

Suggested Steps to Implement SDOH Screening

- 1. Assess Participants Knowledge and Practice**
 - Survey for readiness
- 2. Develop Stakeholder Buy In – Level Set**
 - C-Suite/Leadership
 - Front Line Staff
 - Community-Based Organizations (CBO), continuum of care partners, others etc.
- 3. Create Broad-Based Advisory Group of Experts**
 - Hospitals
 - CBOs
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
 - State Agencies
 - Physician Practices
 - Local Health Directors
 - Others
- 4. Choose/Develop Assessment Tool – Research and Compare**
 - PRAPARE
 - Health Leads
 - Health Begins
 - CMS
 - CHA Tools
 - <https://sirenetwork.ucsf.edu/tools-resources/mmi/screening-tools-comparison>
- 5. Evaluate and Determine Workflow/Process – Create Flowchart**
 - Who – staff initiating/performing screening
 - What – screening tool used
 - When – during intake, at discharge etc.
 - Where – location/space considerations-privacy
 - How – paper or electronic, interview or self-report
- 6. Prepare/Train Team and Partners – Why is Screening Important**
 - Staff
 - Organization
 - CBOs, continuum of care partners, others etc.
- 7. Identify Mechanisms for Evaluation**
 - Check-in calls
 - Site visits
 - Evaluation surveys
 - Patient stories
 - Data collection
- 8. Begin Screening – Test for Change**

10 Things to Consider When Choosing/Developing an Assessment Tool

- What are the current tools utilized by your organization and continuum of care partner(s)?
- What are 3-5 social health needs (domains) in your community/state?
- What are the critical elements you need to capture; race, ethnicity, gender, etc.?
- Who is the intended population for screening?
- Who will be conducting the screening and when?
- How will you capture screening tool responses?
- How do you determine a positive screen?
- What are your community-based organization resources?
- How will you evaluate the tool (strengths and weaknesses)?
- How will you collect and track data to identify areas for improvement?