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RISK FACTORS FOR ADULT VICTIMIZATION
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ABSTRACT

Much of the existing research on violence against homeless women has concluded that homeless women are particularly vulnerable to violence and experience victimization at rates often exceeding the rates of housed women. Little research, however, has focused upon the specific risk factors that expose homeless women to physical assault, rape, and stalking. Utilizing a sample of 737 homeless women from the Florida cities of Orlando, Jacksonville, Tampa, and Miami, this study investigated the risk factors for experiencing adult personal victimization. The characteristics of homelessness, demographics, drug and alcohol use, subsistence activities, childhood victimization, mental health status, and criminal activities were examined as predictors of violence. The results indicate that over three-quarters of the sample had experienced violence, physical, sexual, or stalking, as adults. Consistent with prior research, childhood sexual abuse and time spent in jail or prison were significant predictors of violence. However, contrary to prior research, severe childhood physical abuse did not predict adult violence. Rather, the key childhood predictors of adult violence appear to center upon abuse that is primarily emotional in nature. Also contrary to prior research, the excessive use of alcohol or illicit drugs and engaging in risky subsistence activities did not predict violence. The results also imply that the women's experiences of violence may precipitate their episodes of homelessness, indicating that the violence is a cause of their homelessness. Violence against women continues to be a significant social problem particularly among especially vulnerable populations such as homeless women. Such violence deserves the attention of service providers such as healthcare workers, social services, and criminal justice systems.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

Within the vast research and resulting literature on the problem of violence against women, there exist few studies of marginalized populations such as homeless women. While scholarly research concerning the problem of violence against women has increased in the past thirty years, research on homeless women remains rare (North & Smith, 1993; Robertson & Winkleby, 1996). Although actual numbers are not known, much of the existing research concludes that the numbers of homeless women are increasing (Coston, 1995), making homelessness among women an increasingly urgent social problem. The few studies that exist suggest that homeless women are particularly vulnerable to violence and experience violence often at rates greater than housed women (Wenzel, Leake & Gelberg, 2001).

The impact of violence on homeless women may have broad and far reaching effects. Some research has shown violence to affect women's emotional and physical health and their use of drugs and alcohol, and it could negatively affect their abilities to help themselves out of a homeless situation (Bennett, 1995; Roesler & McKenzie, 1994). Other studies have found violence to increase homeless women's experiences with depression and anxiety (Goodman & Dutton, 1996). The experience of violence also may affect the ability of the victims to earn an income by limiting their ability to hold full-time jobs (Browne, Salomon, & Bassuk, 1999).

There appears to be a strong consensus in the literature on childhood abuse as a risk factor for later victimization (Gidycz, Hanson, & Layman, 1995; Moeller, Bachman, & Moeller, 1993; Simons & Whitbeck, 1991; Wenzel et al., 2001). Childhood abuse appears to be the most frequently examined correlate of adult violence. These studies conclude that women who were abused as children are more likely to be abused as adults. What is missing from the literature is

the influence of risk factors specific to the lives of homeless women, such as the length of time on the street, the age first homeless, and survival strategies such as panhandling, prostitution, and scavenging (Wenzel et al., 2001). Other intervening variables that have yet to be adequately tested include criminal histories and mental illness. Mental illness is far more common among the homeless than among the housed population (Wright, Rubin, & Devine, 1998), thus may be an important risk factor for the high levels of violence homeless women suffer.

This study seeks to examine a wider range of risk factors for violence against homeless women than have been previously examined. Specifically, this study addresses those risk factors that are particular to the lives of homeless women, such as the amount of time spent on the streets, the number of times homeless, the commission of a crime or time spent in jail or prison, mental health status, and the engagement in subsistence activities, such as panhandling and prostitution. Other variables of interest include the experience of violence, physical or sexual, in childhood and the abuse of drugs or alcohol, as well as demographic variables such as race, education, and marital status. Utilizing data gathered from 737 women as part of the Florida Four City Study of violence in the lives of homeless women, the study's primary research question centered upon determining which variables present in the lives of homeless women pose the greatest risk for experiencing personal victimization, whether physical, sexual, or stalking, as adults.

CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

By far, the most closely examined risk factor for adult violence has been childhood abuse. Research on the general population has supported the theory that women who are victimized physically or sexually as children are at a greater risk for victimization as adults (Gidycz, et al., 1995; Moeller, et al., 1993). In 2000, the National Violence Against Women Survey reported that among the 8,000 women who were randomly sampled, 18.3% of the women who were raped as children were also raped as adults, compared to the 8.7% of the sample who reported rape only as adults, not in childhood. Additionally, those who were physically assaulted as children were twice as likely to be assaulted as adults; 46.7% of those who experienced abuse as adults were also abused as children, while only 19.8% of those who reported adult abuse were not assaulted as children (Tjaden & Thoennes, 2000). Studies focusing specifically on homeless women have reported similar results (Simons & Whitbeck, 1991; Wenzel et al., 2001). In a Los Angeles sample of 974 homeless women, Wenzel et al. (2001) found that sixty-six percent of the women who had suffered violence in the preceding year had also been victims of violence as children. Childhood violence was, in fact, the largest predictor of adult victimization, more important than other variables such as substance dependency or prostitution.

Several theories have been posited to explain the relationship between childhood and adult victimization, many grounded in the theory of social learning. This theory proposes that individuals learn their behaviors by observing the actions of those around them (Kalmuss, 1984). Often used to explain the actions of aggressors, as applied to victims the theory suggests that victims learn to accept violence as a result of their victimization experiences. Women who have

been victimized may perceive abuse as inevitable, leading to an increased likelihood of entering into situations where violence occurs (Jasinski, 2001). Women who have endured abuse as children may be unable as adults to recognize situations that place them at risk for revictimization (Wilson, Calhoun, & Bernat, 1999). Similarly, in their analysis of sexual abuse, Finkelhor and Browne (1985) proposed that childhood sexual trauma leads to the development of inappropriate and dysfunctional sexual behaviors in the victimized child. These dysfunctional behaviors could in turn increase the vulnerability of the child to further victimization. Other theories include the possibility that the abusive and presumably unhappy childhood may leave the victim without a strong network of support and, therefore, drive her into situations where she may be at greater risk, including homelessness (Schaaf & McCanne, 1998).

Some research has suggested that those who have been sexually abused as children may be more likely to engage in prostitution (Silbert & Pines, 1981; Simons & Whitbeck, 1991). Prostitution itself may be part of a larger category of behaviors that increase the likelihood of assault by placing a woman in an especially vulnerable situation. Routine activities theory has been proposed to explain personal victimization as a result of the common habits, or routine activities, of individuals in an environment that is conducive to the commission of a crime. More specifically, an act of violence against an individual takes place when there exist a motivated offender, an attractive target, and a lack of capable guardians (Cohen & Cantor, 1981). Homeless women are a particularly vulnerable group, thus may be seen as extremely attractive targets. Some risk factors examined in previous research center upon the routine activities of homeless women that may increase the likelihood of them experiencing violence. Some homeless women may engage in survival activities that increase their vulnerability, such as panhandling, scavenging, and as already mentioned, prostitution. Indeed, engaging in such

survival strategies has been found to be an important risk factor for violence against homeless women (Simons, Whitbeck, & Bales, 1989; Tyler, Hoyt, & Whitbeck, 2000; Wenzel et al, 2001). Similarly, the longer the amount of time spent on the street, presumably the greater the risk for victimization. This theory has been supported in the literature. Hoyt, Ryan, and Cauce's (1999) Seattle longitudinal study of homeless youth found that increased time on the streets was associated with greater rates of violence.

The impact of violence is significant and far-reaching. Studies of the effects of childhood physical abuse on the general population have found a significant relationship between the abuse and later symptoms of depression, sexual dysfunctions, and post-traumatic-stress-disorder (Roesler & McKenzie, 1994). The same study found even more severe symptoms for those who had experienced childhood sexual victimization. Analysis of a national random sample of 4,009 women found that 54% of the women who had experienced physical abuse as children had a history of post-traumatic stress disorder, compared to 11% of the women who did not report childhood physical abuse (Duncan, Saunders, Kilpatrick, Hanson, & Resnick, 1996). Similarly, Schaaf and McCanne's (1998) study of a sample of college undergraduates found that those women who had experienced sexual and physical victimization were significantly more likely to exhibit symptoms of depression and PTSD. Those who have experienced abuse have been found to have higher levels of depression even when controlling for the effects of such variables as age, gender, and marital status (Pillemer & Prescott, 1989). Studies specifically focusing on homeless women also report a high prevalence of psychological and emotional distress among survivors of victimization. Browne, (1993), in her study of homeless women, suggested that such symptoms commonly thought to be a result of the homelessness itself may, in fact, be an outcome of physical or sexual violence.

The presence of a mental or emotional problem as a risk factor for violence is often complicated by the cross-sectional nature of most surveys of homeless women. These cross-sectional surveys do not allow for the precise temporal ordering of events. While it is known that mental illness may be a consequence of the experience of violence, mental or emotional problems may themselves increase women's risk for violence. Mental illness could in many ways give rise to an increased vulnerability for the women on the streets. Mental illness or emotional problems could lead to the inability to escape dangerous situations, the inability to recognize dangerous environments, and even increase the likelihood that the sufferer appears, due to the outward signs of mental problems, to be an attractive target (Simons et al., 1989). Hence, the mental or emotional problems could themselves be a result of victimization as well as an important risk factor for violence.

Increased substance use may be another outcome of physical or sexual violence. In a study of adult victims of childhood sexual abuse, Epstein, Saunders, Kilpatrick, and Resnick (1998) concluded that the resulting psychological and emotional distress was likely a cause of the women's adult alcohol abuse. Other studies have reported similar results (Bennett, 1995; Kilpatrick, Acierno, Resnick, Saunders, & Best, 1997). The abuse of alcohol or drugs may itself have serious detrimental effects. Some studies have suggested substance abuse as another risk factor for victimization (Padgett & Struening, 1992; Wenzel et al., 2001). While the women may turn to substance use as a result of the violence they have experienced, they may be increasing their risk for further or repeated violence.

