Domain: Food

Description: Food insecurity is defined as limited or uncertain access to adequate quality and quantity of food at the household level.

Examples of Screening Questions:

- In the past year, have you or any family members you live with been unable to get food when it was really needed?
- Within the past 12 months, you worried that your food would run out before you got money to buy more.
- Within the past 12 months, the food you bought just didn't last and you didn't have money to get more.
- In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?
- In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?
- In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?
- (I/we) couldn't afford to eat balanced meals.

Domain: Housing

Description: Housing instability encompasses multiple conditions ranging from

1. homelessness (lack of sheltered housing in which an individual does not have a personal residence),
2. stability of current living situation (inability to pay rent or mortgage, evictions, frequent changes in residence
3. including temporary stays with friends and relatives, living in crowded conditions)
4. quality of housing (living in crowded or unsafe conditions)

Examples of Screening Questions:

- What is your housing/living situation today?
- Are you worried about losing your housing?
- Are you worried that in the next 2 months, you may not have stable housing?
- Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following?
- Pests
- Mold
- Lead paint or pipes
- Lack of heat
- Oven or stove not working
- Smoke detectors missing or not working
- Water leaks

Domain: Transportation

Description: Unmet transportation needs include limitations that impede transportation to destinations required for all aspects of daily living.

Examples of Screening Questions:

- Has lack of transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work, or from getting things needed for daily living?
- In the past 12 months, has lack of reliable transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work or from getting things needed for daily living?
- In the last 12 months, have you ever had to go without health care because you didn't have a way to get there?

Domain: Utilities

Description: Inconsistent availability of electricity, water, oil, and gas services due to difficulty paying utility bills, shut off notices, or access to phone/internet

Examples of Screening Questions:

- In the past year, have you or any family members you live with been unable to get utilities when it was really needed?
- In the past 12 months has the electric, gas, oil, or water company threatened to shut off services in your home?

Domain: Interpersonal safety

Description: Assessment for this domain includes screening for exposure to intimate partner violence, child abuse, and elder abuse.

Examples of Screening Questions:

- Do you feel physically and emotionally safe where you currently live?
- In the past year, have you been afraid of your partner or ex-partner?
- How often does anyone, including family and friends, physically hurt you?
- How often does anyone, including family and friends, insult or talk down to you?
- How often does anyone, including family and friends, threaten you with harm?
- How often does anyone, including family and friends, scream or curse at you?

Domain: Financial health

Description: Inability to afford essential needs, financial literacy, medication under-use due to cost, benefits denial

Examples of Screening Questions:

- How hard is it for you to pay for the very basics like food, housing, medical care, and heating?
- In the last 12 months, have you needed to see a doctor, but could not because of cost?

Domain: Social Isolation

Description: Lack of family and/or friend network(s), minimal community contacts, absence of social engagement

Examples of Screening Questions:

- How often do you see or talk to people that you care about and feel close to?
- How often do you feel lonely or isolated from those around you?
- I often feel that I lack companionship.

Domain: Other

The "Other" domain could include any of the following:

- Literacy (health literacy, basic literacy, numeracy)
- Trauma/Violence (child abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, mental abuse, trauma)
- Childcare needs
- Material Hardship (clothing, incarceration)
- Access to technology (digital literacy)
- Legal Service

The following do NOT count as "Other"*

- Health-related behaviors (alcohol use, tobacco use, drug use, physical activity, sexual activity, diet, screen time)
- Safety (seat belts, smoke detectors, bike helmets, guns in the home, driving safety)
- Cultural (religious, spiritual affiliations)
- Demographics (race/ethnicity, gender, sex, address, place of birth, sexual orientation, immigration/refugee status)
- Educational attainment
- Employment status (unemployment, migrant/seasonal or farm worker, day laborer,
- Language (primary language, English proficiency, interpreter)
- Veteran Status
- Living arrangements (marital status, dependents, elders)
- Environmental exposures
- Racism, discrimination
- Functional Status (disability status, mobility status, activities of daily living, frailty)
- Mental Health (sleep behaviors, stress, burnout, anxiety, ADHD, depression, PTSD)