

# Screening and Assessment Tools: Best Practices for RHY Programs



Screening and assessment tools should focus on key predictors of youth homelessness, which may illuminate challenges experienced before or during an experience of homelessness.



## Assessing Eligibility

Programs must answer three questions:

1. Who is the population of interest?
2. What are their immediate needs?
3. How can those needs be addressed?



## Considerations for Practice

### Fidelity

- Articulate your program's unique assessment process
- Build assessments into workstreams
- Follow measurement guidance
- Ensure fidelity to your program's established process

### Program/Community Fit

- Select the tools that are right for the aims of your program
- Bring young people into this conversation to give feedback on assessment tools/processes

## Effective and Evidence-Based Measurement Tools

Programs should rely on evidence-based measurement tools that are:

RELEVANT

Capture an outcome that is related to ending YYA homelessness

APPROPRIATE

Be relevant and developmentally appropriate for YYA

VALID

Measure what they claim to measure and produce consistent results over time

FEASIBLE

Be brief and easy for programs to use, including no or low cost

**Search and access screening  
and assessment tools.**



**Access More Resources**