The available studies concerning violence against homeless women unanimously agree that homeless women experience exceedingly high rates of violence (Wright et al., 1998). Although the experience of childhood violence has been found to be a strong risk factor for adult

violence both in housed and homeless populations, much less is known about the influence of risk factors specific to homeless women, such as the length of time on the streets and the engagement in risky subsistence activities. This study seeks to determine the influence of the women's characteristics of homelessness, childhood psychological and physical abuse, substance use, subsistence strategies, criminal histories, and demographic variables on adult personal victimization. The identification of specific risk factors that increase homeless women's risk of experiencing violence may allow for more effectively targeted prevention and intervention efforts.

CHAPTER THREE: METHODOLOGY

Sample

A convenience sample of women who sought shelter services during the period of data collection, the sample is culled from shelter seekers in the Florida cities of Orlando, Jacksonville, Tampa, and Miami. The women were surveyed in face-to-face interviews by the trained staff of Orlando's Coalition for the Homeless, Tampa's Metropolitan Ministries, Jacksonville's I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, and Miami's Community Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. The shelters in each city are general-purpose facilities which provide services to both women, men, and children. Women were interviewed in each location from June 2003 through February 2004 and were paid \$10 for completing the survey. In total, 737 women were interviewed, 199 in Orlando, 200 in Tampa, 146 in Jacksonville, and 192 in Miami.

Measures

Violence and victimization are often used and somewhat ambiguous terms. In order to allow for comparisons with other published studies of violence, the modified Conflict Tactics Scale (Straus, 1996; Tjaden & Thoennes, 2000) was used to measure acts of violence in the lives of the participants, both in childhood, defined as prior to age eighteen, and adulthood. Respondents were asked a series of behaviorally specific questions detailing each particular act of violence. The respondents were then asked who committed the act and how often it occurred. In adulthood, the questions focused upon acts of major violence, such as being hit, shoved, being

beat up, or threatened with a weapon such as a gun or knife. These acts are considered major violence due to the high likelihood that such acts could lead to injury (Straus, 1996).

Data regarding the violence sustained in childhood were also gathered using a series of behaviorally specific questions. Childhood violence was divided into three categories of behaviors: psychological aggression, minor physical, and severe physical. Acts of psychological aggression included insults, swearing, and threatened acts of violence. Minor violence included such acts as having something thrown at the respondent that could hurt and being slapped. Severe violence in childhood was defined as being hit with an object, threatened with a weapon, being burned, or being or beat up.

Stalking was measuring using the model employed in the National Violence Against Women Survey (Tjaden & Thoennes, 2000). A series of questions was asked of each respondent concerning whether a person has ever pursued unwanted contact, followed or spied on them, or made real or implied threats of harm. Those who then answered in the affirmative were then asked to characterize their level of fear as a result of these acts. Only those who expressed a high level of fear were counted as victims of stalking.

Sexual violence included forced or attempted vaginal, oral, anal, or digital sex. Again, the questions were behaviorally specific and did not ask the respondent to self-identify as a victim of rape. Each act was described, then the respondent was asked the age(s) at which the event(s) occurred, how many times, and who committed the act. In addition to acts of violence, the respondents' home environments in childhood were explored by asking whether adults in their home regularly yelled at each other or hit each other.

The Addiction Severity Index (McLellan, et al., 1992) was used to obtain information on the respondents' use of drugs or alcohol in the past year, their mental health, and their legal and

offender histories. Mental health problems were defined as ever being told by a health professional, counselor, or social worker that the respondent had a psychological or emotional problem or mental illness. The respondents were also asked whether they had drunk alcohol in the past year and the amount they drank on a typical night of drinking. Excessive use of alcohol was then defined as regularly consuming five or more drinks on each occasion on which the respondent drank. The use of drugs was defined as the use of any illicit drug used in the past year, including prescription drugs if they were used outside of doctor's orders.

The Personal History Form (Wright, Rubin, & Devine, 1998) was used to gather additional information about the characteristics of homeless, lifetime histories of homelessness, and family and background characteristics. Such variables included in the analysis were the length of time homeless, the age first homeless, the number of times homeless, with whom the respondent is homeless, and the city where homeless. To test whether the women's lifestyles or routine activities were related to victimization, respondents were asked if they had ever worked as a prostitute or exotic dancer. They were also asked whether they had obtained income in the past month through panhandling or scavenging, or had obtained illegal income, such as through selling drugs, in the past month. Demographic variables were also included in the analyses, such as race, level of education, and marital status.

Sample Characteristics

The homeless women were disproportionately African American, comprising almost fifty percent of the total sample (see Table 1). This finding is given greater impact when compared to the racial composition of the state of Florida: blacks comprise only 14.6 percent of the

population (US Census). Approximately a third identified as white, while Hispanic women comprised 14.5 % of the total sample. Overall, two-thirds of the women (66.1%) had a high school degree or better. The women were only slightly less educated compared to the state of Florida as a whole, where 79.9% had achieved a high school diploma or higher (US Census). The women also appeared to lack stable intimate partnerships; 78.9% were either divorced, separated, or had never been married. By comparison, only 59% of the U.S. population are divorced, separated, or never married (US Census).

Approximately half of the women had committed a crime as adults, with shoplifting and drug possession being the most common offenses. Nearly one-third of the sample admitted shoplifting and almost one-fifth admitted to possessing illegal drugs. Almost half of the women (45%) had spent some time in jail or prison as adults. The average length of jail time served was just over ten months.

Table 1. Characteristics of Total Sample (n=737)

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Race	
White	33.8
Black	46.8
Hispanic	14.5
Asian	0.4
Biracial/Other	4.4
Education	
No Formal Schooling/ Eighth Grade or Less	7.7
Some High School, No Degree	26.2
High School Degree or GED	31.4
Some College, No Degree	26.5
College Degree	8.2
Marital Status	
Married	14.7
Cohabiting	2.3
Divorced	24.7
Separated	11.1
Widowed	4.1
Single, Never Married	43.1
Drug Use in Past Year	28.1

Excessive Use of Alcohol in Past Year	18.0
Total Length of Time Homeless (in years)	1.60(3.36)*
Number of Times Homeless	2.40(2.84)*
Age First Homeless (in years)	33.0(12.02)*
Who Homeless With	
Alone	52.4
With Adult Partner Only	11.8
With Children Only	24.4
With Adult Partner and Children	10.8
Ever Worked as a Prostitute	13.1
Ever Worked as a Stripper/Exotic Dancer	10.8
Diagnosed With Mental/Emotional Problem	35.6
Ever Perpetrated a Crime as an Adult	50.5
Ever Spent Time in Jail or Prison as an Adult	44.6
Engaged in Panhandling in Last Month	7.0

* mean (standard deviation).

As expected from previous research, the sample of homeless women endured violence at extremely high rates, both as children and adults (see Table 2). Nearly 65% of the women had experienced minor or severe physical violence in childhood, and nearly 40% were victims of sexual abuse as children. Over three-quarters of the women were the victims of either physical assault, sexual assault, or stalking while adults. The rates of lifetime violence for the sample of homeless women far exceed the rates for the U.S. population of women as a whole (see Table 3). By comparison, according to the results of the National Violence Against Women Survey (Tjaden & Thonnes, 2000), while 17.6% of American women had experienced a completed or attempted rape over their lifetimes, 56.0% of the homeless women had experienced a sexual assault as children or adults. While 51.9% of the women in the national survey had been physically assaulted, 81.5% of the homeless women had experienced a physical assault. Though the National Violence Against Women Survey was a random sample of 8,000 women, making true comparisons between the studies problematic, the numbers are sobering. Comparisons between the surveys reveal that the women in this sample of homeless women were far more likely to become a victim than were the women in the national survey.

Table 2. Victimization Characteristics of Total Sample (n=737)

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Any Childhood Physical Violence, Minor or Severe	64.5
Any Childhood Minor Violence	59.8
Any Childhood Severe Violence	50.1
Any Childhood Psychological Aggression	66.9
Any Childhood Sexual Violence (Attempted or Completed)	38.1
Any Adult Victimization (Physical, Sexual, Stalking)	75.1
Any Adult Physical Violence	72.2
Any Adult Sexual Violence (Attempted or Completed)	39.9
Any Adult Stalking	25.4

Table 3. Lifetime Victimization Comparisons with the National Violence Against Women Survey

<u>Type of Victimization</u>	<u>Violence Against Homeless Women Survey (n=737)¹</u>	<u>National Violence Against Women Survey (n=8000)¹</u>
Rape, attempted or completed	56.0	17.6
Physical Assault	81.5	51.9
Rape and/or Physical Assault	83.4	55.0
Stalking	25.4	8.1

¹ All numbers represent percentages.

CHAPTER FOUR: FINDINGS

Data Analysis

The purpose of this study was to determine the specific risk factors that predispose the homeless women to experience an act of personal violence as adults. Consequently, the dependent variable of concern was whether the women had experienced an act of violence, either sexual, physical, or stalking after the age of eighteen. Thus, the experiences of stalking, completed or attempted adult sexual victimization, and physical violence as an adult, were each dichotomized to represent either the experience of violence or no experience of violence. These variables were then combined and dichotomized to reflect any experience of violence as an adult, the dependent variable. To examine the contribution of childhood violence, the experiences of violence in childhood, including minor physical violence, severe physical violence, attempted or completed sexual victimization, and psychological aggression were each also dichotomized for the analyses to reflect, respectively, either any victimization or no victimization. The variables minor childhood physical violence and severe childhood physical violence were also combined into one variable, overall childhood physical violence, creating a fifth variable to reflect the experience of any form of physical violence in childhood.

As the number of Asian respondents in the total sample was too small for any meaningful comparisons, (see Table 1), the Asian respondents were combined with the biracial/other category. Race was then dummy coded to reflect black versus white, Hispanic versus white, and biracial/other versus white. Other discrete variables dummy coded for the later logistic

regression include current marital status (divorced, separated, widowed, or single each versus married) and the city where homeless (Miami, Tampa, and Jacksonville each versus Orlando).

