

Tip of the Week: “Living Situation” and “Length of Stay”

Tip 1: What are we asking with the question “Living Situation” in the ROSIE database?

- A. What is the client’s general situation?
- B. What type of program is the client in when he/she enters your program?
- C. Is what location did the client spend the night before entering your program?
- D. Where has the client been living lately?

The answer is C!

In what location did the client spend the night before entering your program?

Example: Before coming to your shelter, or entering your program, a client stayed with a friend for a week, but stay in his or her car the night before that came to your shelter. Your answer to the question “Living Situation”: would be “Street, Car, Abandoned Building.”

Tip 2: What are we asking with the next question in ROSIE, “Length of Stay”?

- A. How long has the client been in your program?
- B. How long did the client stay at the location from “Living Situation?”
- C. How long is the client expected to stay in your program?

The answer is B!

How long did the client stay at the location from “Living Situation”?

Did you know ...both of these questions are asked for every adult and unaccompanied youth who enters your program? (You don’t need to answer these for children.)