planning supports for consumer survivors of psychiatric care systems, and in work supporting people with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. We are encouraged that so many service providers and communities are expanding the use of this tool, and OrgCode will continue to support the innovative use of the SPDAT to meet local needs.

SPDAT Design

The SPDAT is designed to:

- Help prioritize which clients should receive what type of housing assistance intervention, and assist in determining the intensity of case management services
- Prioritize the sequence of clients receiving those services
- Help prioritize the time and resources of Frontline Workers
- Allow Team Leaders and program supervisors to better match client needs to the strengths of specific Frontline Workers on their team
- Assist Team Leaders and program supervisors to support Frontline Workers and establish service priorities across their team
- Provide assistance with case planning and encourage reflection on the prioritization of different elements within a case plan
- Track the depth of need and service responses to clients over time

The SPDAT is NOT designed to:

- Provide a diagnosis
- Assess current risk or be a predictive index for future risk
- Take the place of other valid and reliable instruments used in clinical research and care

The SPDAT is only used with those clients who meet program eligibility criteria. For example, if there is an eligibility criterion that requires prospective clients to be homeless at time of intake to be eligible for Housing First, then the pre-condition must be met before pursuing the application of the SPDAT. For that reason, we have also created the VI-SPDAT as an initial screening tool.

The SPDAT is not intended to replace clinical expertise or clinical assessment tools. The tool complements existing clinical approaches by incorporating a wide array of components that provide both a global and detailed picture of a client's acuity. Certain components of the SPDAT relate to clinical concerns, and it is expected that intake professionals and clinicians will work together to ensure the accurate assessment of these issues. In fact, many organizations and communities have found the SPDAT to be a useful method for bridging the gap between housing, social services and clinical services.

Version 4

The SPDAT has been influenced by the experience of practitioners in its use, persons with lived experience that have had the SPDAT implemented with them, as well as a number of other excellent tools such as (but not limited to) the Outcome Star, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale, Denver Acuity Scale, Camberwell Assessment of Needs, Vulnerability Index, and Transition Aged Youth Triage Tool.

In preparing SPDAT v4, we have adopted a comprehensive and collaborative approach to changing and improving the SPDAT. Communities that have used the tool for three months or more have provided us with their feedback. OrgCode staff have observed the tool in operation to better understand its implementation in the field. An independent committee composed of service practitioners and academics review enhancements to the SPDAT. Furthermore, we continue to test the validity of SPDAT results through the use of control groups. Overall, we consistently see that groups assessed with the SPDAT have better long-term housing and life stability outcomes than those assessed with other tools, or no tools at all.

OrgCode intends to continue working with communities and persons with lived experience to make future versions of the SPDAT even better. We hope all those communities and agencies that choose to use this tool will remain committed to collaborating with us to make those improvements over time.

Version 4 builds upon the success of Version 3 of the SPDAT with some refinements. Starting in August 2014, a survey was launched of existing SPDAT users to get their input on what should be amended, improved, or maintained in the tool. Analysis was completed across all of these responses. Further research was conducted. Questions were tested and refined over several months, again including the direct voice of persons with lived experience and frontline practitioners. Input was also gathered from senior government officials that create policy and programs to help ensure alignment with guidelines and funding requirements.

The major differences from Version 3 to Version 4 include:

- The structure of the tools is the same: four domains (five for families) with components aligned to specific domains. The names of the domains and the components remain unchanged.
- The scoring of the tools is the same: 60 points for singles, and 80 points for families.
- The scoring tables used to run from 0 through to 4. They are now reversed with each table starting at 4 and working their way down to 0. This increases the speed of assessment.
- The order of the tools has changed, grouped together by domain.
- Language has been simplified.
- Days are used rather than months to provide greater clarification and alignment to how most databases capture periods of time in service.
- Greater specificity has been provided in some components such as amount of debts.