The bivariate relationships between the independent variables and the dependent variable were tested using chi-square analysis or t-tests where appropriate. Only those independent variables that were significant at the bivariate level were then included in the logistic regression models. Logistic regression was chosen as the statistical test because the dependent variable was dichotomous. To test for multicollinearity in the multivariate regression, an Ordinary Least Squares regression was performed with a test for collinearity. It was not necessary to exclude any variables due to high intercorrelations.

Bivariate Analyses

As reported in Table 4, demographic variables, including race, education, and marital status were all significantly associated with adult victimization. Those who identified as Hispanic were the least likely to report experiencing violence as adults; 36.8% had not experienced an adult victimization, the highest percentage of any racial category. Interestingly, the disparate categories of women who were currently married, those who were cohabiting, and those who were single and never married were also less likely to experience adult violence compared to those who were divorced, separated, or widowed. These results could perhaps allude to the violence as a precipitating cause of the break-up of the relationship, at least in the cases of those who were divorced or separated. Indeed, those who were separated and those who were divorced reported the highest rates of victimization compared to the other categories.

As expected, the experience of all forms of violence in childhood was significantly associated with later adult violence. Those who were sexually abused as children were the most likely to experience an adult victimization; 91.8% of those who had endured sexual abuse as children also reported violence as adults. The childhood home environment was also associated with adult violence, as those who grew up in homes where the adults routinely yelled at each other or hit each other reported high rates of adult violence.

Despite having the highest crime rate of any of the four Florida cities (UCR), the women who were homeless in Miami had the lowest percentage of those who had experienced an adult victimization compared to the other cities. This should be interpreted with some caution, however, as it is unknown whether the violence took place in the city where the interview took place, or in another location. With whom the women were homeless, whether alone, with children, or with a partner, was not significantly associated with the experience of adult violence. Other variables expected to be associated with adult violence but not significant include obtaining income illegally or through scavenging. Such acts, it was hypothesized, would place the women in vulnerable environments, yet these activities were not associated with victimization. However, panhandling was found to be significantly associated with experiencing adult violence. Other subsistence activities that were significant include ever working as a prostitute or an exotic dancer. Also significantly associated with adult violence at the bivariate level include the use of illegal drugs, excessive drinking, commission of a crime, spending time in jail, the diagnosis of a mental health problem, the number of times homeless, and the total amount of time homeless.

Table 4. Bivariate Level Analyses

Variable	Victimization As Adult	T-Test	Pearson Chi-Square
Demographics			
Race:			18.707*
White	82.2		
Black	72.5		
Hispanic	63.2		
Asian/Biracial	86.8		
Education			21.232*
No formal schooling	50.0		
8 th grade or less	72.2		
Some high school, no degree	80.7		
High school degree/GED	66.1		
Some college, no degree	83.0		
Associates degree	71.4		
Bachelors degree	76.9		
Post graduate degree	66.7		
Marital Status			32.745*
Married	65.7		
Cohabiting	76.5		
Divorced	86.2		
Separated	87.7		

Widowed	83.3	
Single, never married	68.4	
Violence in Childhood		
Physical violence, minor or severe	88.8	108.819*
No physical violence, minor or severe	54.8	
Minor physical violence	89.8	83.382*
No minor physical violence	60.6	
Severe physical violence	88.6	71.339*
No severe physical violence	61.5	
Sexual violence, attempted or completed	91.8	67.686*
No sexual violence	64.8	
Psychological aggression	86.7	106.387*
No psychological aggression	51.7	
Childhood Home Environment		
Adults routinely yelling at each other	85.8	72.668*
Adults not routinely yelling at each other	57.7	
Adults routinely hitting each other	90.1	59.173*
Adults not routinely hitting each other	65.1	
Characteristics of Homelessness		
City where homeless		31.260*
Orlando	76.3	
Miami	61.5	
Tampa	85.5	

Jacksonville	77.4	
Who homeless with		5.709
By myself	75.1	
With adult partner	80.2	
With kids	78.1	
With both partner and kids	65.8	
Age when first became homeless (mean)	32.6	1.488
Total amount of time homeless in years (mean)	1.87	-5.587*
Number of times homeless (mean)	2.70	-7.093*
Subsistence Activities		
Ever worked as a prostitute	92.7	17.672*
Never worked as a prostitute	72.9	
Ever worked as a stripper/exotic dancer	91.0	11.734*
Never worked as a stripper/exotic dancer	73.3	
Obtained income through panhandling ^a	94.1	10.465*
Never obtained income through panhandling ^a	73.8	
Obtained income though scavenging ^a	81.6	0.797
Never obtained income through scavenging ^a	75.2	
Obtained income though illegal activities ^a	76.5	0.019
Never obtained income through illegal activities ^a	75.4	
Criminal History		
Ever committed crime as adult	89.5	79.642*
Number of crimes committed as adult (mean)	1.58	-9.399*

Never committed crime as adult	61.0	
Ever spent time in jail/prison as adult	91.1	77.696*
Never spent time in jail/prison as adult	62.8	
Mental Health		
Ever been diagnosed with mental illness	90.2	46.650*
Never been diagnosed with mental illness	67.2	
Substance Use		
Excessive use of alcohol ^b	88.6	15.314*
Non-excessive use of alcohol ^b	72.4	
Use of illegal drugs ^b	86.4	18.987*
Never used illegal drugs ^b	71.0	

a. In the past month.

b. In the past year.

* $p < .01$

Risk Factors for Overall Adult Victimization

Tables 5 through 8 report the results of a series of four logistic regressions that included the independent variables significant in the initial bivariate analyses. Due to missing data, the final regressions included 612 cases. The first regression model tested the variable reflecting overall childhood physical violence, minor and severe. Contrary to expectations and the initial analyses, the experience of any childhood physical violence did not significantly predict adult victimization.

In the second model, both the experience of minor physical violence in childhood and the experience of severe physical violence as a child were tested as separate and distinct variables. The results of the second regression show that experiencing minor violence as a child significantly increases the odds of sustaining an adult victimization by a factor of 2.2; suffering severe physical violence as a child, however, was not a predictor of becoming a victim of adult violence. To further examine this unexpected finding, a cross-tabulation of the two variables, minor physical violence and severe physical violence, was performed. As it is difficult to imagine experiencing severe violence without also experiencing minor violence, the two groups may in fact have been comprised of the same victims, making distinctions between them unnecessary. The results indicate that while many women were victims of both minor and severe childhood violence, the groups were still distinct; there were seventy-four cases of women enduring severe violence without minor violence, and seventy-one cases of women who suffered minor violence without the escalation into severe violence. In the third and fourth models, respectively, minor childhood physical violence and severe physical violence were included separately. Again, being a victim of minor violence as a child was a significant predictor of becoming a victim of either physical assault, sexual assault, or stalking as an adult. However, severe physical violence in childhood alone again did not significantly predict later adult victimization. Each model had a strong Nagelkerke R^2 , ranging from .455 to .464, indicating that the model is a good fit for the data. The second model reported the highest Nagelkerke R^2 , .464, and correctly predicted 85.1% of the women's adult victimization.

Also notable in the analyses was the finding that growing up in an environment where the adults routinely *hit* each other did not predict adult victimization, yet having a childhood home environment where the adults *yelled* at each other did significantly predict later violence; the

odds of enduring violence as an adult were increased by over 70% in all four of the models. This finding as well as the unexpected discovery that severe childhood physical violence does not necessarily foretell later violence may illustrate the importance of a woman's emotional environment in her formative years. While acknowledging that there is an inherent element of emotional damage in an act of severe physical violence apart from the physical pain that is inflicted, the results of this study appear to point to childhood abuse that is *primarily* emotional or psychological in nature as an important risk factor for later adult violence. To wit, while sustaining severe beatings as a child may not predict victimization as an adult, enduring acts of psychological aggression, such as swearing, insults, and threats significantly increases the odds of being a victim later in life. Consistent with this, it is of no surprise that being victimized sexually as a child is a strong predictor of adult victimization. Sexual violence is perhaps the most emotionally wrenching act of violence to endure; victims of sexual molestation report severe feelings of shame, embarrassment, and fear that often prevent them from reporting the violence (Bascelli, Crisma, Paci, & Romito, 2004).

One striking finding in the present study is the generally weak to non-existent effects on adult victimization of risk factors related to the characteristics of homelessness and the survival strategies that would seemingly place these women at greater risk for violence. For example, engaging in panhandling, working as a prostitute, and the use of drugs or alcohol all did not significantly predict the experience of violence. It is possible that the violence the women experienced happened prior to their time on the streets rather than during their time homeless, thus rendering the details of their homeless experiences less important to their victimization experiences. Indeed, of the entire sample of homeless women, approximately 25% reported that violence was a precipitating factor in their current homelessness. It is a difficult relationship to

untangle as the cross-sectional nature of the data makes temporal ordering of the events unclear. One finding that may point to adult violence more as a cause of homelessness rather than a result of it is the discovery that as the *number* of times homeless increases so does the risk for violence, while the entire *length* of time homeless is not related to adult victimization. In other words, what matters appears to be how often a woman is forced to become homeless rather than how long she is actually homeless.

An explanation for this could lie in the women's patterns of homelessness. Much of the existing research on the homeless population has classified the patterns of homelessness into transitionally homeless, episodically homeless, and chronically homeless (Kuhn & Culhane, 1998). Transitionally homeless populations are those persons who enter the shelter system due to a calamitous incident, such as unemployment, fire, or divorce. They are usually homeless for only a short time period before transitioning back into a steady housing situation. A transitionally homeless woman would most likely report the fewest numbers of times homeless as well as the shortest duration of homelessness. In contrast, the episodically homeless population consists of those who pop in and out of homelessness. They have many episodes of homelessness that vary in length, thus would report perhaps a more brief total length of time homeless but a higher number of episodes of homelessness. Lastly, the chronically homeless are those who are homeless for the longest period of time, reporting the greatest amount of time spent on the streets. The results of this study appear to indicate that it is the episodically homeless woman who is at the greatest risk for violence. Although many factors could precipitate each separate episode of homeless, it is a possibility that the experience of violence in the home is an important precursor to each episode.

