



Balance of State Vulnerability Assessment Tool (BoS-VAT) Survey and Coordinated Entry Anonymous Consent Form

I understand that I am here today to discuss my housing and service needs. By signing this form, I consent to answering questions about my health and housing. This survey will take about 15 minutes. Participation in the Balance of State Vulnerability Assessment Tool (BoS-VAT) and the Coordinated Entry process is completely voluntary.

What is the benefit of participating in Coordinated Entry?

Coordinated Entry (CE) is a system that allows for quick and coordinated access to local housing resources and services. CE provides standardized access to homeless services and coordinated program referrals. The BoS-VAT is an assessment tool to help learn more about a person's circumstances in order to find the best type of housing for their needs. Matching housing resources with participant need reduces the burden on the household in need of services.

By providing consent below, I agree with the following statements:

Who will have access to the information collected and how will it be shared?

____ I agree to allow my responses to the BoS-VAT assessment to be used by the service providers that participate in the NYS BoS CoC CE System to determine if I am eligible for housing services and other related programs.

____ I understand that non-identifying information such as geographic area, age range, number of individuals in household, length of time homeless, and housing type needed may be shared during case conferencing to assist in finding suitable housing resources.

What information will be shared?

____ I understand that the following information may be shared with agencies that use HMIS and service providers that participate in the NYS BoS CoC CE System, as needed, to help me find appropriate housing and services:

- Information contained within the BoS-VAT survey
- Family Composition
- Current Residence
- Additional information used strictly for determining suitable housing and/or services

Things You Should Know

- Coordinated Entry service providers have signed agreements to maintain confidentiality regarding shared information, and to only use information to connect applicants with housing and/or supportive services.
- Participating in the Coordinated Entry System does not guarantee placement in a particular housing program.
- This release is valid for five years from the date of the signature below. Participants may revoke this authorization at any time by contacting the NYS BoS CoC at bos.nys@otda.ny.gov. If I revoke this authorization, it will not apply to information that has already been shared.
- Provider agencies should retain a copy of this consent on behalf of program participants.
- I understand that this authorization is completely voluntary, and I do not have to agree to authorize any use or disclosure.

By signing below, I indicate that I have read (or been read) the information provided above, have received answers to my questions, and agree to participate in the BoS-VAT survey and Coordinated Entry.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____