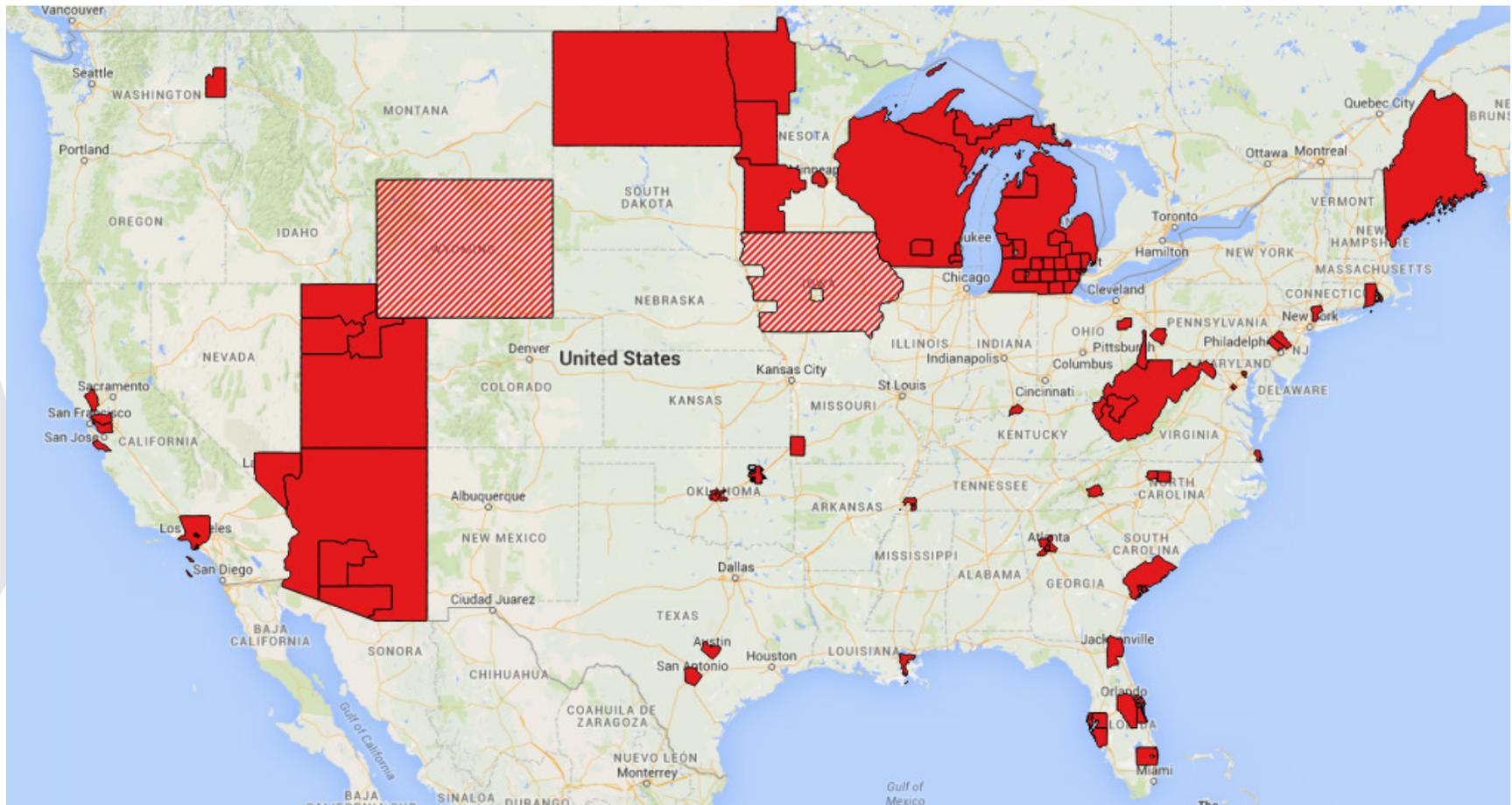
Youth SPDAT

To complement the launch of the Next Step Tool, OrgCode has also created a modified version of the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) for use specifically with youth.

The Youth SPDAT was developed based on feedback from many communities using the SPDAT who identified the need for a complete assessment tool that emphasized the unique issues faced by homeless youth.

Appendix B: Where the SPDAT is being used (as of May 2015)

United States of America



Arizona

- Statewide

California

- Oakland/Alameda County CoC
- Richmond/Contra Costa County CoC
- Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC
- Napa City & County CoC
- Los Angeles City & County CoC
- Pasadena CoC
- Glendale CoC

District of Columbia

- District of Columbia CoC

Florida

- Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC
- Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC
- St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County CoC
- Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC
- Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC
- Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC
- West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County CoC

Georgia

- Atlanta County CoC
- Fulton County CoC
- Marietta/Cobb County CoC
- DeKalb County CoC

Iowa

- Parts of Iowa Balance of State CoC

Kentucky

- Louisville/Jefferson County CoC

Louisiana

- New Orleans/Jefferson Parish CoC

Maryland

- Baltimore City CoC

Maine

- Statewide

Michigan

- Statewide

Minnesota

- Minneapolis/Hennepin County CoC
- Northwest Minnesota CoC
- Moorhead/West Central Minnesota CoC
- Southwest Minnesota CoC

Missouri

- Joplin/Jasper, Newton Counties CoC

North Carolina

- Winston Salem/Forsyth County CoC
- Asheville/Buncombe County CoC
- Greensboro/High Point CoC

North Dakota

- Statewide

Nevada

- Las Vegas/Clark County CoC

New York

- Yonkers/Mount Vernon/New Rochelle/Westchester County CoC

Ohio

- Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC
- Toledo/Lucas County CoC