Another important risk factor for adult victimization was the women's marital status. More specifically, those who were divorced, separated, or widowed were far more likely than those who were currently married, never married, or cohabiting to experience violence. This, again, could be additional support for the idea that the violence is perpetrated in the home rather than by a stranger while on the streets. At least in the cases of those who were divorced or separated, the violence could have been a cause of the break-up of the relationship.

Having a history of incarceration in jail or prison was also an important risk factor for adult violence. In all four regression models, the odds that a woman who had spent time in jail or prison experienced adult victimization were over three times the odds that a woman who had never served time experienced violence as an adult. This is consistent with prior research which concludes that being a victim of personal violence is significantly related to criminal behaviors (Sampson & Lauritsen, 1990). Surprisingly, though, perpetrating a crime or the number of crimes committed was not significant, only spending time in jail or prison as an adult increased the odds of adult violence. Although it is impossible to completely separate incarceration from the commission of a crime, not all crimes result in an arrest let alone a conviction and a prison sentence. So what is it about serving time specifically that increases the odds of victimization?

Prior research indicates that there is a link between experiencing victimization and incarceration (Bradley & Davino, 2002; Hochstetler, Murphy, & Simons, 2004). More than half of American women in jail have been the victims of some form of abuse, either physical or sexual (Acoca, 1998). Additionally, this sample of women, as previously reported, is disproportionately African American, which is in itself a risk factor for incarceration. Another important consideration is that childhood victimization, also a significant risk factor, is itself related to engaging in criminal behaviors. Of the total sample, the women who were victims in

childhood were twice as likely to have perpetrated a crime as an adult, and those who committed a crime committed on average three times as many crimes as those who had never been abused as children.

Table 5. Results of Logistic Regression Analysis Predicting the Experience of Adult Victimization (Model 1)

Risk Factors	B	SE	Odds Ratio
Physical violence in childhood, minor or severe	0.582	0.317	1.789
Psychological aggression in childhood	0.839	0.309	2.314**
Sexual victimization in childhood, attempted or completed	0.739	0.305	2.093*
In childhood, adults in household yelling at each other	0.591	0.303	1.807*
In childhood, adults in household hitting each other	0.135	0.351	1.145
Excessive use of alcohol in past year	0.360	0.394	1.434
Use of illegal drugs in past year	-0.382	0.353	0.682
Total amount of time homeless (in years)	-0.062	0.070	0.940
Number of times homeless	0.191	0.099	1.211*
City where homeless ^a			
Miami	-0.485	0.335	0.616
Tampa	0.107	0.336	1.113
Jacksonville	0.014	0.348	1.014
Ever worked as a prostitute	-0.489	0.551	0.613
Ever worked as a stripper/exotic dancer	0.021	0.494	1.021
In past month, income obtained through panhandling	0.867	0.722	2.380

Diagnosis of mental or emotional problem	0.567	0.316	1.762
Ever perpetrated a crime as adult	0.622	0.363	1.863
Number of crimes perpetrated as adult	-0.096	0.122	0.908
Ever spent time in jail or prison as adult	1.249	0.335	3.487**
Level of education	0.055	0.100	1.056
Race ^c			
Black	-0.178	0.287	0.837
Hispanic	-0.505	0.383	0.603
Asian/Biracial/other	0.314	0.731	1.369
Marital status ^d			
Cohabiting	0.429	0.806	1.536
Divorced	1.156	0.388	3.178**
Separated	1.563	0.536	4.773**
Widowed	1.609	0.714	5.000*
Single, never married	0.151	0.334	1.163
Nagelkerke R^2	0.461		

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- a. The reference category is Orlando
b. The reference category is "homeless by myself."
c. The reference category is "white."
d. The reference category is "married."
* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$.

Table 6. Results of Logistic Regression Analysis Predicting the Experience of Adult Victimization (Model 2)

<u>Risk Factors</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>Odds Ratio</u>
Minor physical violence in childhood	0.795	0.343	2.214*
Severe physical violence in childhood	-0.230	0.361	0.794
Psychological aggression in childhood	0.825	0.334	2.283*
Sexual victimization in childhood, attempted or completed	0.729	0.307	2.073*
In childhood, adults in household yelling at each other	0.584	0.304	1.793*
In childhood, adults in household hitting each other	0.213	0.356	1.237
Excessive use of alcohol in past year	0.297	0.396	1.345
Use of illegal drugs in past year	-0.416	0.354	0.660
Total amount of time homeless (in years)	-0.049	0.071	0.952
Number of times homeless	0.197	0.101	1.218*
City where homeless ^a			
Miami	-0.440	0.336	0.644
Tampa	0.124	0.338	1.132
Jacksonville	0.018	0.349	1.019
Ever worked as a prostitute	-0.563	0.552	0.569
Ever worked as a stripper/exotic dancer	-0.011	0.491	0.989
In past month, income obtained through panhandling	1.030	0.740	2.802
Diagnosis of mental or emotional problem	0.511	0.319	1.666
Ever perpetrated a crime as adult	0.601	0.365	1.823
Number of crimes perpetrated as adult	-0.091	0.123	0.913

Ever spent time in jail or prison as adult	1.285	0.336	3.616**
Level of education	0.078	0.101	1.081
Race ^c			
Black	-0.203	0.289	0.816
Hispanic	-0.580	0.385	0.560
Asian/Biracial/other	0.252	0.722	1.286
Marital status ^d			
Cohabiting	0.391	0.809	1.478
Divorced	1.173	0.390	3.231**
Separated	1.591	0.534	4.909**
Widowed	1.615	0.717	5.029*
Single, never married	0.186	0.336	1.204
Nagelkerke R^2	0.464		

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- a. The reference category is Orlando
b. The reference category is "homeless by myself."
c. The reference category is "white."
d. The reference category is "married."
* p < .05. ** p < .01.

Table 7. Results of Logistic Regression Analysis Predicting the Experience of Adult Victimization (Model 3)

<u>Risk Factors</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>Odds Ratio</u>
Minor physical violence in childhood	0.716	0.318	2.047*
Psychological aggression in childhood	0.755	0.313	2.127*
Sexual victimization in childhood, attempted or completed	0.709	0.305	2.033*
In childhood, adults in household yelling at each other	0.594	0.303	1.811*
In childhood, adults in household hitting each other	0.153	0.344	1.165
Excessive use of alcohol in past year	0.319	0.395	1.376
Use of illegal drugs in past year	-0.406	0.353	0.666
Total amount of time homeless (in years)	-0.054	0.070	0.948
Number of times homeless	0.198	0.101	1.219*
City where homeless ^a			
Miami	-0.449	0.335	0.638
Tampa	0.123	0.337	1.131
Jacksonville	-0.026	0.348	1.027
Ever worked as a prostitute	-0.541	0.551	0.582
Ever worked as a stripper/exotic dancer	-0.022	0.491	0.978
In past month, income obtained through panhandling	0.976	0.731	2.654
Diagnosis of mental or emotional problem	0.527	0.318	1.693
Ever perpetrated a crime as adult	0.604	0.364	1.830
Number of crimes perpetrated as adult	-0.097	0.122	0.908
Ever spent time in jail or prison as adult	1.285	0.336	3.614**

Level of education	0.075	0.101	1.078
Race ^c			
Black	-0.207	0.288	0.813
Hispanic	-0.571	0.385	0.565
Asian/Biracial/other	0.259	0.725	1.296
Marital status ^d			
Cohabiting	0.371	0.811	1.449
Divorced	1.159	0.389	3.188**
Separated	1.581	0.534	4.860**
Widowed	1.605	0.717	4.979*
Single, never married	0.185	0.335	1.203
Nagelkerke R^2	0.463		

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- a. The reference category is Orlando
b. The reference category is “homeless by myself.”
c. The reference category is “white.”
d. The reference category is “married.”
* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$.

Table 8. Results of Logistic Regression Analysis Predicting the Experience of Adult Victimization (Model 4)

Risk Factors	B	SE	Odds Ratio
Severe physical violence in childhood	0.054	0.333	1.056
Psychological aggression in childhood	1.110	0.310	3.034**
Sexual victimization in childhood, attempted or completed	0.745	0.306	2.106*
In childhood, adults in household yelling at each other	0.598	0.301	1.818*
In childhood, adults in household hitting each other	0.297	0.352	1.346
Excessive use of alcohol in past year	0.380	0.393	1.462
Use of illegal drugs in past year	-0.390	0.352	0.677
Total amount of time homeless (in years)	-0.054	0.072	0.947
Number of times homeless	0.189	0.101	1.209
City where homeless ^a			
Miami	-0.451	0.332	0.637
Tampa	0.121	0.336	1.129
Jacksonville	0.031	0.347	1.031
Ever worked as a prostitute	-0.582	0.551	0.559
Ever worked as a stripper/exotic dancer	0.064	0.495	1.066
In past month, income obtained through panhandling	0.935	0.729	2.547
Diagnosis of mental or emotional problem	0.565	0.315	1.760
Ever perpetrated a crime as adult	0.578	0.363	1.782
Number of crimes perpetrated as adult	-0.070	0.124	0.933
Ever spent time in jail or prison as adult	1.268	0.333	3.555**

Level of education	0.069	0.100	1.071
Race ^c			
Black	-0.189	0.286	0.828
Hispanic	-0.508	0.381	0.602
Asian/Biracial/other	0.476	0.726	1.610
Marital status ^d			
Cohabiting	0.496	0.814	1.643
Divorced	1.145	0.386	3.143**
Separated	1.545	0.533	4.687**
Widowed	1.542	0.711	4.674
Single, never married	0.135	0.332	1.145
Nagelkerke R^2	0.455		

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- a. The reference category is Orlando
b. The reference category is “homeless by myself.”
c. The reference category is “white.”
d. The reference category is “married.”
* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$.

CHAPTER FIVE: CONCLUSION

The results of this study reveal that, consistent with prior research, violence is pervasive among homeless women. Three out of four of the women sampled had endured an act of physical assault, sexual assault, or stalking as adults. The key risk factors that predispose the women to violence appear to suggest that the violence is, perhaps, a precursor to periods of homelessness rather than a result of time spent on the streets. Numerous studies have reported that women are most at risk for violence by those with whom they are close (Dwyer, Smokowski, Bricout, & Wodarski, 1995; Ferris, 2004; O'Donnell, Smith, & Madison, 2002; Tjaden & Thoennes, 2000). Tjaden and Thoennes (2000) in the National Violence Against Women Survey remark that "violence against women is predominately intimate partner violence" (p. 60). The results of this study concur; of the women who were raped as adults, 56.8% (n=167) were raped at least once by an intimate partner. Of those women who were stalked, 79.3% (n=146) were stalked at least once by an intimate partner. Of those women who were physically assaulted, 87.9% (n=464) were assaulted at least once by an intimate partner.

Women who were homeless episodically homeless, that is, homeless for a greater number of distinct episodes, were more vulnerable to violence than those women who had spent a longer total amount of time on the streets, suggesting that the violence may have been a cause for the episodes of homelessness. While these results are highly suggestive of the fact that the violence is a cause of the homelessness rather than a result of it, it is possible that the rates of violence against women who have been on the streets longer are underreported. As has been acknowledged, one study weakness is the cross-sectional nature of the data. Consequently, the responses are based upon the recall and recollection by the study participants of prior events.

Such recall and recollection takes place in the respondent's current perception and frame of mind. In the case of women who have been on the streets for prolonged periods of time, it is possible that the anguish and misery of life on the streets has led to a desensitization to acts of violence. That is, after living in a rough and difficult environment long enough, the women may feel that certain acts fall below their perception of what constitutes "real" violence. Thus, these women may underreport the violence they have experienced. While acknowledging the obvious logistical difficulties, further research should include longitudinal studies that will clearly delineate the time ordering of victimization events.

One of the most intriguing findings is that the experience of severe violence in childhood, while strong in the bivariate results, did not predict the experience of later adult violence. Rather, it was the experience of minor physical violence and sexual violence, as well as psychological aggression and a home environment where the adults yelled at each other that were the childhood predictors of violence. What may account for the lack of a connection between severe physical abuse in childhood and later violence in the logistic regressions? One possibility may lie in the nature of the violence itself. As the significant violence was predominately emotional, the key culprit may lie in the psychological rather than physical scars left in childhood. Additionally, it is possible that those who had suffered severe physical abuse were more likely to recognize the warning signs for abuse as adults.

The results are consistent for numerous studies that link childhood abuse to adult violence. Such findings point to the need to firstly, focus efforts on preventing child abuse from occurring, and secondly, to provide treatment for those who have been victims of abuse. These findings, however, offer little concrete suggestions for service providers seeking to decrease the risk of violence against their homeless clients. The results of this study indicate that it is most likely the

variables outside of the women's control, such as the experience of childhood abuse, that are the most important risk factors for violence. However, the study succeeds in furthering the understanding of the risk factors that may increase homeless women's risk of experiencing adult violence. Violence against women continues to be a significant social problem particularly among especially vulnerable populations such as homeless women. Such violence deserves the attention of service providers such as healthcare workers, social services, and criminal justice systems.

APPENDIX: FLORIDA FOUR CITY SURVEY

**The Experience of Violence in the Lives
of Florida's Homeless Women**

A Research Study Conducted by
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DO NOT BEGIN UNTIL YOU HAVE OBTAINED PARTICIPANT'S CONSENT

The Experience of Violence in the Lives of Florida's Homeless Women

1. Okay, let's begin with a few questions about yourself. First of all, in what country were you born?

A. Country

[Circle One]

- | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | USA | 7 | SOUTH AMERICA |
| 2 | CANADA | 8 | EUROPE |
| 3 | MEXICO | 9 | AFRICA |
| 4 | PUERTO RICO | 10 | ASIA |
| 5 | CUBA | 11 | OTHER: _____ |
| 6 | OTHER CENTRAL AMERICA | 99 | NOT ANSWERED |

[INTERVIEWER: IF CLIENT WAS NOT BORN IN USA, GO TO Q. 1D]

B. What state ?

[Instruction: If client was born in USA, circle the state]

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|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| AL - Alabama | LA - Louisiana | OH - Ohio |
| AK - Alaska | ME - Maine | OK - Oklahoma |
| AZ - Arizona | MD - Maryland | OR - Oregon |
| AR - Arkansas | MA - Massachusetts | PA - Pennsylvania |
| CA - California | MI - Michigan | RI - Rhode Island |
| CO - Colorado | MN - Minnesota | SC - South Carolina |
| CT - Connecticut | MS - Mississippi | SD - South Dakota |
| DE - Delaware | MO - Missouri | TN - Tennessee |
| FL - Florida | MT - Montana | TX - Texas |
| GA - Georgia | NE - Nebraska | UT - Utah |
| HI - Hawaii | NV - Nevada | VT - Vermont |
| ID - Idaho | NH - New Hampshire | VA - Virginia |
| IL - Illinois | NJ - New Jersey | WA - Washington |
| IN - Indiana | NM - New Mexico | WV - West Virginia |
| IA - Iowa | NY - New York | WI - Wisconsin |
| KS - Kansas | NC - North Carolina | WY - Wyoming |
| KY - Kentucky | ND - North Dakota | |
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|---------------------------|--|
| CZ - Canal Zone | 97 - Does not apply - client born outside US |
| DC - District of Columbia | 98 - Not asked |
| GU - Guam | 99 - Asked but not answered |
| VI - Virgin Islands | |

C. In what city were you born [If client was born in USA, record the city]

[If client was born outside of USA ask]

D. How long have you lived in the US?

E. What is your residency status?

- 1 US CITIZEN
- 2 RESIDENT ALIEN
- 3 I HAVE A TEMPORARY VISA
- 4 ILLEGAL RESIDENT
- 5 OTHER _____

CHECKPOINT:

Was client born in the same metropolitan area where she is now living?

2. How long have you lived in this area?

[Instruction: This should reflect total over the lifetime. "This Area" means the Miami, Jacksonville, Tampa or Orlando area, as appropriate.
INTERVIEWER CIRCLE YOUR CITY IN THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS]

- 1 LESS THAN A MONTH
- 2 A MONTH OR TWO
- 3 SEVERAL MONTHS, LESS THAN A YEAR
- 4 ABOUT A YEAR
- 5 MORE THAN ONE YEAR, LESS THAN THREE YEARS
- 6 MORE THAN THREE YEARS, LESS THAN FIVE YEARS
- 7 FIVE TO TEN YEARS
- 8 MORE THAN TEN YEARS, NOT "ALL MY LIFE"
- 9 ALL MY LIFE
- 99 NOT ANSWERED

3. What is your date of birth?

___/___/___
MM DD YY

4. Now I would like to get an idea about where you've been living the past month, you know, before you came to this shelter. In the month before you came here, did you spend any nights in any of these places? [CIRCLE YES OR NO FOR EACH RESPONSE]

Indoor public place (movie theater, ER)	NO	YES
Abandoned building	NO	YES
Car or other private vehicle	NO	YES
On the street or some other outdoor place	NO	YES
Emergency homeless shelter	NO	YES
Shelter for battered women	NO	YES
Hotel or motel	NO	YES
Your own apartment or house	NO	YES
Parent or guardian's apartment or house	NO	YES
Someone else's apartment or house	NO	YES
In a hospital	NO	YES
In a psychiatric, mental health facility	NO	YES
Alcohol or drug treatment program	NO	YES
Jail or prison	NO	YES
Any "drink house" or "after hours club"	NO	YES
Any "crack" or rock house"	NO	YES
Any nights spent with a client (john)?	NO	YES
Any other I've overlooked?	NO	YES

[Instruction: Record verbatim any "other places" R mentions]

[If R reports staying at any of the above listed places ask]

4a. Of the places you have mentioned, where did you spend most of your time?

5. Still thinking about the month before you came to this facility, about how many of those days or nights did you spend...

A. In a place where lots of homeless people gathered?

- 1 ALL OF THEM
- 2 MOST OF THEM
- 3 ABOUT HALF OF THEM
- 4 SOME OF THEM
- 5 NONE OF THEM

B. In a place where drugs were being bought and sold?

- 1 ALL OF THEM
- 2 MOST OF THEM
- 3 ABOUT HALF OF THEM
- 4 SOME OF THEM
- 5 NONE OF THEM

C. In a place where prostitutes were soliciting clients?

- 1 ALL OF THEM
- 2 MOST OF THEM
- 3 ABOUT HALF OF THEM
- 4 SOME OF THEM
- 5 NONE OF THEM

6. How old were you when you first became homeless? _____ (YEARS)

[IF R ASKS:] By homeless, I mean that you had no regular place to live for a week or longer or that you had no regular place to return to after leaving a shelter, like your own house, apartment or room, or your family's home. Instead you had to stay temporarily with family or friends when you had nowhere else to go, or stay in a shelter or treatment facility such as a hospital, or in an abandoned building, all-night theater, car, outdoors, or another such place.

[Time spent in jail or prison does not count as time being homeless.]

7. In your entire life, what is the total number of times you have been homeless?

[Include the present episode]

_____ TIMES

[An episode of homelessness ends when a person has a single place to live for a week or longer.]

- 77 – DON'T KNOW
- 97 - 97 OR MORE TIMES
- 98 - TOO MANY TO REMEMBER
- 99 – NO ANSWER

Checkpoint:

If R says that she has been homeless only once check here _____

8. How many of these times have been in the last 5 years? _____ TIMES

9. In your entire life, what is the longest single period of time you have been homeless (your longest episode of homeless)?

(a) _____ (b) _____
YEARS MONTHS

00 01 - ≤ ONE MONTH
99 99 - NO ANSWER
77 77 - DON'T KNOW

10. In what year did that longest period of homelessness begin? _____

77 77 - DON'T KNOW

11. In your entire life, what is the total amount of time you have been homeless?

_____ YEARS _____ MONTHS **[Get R's best approximation]**

00 01 - ≤ ONE MONTH 99 99 - NO ANSWER

12. Now I would like to ask you some questions about the first time you became homeless. Before you first became homeless, what type of residence were you living in?