Oklahoma

- Tulsa City & County/Broken Arrow CoC
- Oklahoma City CoC

Pennsylvania

- Lower Marion/Norristown/Abington/Montgomery County CoC

- Bristol/Bensalem/Bucks County CoC
- Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC

Rhode Island

- Statewide

South Carolina

- Charleston/Low Country CoC

Tennessee

- Memphis/Shelby County CoC

Texas

- San Antonio/Bexar County CoC
- Austin/Travis County CoC

Utah

- Salt Lake City & County CoC
- Utah Balance of State CoC
- Provo/Mountainland CoC

Virginia

- Virginia Beach CoC
- Arlington County CoC

Washington

- Spokane City & County CoC

Wisconsin

- Statewide

West Virginia

- Statewide

Wyoming

- Wyoming is in the process of implementing statewide

Canada

Alberta

- Province-wide

Manitoba

- City of Winnipeg

New Brunswick

- City of Fredericton
- City of Saint John

Newfoundland and Labrador

- Province-wide

Northwest Territories

- City of Yellowknife

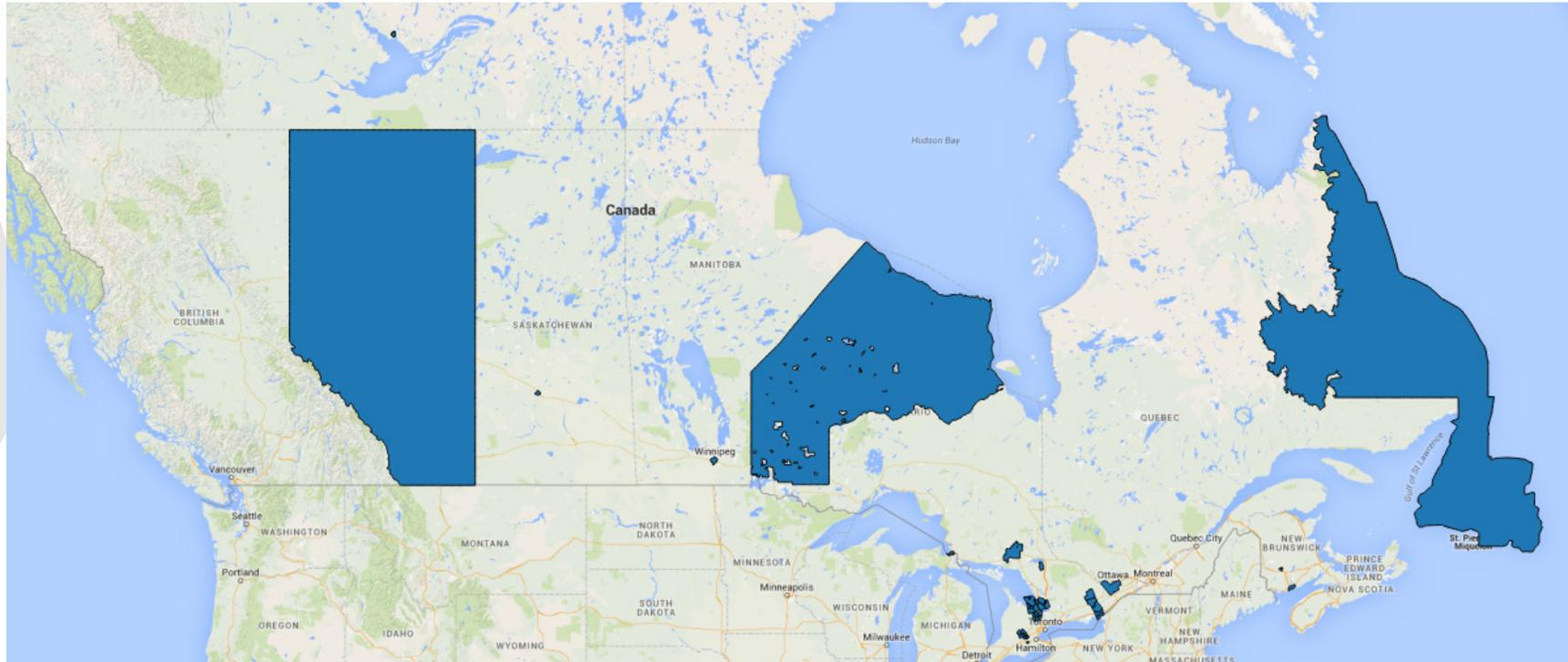
Ontario

- City of Barrie/Simcoe County
- City of Brantford/Brant County
- City of Greater Sudbury
- City of Kingston/Frontenac County
- City of Ottawa
- City of Windsor

- District of Kenora
- District of Parry Sound
- District of Sault Ste Marie
- Regional Municipality of Waterloo
- Regional Municipality of York

Saskatchewan

- Saskatoon



Australia

Queensland

- Brisbane