- 1 – HOTEL, MOTEL, OTHER TEMPORARY HOUSING
- 2 – YOUR OWN APARTMENT OR HOUSE
- 3 - PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S APARTMENT OR HOUSE
- 4 - SOMEONE ELSE'S APARTMENT OR HOUSE
- 5 - GROUP HOME OR OTHER INSTITUTIONAL SETTING
- 6 - FOSTER CARE
- 7 - JAIL OR PRISON
- 8 - CORRECTIONS HALFWAY HOUSE
- 9 - OTHER _____
- 99 - NO ANSWER

13. Who were you living with before you first became homeless?

[If respondent has only been homeless once, these questions refer to this period of homelessness]

[Circle as many as apply]

- 1 I WAS LIVING ALONE
- 2 WITH SPOUSE OR ROMANTIC PARTNER
- 3 WITH MY CHILDREN
- 4 WITH MY PARENT OR PARENTS
- 5 WITH A GUARDIAN (FOSTER CARE)
- 6 WITH OTHER RELATIVES
- 7 WITH FRIENDS
- 8 OTHER _____

14. Now I am going to ask you about some reasons people have for leaving their residences. What led you to leave your residence the first time you became homeless?

[NOTE: You are asking here about R's understanding or perception about why she became homeless, not the "true" or "real" reason.]

15. Now I am going to ask you some questions about your current episode of homelessness. Before your current episode of homelessness, what type of residence did you live in?

[If client has only been homeless one time circle code as 88 and skip to Q. 18]

- 1 – HOTEL, MOTEL, OTHER TEMPORARY HOUSING
- 2 – YOUR OWN APARTMENT OR HOUSE
- 3 - PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S APARTMENT OR HOUSE
- 4 - SOMEONE ELSE'S APARTMENT OR HOUSE
- 5 - GROUP HOME OR OTHER INSTITUTIONAL SETTING
- 6 - FOSTER CARE
- 7 - JAIL OR PRISON
- 8 - CORRECTIONS HALFWAY HOUSE
- 9 - OTHER _____

88- ONLY HOMELESS ONE TIME

99 - NO ANSWER

16. Just before your current episode of homelessness, were you living with any of the following people?

[Circle as many as apply]

- 1 I WAS LIVING ALONE
- 2 WITH SPOUSE OR ROMANTIC PARTNER
- 3 WITH MY CHILDREN
- 4 WITH MY PARENT OR PARENTS
- 5 WITH A GUARDIAN (FOSTER CARE)
- 6 WITH OTHER RELATIVES
- 7 WITH FRIENDS
- 8 OTHER _____

17. What led you to become homeless this most recent time?

[NOTE: You are asking here about R's understanding or perception about why she became homeless, not the "true" or "real" reason]

18. Are you currently homeless by yourself, or is there an adult partner or children who are homeless with you?

- 1 HOMELESS BY MYSELF
- 2 HOMELESS WITH AN ADULT PARTNER, NO CHILDREN
- 3 HOMELESS WITH CHILDREN, NO ADULT PARTNER
- 4 HOMELESS WITH BOTH AN ADULT PARTNER AND CHILDREN
- 5 OTHER _____

CHECKPOINT:

IF RESPONDENT IS HOMELESS WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS CHECK HERE _____.

RESPONDENT SHOULD ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PARTNER SHE FEELS CLOSEST TO.

[f R is homeless with an adult partner, ask Q. 19-30. If R is not homeless with a partner skip to Q. 31]

19. Is your adult partner a man or a woman?

- 0 MAN
- 1 WOMAN
- 9 REFUSED

20. What is your relationship to your adult partner?

- 1 HUSBAND
- 2 INTIMATE PARTNER, NOT MY HUSBAND
- 3 RELATIVE
- 4 FRIEND
- 5 OTHER _____

21. Is your adult partner...

	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>
A heavy drinker?	0	1	7	9
A drug user?	0	1	7	9
A violent person?	0	1	7	9
Verbally abusive to you?	0	1	7	9
Physically abusive to you?	0	1	7	9

22. About how long have you been with this partner?

- 1 MORE THAN A YEAR →HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN TOGETHER? _____ YEARS
- 2 ABOUT A YEAR
- 3 SEVERAL MONTHS
- 4 ABOUT A MONTH
- 5 LESS THAN A MONTH

23. Has your relationship with this partner been continuous or off and on?

- 0 CONTINUOUS
- 1 OFF AND ON

24. Is this person the only partner you have had since you became homeless?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

25. When did you meet the person who is currently your partner?

- 1 BEFORE I BECAME HOMELESS
- 2 AFTER I BECAME HOMELESS

26. Thinking about your relationship with your current partner, who makes most of the decisions regarding your lifestyle?

- 1 I MAKE ALL OF THE DECISIONS
- 2 I MAKE MOST BUT NOT ALL OF THE DECISIONS
- 3 MY PARTNER AND ME MAKE DECISIONS EQUALLY
- 4 MY PARTNER MAKES MOST BUT NOT ALL OF THE DECISIONS
- 5 MY PARTNER MAKES ALL OF THE DECISIONS

[Interviewer: If partner has any say in R's lifestyle ask]

26a. What types of decisions does your partner make about your lifestyle?

27. How old is your partner? _____ YEARS

28. Is your partner currently?

- 1 EMPLOYED FULL TIME
- 2 EMPLOYED PART-TIME (# OF HOURS PER WEEK _____)
- 3 EMPLOYED IN A SEASONAL JOB
- 4 UNEMPLOYED BUT LOOKING FOR WORK
- 5 UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK
- 6 IN THE MILITARY
- 7 RETIRED
- 8 IN SCHOOL FULL TIME
- 9 SOMETHING ELSE _____
- 10 DK, REFUSED, ETC.

29. Is your partner involved in any illegal activities?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

30. How financially dependent are you on your partner?

- 0 NOT AT ALL DEPENDENT
- 1 SOMEWHAT DEPENDENT
- 2 COMPLETELY DEPENDENT

[If R is homeless with a child or children, ask Q. 31-37. If not homeless with a child or children skip to Q. 38]

31. Can you please tell me the age and sex of each child who is homeless with you?

	Age	Sex		Biological Child	Relationship to You		
		Male	Female		Step Child	Grand Child	Other
Child #1	_____	M	F	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child #2	_____	M	F	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child #3	_____	M	F	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child #4	_____	M	F	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child #5	_____	M	F	_____	_____	_____	_____

32. Are any of your children currently enrolled in school?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES (Which children _____)

[IF NO PARTNER, SKIP TO Q38]

33. Is your adult partner verbally abusive to you in front of the children?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 8 NA – NO PARTNER
- 9 REFUSED

34. Is your adult partner physically abusive to you in front of the children?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 8 NA – NO PARTNER
- 9 REFUSED

[Interviewer: Ask Q. 35 only if current adult partner is a man. If current partner is a woman skip to Q. 36]

35. Is your current adult partner the father of your child(ren)?

- 1 FATHER OF ALL OF MY CHILDREN
- 2 FATHER OF SOME OF MY CHILDREN
- 3 NOT THE FATHER OF ANY OF MY CHILDREN
- 7 DK
- 8 NA – NO PARTNER
- 9 REFUSED

36. Has your current adult partner been verbally abusive to any of your children?

- 1 YES, TO ALL OF MY CHILDREN
- 2 YES, TO SOME OF MY CHILDREN
- 3 NO
- 7 DK
- 8 NA - NO PARTNER
- 9 REFUSED

37. Has your current adult partner been physically abusive to any of your children?

- 1 YES, TO ALL OF MY CHILDREN
- 2 YES, TO SOME OF MY CHILDREN
- 3 NO
- 7 DK
- 8 NA – NO PARTNER
- 9 REFUSED

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your personal background, your family situation when you were a child, and so on.

38. First, think back to the earliest part of your life that you can remember; when you were a very young child. Who did you live with at that time?

[Interviewer: DO NOT read this list of categories. Instead circle the appropriate category as reported by the respondent]

- 1 BIOLOGICAL MOTHER ONLY
- 2 BIOLOGICAL FATHER ONLY
- 3 BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND FATHER
- 4 ONE BIOLOGICAL PARENT AND ANOTHER ADULT
- 5 ADOPTIVE PARENT OR PARENTS
- 6 FOSTER PARENT OR PARENTS
- 7 RELATIVES → WHO? _____
- 8 FOSTER HOME
- 9 ORPHANAGE
- 10 SOME OTHER INSTITUTION
- 11 FRIENDS
- 12 OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____
- 77 DK, CAN'T REMEMBER
- 99 REFUSED

39. Altogether, how many people other than yourself lived in the household?
[If number changed over time, ascertain what was most typical.]

_____ PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD

40. Were any of the people who lived in the household with you your own brothers or sisters?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

41. Were any of them related to you in any other way?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

42. About how long did you live in the household that you just described?

_____ YEARS

[If answer is ALL OF MY CHILDHOOD or UNTIL I LEFT HOME, code as 99 and skip to Q. 44]

43. Then where did you live next? And after that?

[Probe as necessary to reconstruct client's living situation from the original arrangement up until the time she left home.]

44. Did you ever leave your childhood home because of violence or abuse?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

[If R left home because of violence or abuse ask 44a]

44a. Can you tell me more about the violence or abuse that resulted in you leaving your childhood home? **[Interviewer probe as necessary to find out what type of violence or abuse occurred and the relationship between the respondent and the person or persons who were violent or abusive toward them and if they ran away or were kicked out of their home]**

[Ask only if the answers are not obvious from what has already been said. If the answers are obvious, enter the appropriate codes below]

45. Were your biological mother and father ever married?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

[If biological parents were married ask Q. 46; Otherwise go to Q. 47]

46. Were your biological mother and father ever divorced, separated, or widowed?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES →
HOW MANY TIMES DID THEY SEPARATE OR DIVORCE EACH OTHER? _____
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

47. During your childhood, did the adults in your household ever yell at each other?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

48. During your childhood did the adults in your household ever hit each other?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

49. How would you characterize your own childhood? Would you say your childhood was:

- 5 VERY HAPPY
- 4 HAPPY
- 3 SO-SO
- 2 UNHAPPY
- 1 VERY UNHAPPY
- 7 DK, CAN'T REMEMBER
- 9 REFUSED

50. When you were a child, did any parent, step-parent, guardian, or other person:
[Read each of the acts listed below]
[If respondent says it happened to them, ask them who did it to them. Then ask how often it occurred]

- Who did this to you?
- 1 MALE PARENT, STEP PARENT, ADOPTIVE PARENT
 - 2 FEMALE PARENT
 - 3 MALE RELATIVE
 - 4 FEMALE RELATIVE
 - 5 SIBLING
 - 6 PRIEST, MINISTER OR RABBI
 - 7 MALE STRANGER
 - 8 FEMALE STRANGER
 - 9 MALE FAMILY FRIEND
 - 10 FEMALE FAMILY FRIEND
 - 11 OTHER

- How often did this happen?
- 1 ONCE
 - 2 TWICE
 - 3 3-5 TIMES
 - 4 6-10 TIMES
 - 5 11-20 TIMES
 - 6 MORE THAN 20 TIMES

OCCURRED	NO YES		HOW OFTEN	HOW OFTEN					
	0	1		1	2	3	4	5	6
Insult you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Swear at you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Humiliate or embarrass you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Threaten to hit you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Spank you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Throw something at you that could hurt ?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Push, shove or grab you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pull your hair?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lock you in a closet or tie you up?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hit you with an object?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Slap your face?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Kick or hit you with a fist?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Threaten you with a knife or gun?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Burn or scald you on purpose?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cut you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Threaten to kill you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Use a knife or gun on you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Choke you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6
Neglect you?	0	1	→ Who did this? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6

Beat you up?

0 1 → Who did this? _____ 1 2 3 4 5 6

51. What is your religious background, if any?

- 5 PROTESTANT
- 4 CATHOLIC
- 3 JEWISH
- 2 NONE
- 1 OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

52. How often do you attend church currently?

- 0 NEVER
- 1 LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR
- 2 ABOUT ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR
- 3 SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR
- 4 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
- 5 2-3 TIMES A MONTH
- 6 NEARLY EVERY WEEK
- 7 EVERY WEEK
- 8 SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK
- 77 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

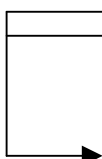
53. How religious or spiritual do you consider yourself?

- 4 VERY
- 3 SOMEWHAT
- 2 A LITTLE
- 1 NOT AT ALL
- 9 NO REFUSED

Now I am going to ask you a number of questions about your experiences with violence in your adult lifetime, that is, since you first left home. Before we begin, let me remind you that you can refuse to answer any question I ask. We can also take a break at any time. Okay?

54. First, as a homeless woman, how concerned are you about your personal safety? Are you:

- 1 NOT REALLY CONCERNED
- 2 JUST A LITTLE CONCERNED
- 3 SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
- 4 VERY CONCERNED
- 9 DON'T KNOW, REFUSED, ETC.



54a. What is your biggest personal safety concern?

54b. Is this concern based on your past experience being homeless?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

55. Do you ever carry something with you to defend yourself or to alert other people?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 58]
- 1 YES
- 7 DON'T KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

[IF R reports carrying something for self defense ask Q. 56-57]

56. How often do you carry something with you to defend yourself or to alert other people?
Would you say you do this:

- 4 ALL THE TIME
- 3 MOST OF THE TIME
- 2 ONLY SOMETIMES
- 1 RARELY
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

57. What do you carry? **[Read list, indicate YES or NO to each]**

NO YES

- 0 1 WHISTLE, NOISEMAKER
- 0 1 MACE OR SOME OTHER SPRAY WEAPON
- 0 1 KNIFE OR SHARP OBJECT
- 0 1 GUN
- 0 1 KEYCHAIN, KEYS
- 0 1 STICK, BAT, CLUB
- 0 1 DOG
- 0 1 MARTIAL ARTS WEAPON, KNOWLEDGE
- 0 1 CELL PHONE
- 0 1 OTHER _____

Now I am going to ask you some questions about unwanted sexual experiences you may have had as an **adult or as a child**. You may feel that some of these questions are disturbing, but I have to ask them this way so that everyone is clear about what we mean. Again, please remember that the answers you provide are strictly confidential.

58. First, regardless of how long ago it happened, has a man or a boy ever made you have sex by using force or threatening to use force? Just so there is no mistake, by “sex” we mean putting a penis in your vagina.

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 65]
- 1 YES
- 7 DON'T KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

[IF R reports being forced to have sex]

59. How many times has this happened to you?

_____ TIMES [RECORD NUMBER OF TIMES. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

[If answer is more times than she can remember code as 999, if answer is all the time code as 888]

60. How many men did this to you?

_____ [RECORD NUMBER OF MEN. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

IF JUST ONCE, ASK:

60a. How old were you when this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

IF MORE THAN ONCE:

60b. How old were you when this **first** happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

60c. How old were you **the last time** this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

61. Who did this to you? **[MARK ALL THAT APPLY]**

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Current spouse | 6 | A relative (Specify_____) |
| 2 | Former spouse | 7 | Someone else you know or knew |
| 3 | A man I live with | 8 | A stranger |
| 4 | A man I used to live with | 9 | A group of men |
| 5 | A boyfriend or date | 77 | Don't know, refused, etc |

62. Did you report any of these experiences to the police or other authorities?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 64]
- 1 YES

[If any incident was reported to police ask R what police did for the most recent incident reported to the police. Show R the card and ask her to indicate any of the police responses. Mark all that apply]

63a. What did the police do in response?

- 1 SEE YOU IN PERSON AND TAKE A REPORT
- 2 ARREST HIM OR TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY
- 3 REFER YOU TO COURT OR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
- 4 REFER YOU TO SERVICES, SUCH AS VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL CLINICS, LEGAL AIDE, OR A WOMAN'S SHELTER?
- 5 GIVE YOU ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF
- 6 TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE
- 7 SOMETHING ELSE _____
- 8 DID NOTHING
- 77 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

63b. How satisfied were you with the way the police handled the case?

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SATISFIED
- 3 DISSATISFIED
- 4 VERY DISSATISFIED

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DID NOT REPORT VICTIMIZATION TO POLICE]

64. Could you tell me the reason why you didn't report this incident to the police?

65. Have you ever felt that you had to have sex with someone to get something you wanted or needed?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES, A FEW TIMES
- 3 YES, MANY TIMES

66. Has anyone, male or female, ever made you have **oral sex** by using force or threatening to use force?

[If the respondent hesitates or seems unsure ask: Would you like me to clarify what I mean? If she wants clarification tell her: By oral sex we mean that a man or boy put his penis in your mouth, or that someone, male or female, penetrated your vagina or anus with their mouth or tongue.]

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 73]
- 1 YES
- 7 DON'T KNOW
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

[IF R reports begin made to have oral sex]

67. How many times has this happened to you?

_____ TIMES [RECORD NUMBER OF TIMES. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

[If answer is more times than she can remember code as 999, if answer is all the time code as 888]

68. How many people did this to you?

_____ [RECORD NUMBER OF PERPETRATORS. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

IF JUST ONCE, ASK:

68a. How old were you when this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

IF MORE THAN ONCE:

68b. How old were you when this **first** happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

68c. How old were you **the last time** this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

69. Who did this to you? **[MARK ALL THAT APPLY]**

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Current spouse | 6 | A relative (Specify_____) |
| 2 | Former spouse | 7 | Someone else you know or knew |
| 3 | A man or woman I live with | 8 | A stranger |
| 4 | A man or woman I used to live with | 9 | A group of men |
| 5 | A boyfriend, girlfriend, or date | 10 | A group of women |
| | | 77 | Don't know, refused, etc. |

70. Did you report any of these experiences to the police or other authorities?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 72]
- 1 YES

[If any incident was reported to police ask R what police did for the most recent incident reported to the police. Show R the card and ask her to indicate any of the police responses. Mark all that apply]

71a. What did the police do in response?

- 1 SEE YOU IN PERSON AND TAKE A REPORT
- 2 ARREST HIM OR TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY
- 3 REFER YOU TO COURT OR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
- 4 REFER YOU TO SERVICES, SUCH AS VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL CLINICS, LEGAL AIDE, OR A WOMAN'S SHELTER?
- 5 GIVE YOU ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF
- 6 TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE
- 7 SOMETHING ELSE _____
- 8 DID NOTHING
- 77 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

71b. How satisfied were you with the way the police handled the case?

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SATISFIED
- 3 DISSATISFIED
- 4 VERY DISSATISFIED

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DID NOT REPORT VICTIMIZATION TO POLICE]

72. Could you tell me the reason why you didn't report this incident to the police?

73. Has anyone ever made you have **anal sex** by using force or threatening to use force?

[If the respondent hesitates or seems unsure ask: Would you like me to clarify what I mean? If she wants clarification tell her: By anal sex we mean that a man or boy put his penis in your anus.]

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 81]
- 1 YES
- 7 DON'T KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

[IF R reports being made to have anal sex]

74. How many times has this happened to you?

_____ TIMES [RECORD NUMBER OF TIMES. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

[If answer is more times than she can remember code as 999, if answer is all the time code as 888]

75. How many men did this to you?

_____ [RECORD NUMBER OF MEN. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

IF JUST ONCE, ASK:

76a. How old were you when this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

IF MORE THAN ONCE:

76b. How old were you when this **first** happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

76c. How old were you **the last time** this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

77. Who did this to you? [MARK ALL THAT APPLY]

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Current spouse | 6 | A relative (Specify_____) |
| 2 | Former spouse | 7 | Someone else you know or knew |
| 3 | A person I live with | 8 | A stranger |
| 4 | A person I used to live with | 9 | A group of men |
| 5 | A boyfriend, girlfriend or date | 77 | Don't know, refused, etc |

78. Did you report any of these experiences to the police or other authorities?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 80]
1 YES

[If any incident was reported to police ask R what police did for the most recent incident reported to the police. Show R the card and ask her to indicate any of the police responses. Mark all that apply]

79a. What did the police do in response?

- 1 SEE YOU IN PERSON AND TAKE A REPORT
- 2 ARREST HIM OR TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY
- 3 REFER YOU TO COURT OR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
- 4 REFER YOU TO SERVICES, SUCH AS VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL CLINICS, LEGAL AIDE, OR A WOMAN'S SHELTER?
- 5 GIVE YOU ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF
- 6 TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE
- 7 SOMETHING ELSE _____
- 8 DID NOTHING
- 77 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

79b. How satisfied were you with the way the police handled the case?

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SATISFIED
- 3 DISSATISFIED
- 4 VERY DISSATISFIED

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DID NOT REPORT VICTIMIZATION TO POLICE]

80. Could you tell me the reason why you didn't report this incident to the police?

81. Has anyone, male or female, ever put fingers or objects in your vagina or anus against your will by using force or threatening to use force?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 88]
- 1 YES
- 7 DON'T KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

[IF R reports forced sex with objects]

82. How many times has this happened to you?

_____ TIMES [RECORD NUMBER OF TIMES. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

[If answer is more times than she can remember code as 999, if answer is all the time code as 888]

83. How many people did this to you?

_____ [RECORD NUMBER OF PERPETRATORS. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

IF JUST ONCE, ASK:

83a. How old were you when this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

IF MORE THAN ONCE:

83b. How old were you when this **first** happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

83c. How old were you **the last time** this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

84. Who did this to you? [MARK ALL THAT APPLY]

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Current spouse | 6 | A relative (Specify_____) |
| 2 | Former spouse | 7 | Someone else you know or knew |
| 3 | A man or woman I live with | 8 | A stranger |
| 4 | A man or woman I used to live with | 9 | A group of men |
| 5 | A boyfriend or date | 10 | A group of women |
| | | 77 | Don't know, refused, etc |

85. Did you report any of these experiences to the police or other authorities?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 87]
1 YES

[If any incident was reported to police ask R what police did for the most recent incident reported to the police. Show R the card and ask her to indicate any of the police responses]

86a. What did the police do in response?

- 1 SEE YOU IN PERSON AND TAKE A REPORT
- 2 ARREST HIM OR TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY
- 3 REFER YOU TO COURT OR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
- 4 REFER YOU TO SERVICES, SUCH AS VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL CLINICS, LEGAL AIDE, OR A WOMAN'S SHELTER?
- 5 GIVE YOU ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF
- 6 TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE
- 7 SOMETHING ELSE _____
- 8 DID NOTHING
- 77 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

86b. How satisfied were you with the way the police handled the case?

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SATISFIED
- 3 DISSATISFIED
- 4 VERY DISSATISFIED

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DID NOT REPORT VICTIMIZATION TO POLICE]

87. Could you tell me the reason why you didn't report this incident to the police?

88. Has anyone, male or female, ever attempted to make you have vaginal, oral or anal sex against your will, that is, by using force or threatening to use force, but intercourse or penetration did not occur?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 96]
- 1 YES
- 7 DON'T KNOW
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

[IF R reports attempted sex]

89. How many times has this happened to you?

_____ TIMES [RECORD NUMBER OF TIMES. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

[If answer is more times than she can remember code as 999, if answer is all the time code as 888]

90. How many people did this to you?

_____ [RECORD NUMBER OF PERPETRATORS. USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER]

IF JUST ONCE, ASK:

91a. How old were you when this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

IF MORE THAN ONCE:

91b. How old were you when this **first** happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

91c. How old were you **the last time** this happened? _____ AGE IN YEARS

92. Who did this to you? **[MARK ALL THAT APPLY]**

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Current spouse | 6 | A relative (Specify_____) |
| 2 | Former spouse | 7 | Someone else you know or knew |
| 3 | A man or woman I live with | 8 | A stranger |
| 4 | A man or woman I used to live with | 9 | Don't know, refused, etc. |
| 5 | A boyfriend or date | | |

93. Did you report any of these experiences to the police or other authorities?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 95]
1 YES

[If any incident was reported to police ask R what police did for the most recent incident reported to the police. Show R the card and ask her to indicate any of the police responses]

94a. What did the police do in response?

- 1 SEE YOU IN PERSON AND TAKE A REPORT
- 2 ARREST HIM OR TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY
- 3 REFER YOU TO COURT OR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
- 4 REFER YOU TO SERVICES, SUCH AS VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL CLINICS, LEGAL AIDE, OR A WOMAN'S SHELTER?
- 5 GIVE YOU ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF
- 6 TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE
- 7 SOMETHING ELSE _____
- 8 DID NOTHING
- 77 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

94b. How satisfied were you with the way the police handled the case?

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SATISFIED
- 3 DISSATISFIED
- 4 VERY DISSATISFIED

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DID NOT REPORT VICTIMIZATION TO POLICE]

95. Could you tell me the reason why you didn't report this incident to the police?

96. A little while ago, I asked you some questions about physical violence that you may have experienced **as a child**. **SINCE YOU BECAME AN ADULT** did any person, male or female, ever:

[If R asks]: By an adult I mean since you have been living independently on your own.

[If respondent says the action happened to her, ask her who did it and how often it happened; Use the codes listed below]

- Who did this to you?
- 1 MALE PARTNER
 - 2 FEMALE PARTNER
 - 3 MALE RELATIVE
 - 4 FEMALE RELATIVE
 - 5 SIBLING
 - 6 PRIEST, MINISTER OR RABBI
 - 7 MALE STRANGER
 - 8 FEMALE STRANGER
 - 9 MALE FAMILY FRIEND
 - 10 FEMALE FAMILY FRIEND
 - 11 A GROUP OF MEN
 - 12 A GROUP OF WOMEN
 - 13 OTHER _____

- How often did this happen?
- 1 ONCE
 - 2 TWICE
 - 3 3-5 TIMES
 - 4 6-10 TIMES
 - 5 11-20 TIMES
 - 6 MORE THAN 20 TIMES

	NO	YES	WHO	HOW OFTEN OCCURRED
Throw something at you that could hurt you?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Push, grab or shove you?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Pull your hair?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Slap or hit you?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Kick or bite you?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Choke or attempt to drown you?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Hit you with an object?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Beat you up?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Threaten you with a gun?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Threaten you with a knife or some other weapon besides a gun?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Use a gun on you?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6
Use a knife or some other weapon on you?	0	1 →	Who did this? _____	1 2 3 4 5 6

[IF R says YES to any of the above ask Q. 97. If R says NO to all of above skip to Q. 107]

97. About how many people have done this (these) things to you as an adult?

_____ PEOPLE [Record number. Use 99 for DK, refused, etc.]

98. Were any of these people women?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

99. Did you report any of these experiences to the police or other legal authorities?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 101]
- 1 YES

[If any incident was reported to police ask R what police did for the most recent incident reported to the police. Show R the card and ask her to indicate any of the police responses]

100a. What did the police do in response?

- 1 SEE YOU IN PERSON AND TAKE A REPORT
- 2 ARREST HIM OR TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY
- 3 REFER YOU TO COURT OR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
- 4 REFER YOU TO SERVICES, SUCH AS VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL CLINICS, LEGAL AIDE, OR A WOMAN'S SHELTER?
- 5 GIVE YOU ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF
- 6 TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE
- 7 SOMETHING ELSE
- 8 DID NOTHING
- 77 DON'T KNOW
- 99 REFUSED

100b. How satisfied were you with the way the police handled the case?

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SATISFIED
- 3 DISSATISFIED
- 4 VERY DISSATISFIED

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DID NOT REPORT VICTIMIZATION TO POLICE]

101. Could you tell me the reason why you didn't report this incident to the police?

102. Did any of these experiences cause you a physical injury?

- 0 NO
 - 1 YES, ONE TIME -----
 - 2 YES, A FEW TIMES -----
 - 3 YES, MANY TIMES -----
 - 7 DK
 - 9 REFUSED
- WHAT WAS THE INJURY? _____

[If R reports any injuries regardless of how often, ask Q. 103]

103. How serious was that injury (were those injuries)? Would you say they were:

- 1 VERY SERIOUS
- 2 SOMEWHAT SERIOUS
- 3 NOT TOO SERIOUS
- 4 NOT SERIOUS AT ALL
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

104. Did you receive any kind of medical care as a result of this injury (these injuries)?

[Circle all that apply]

- 0 NO
- 1 YES, OUTPATIENT (DOCTOR'S OFFICE, CLINIC)
- 2 YES, EMERGENCY ROOM TREATMENT
- 3 YES, HOSPITAL ADMISSION
- 4 YES, OTHER: _____
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, OTHER

[If R reports medical care as a result of injuries, ask Q. 105]

105. Was there any discussion about the source of your injuries with any of the medical personnel who treated you?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK

9 REFUSED, ETC.

106. Did you ever talk to a psychologist, counselor, social worker or any other type of mental health professional about this incident (these incidents)?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your background.

107. What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?

- 0 NO FORMAL SCHOOLING
- 1 8TH GRADE OR LESS
- 2 SOME HIGH SCHOOL, NO HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE
- 3 HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE, GED, NO EDUCATION PAST HIGH SCHOOL
- 4 SOME COLLEGE, INCLUDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
NO POST-HIGH-SCHOOL DEGREE
- 5 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE (TWO YEAR DEGREE)
- 6 BACHELOR'S DEGREE (FOUR YEAR DEGREE)
- 7 POST-GRADUATE DEGREE
- 77 DK
- 99 REFUSED, ETC.

108. Which of the following categories best describes your racial or ethnic background?

- 1 WHITE
- 2 BLACK OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN
- 3 HISPANIC OR LATINO
- 4 ASIAN
- 5 ALL OTHER

**[CHECKPOINT:
If respondent considers herself bi-racial check here _____ then ask her to choose
the categories that best describe her racial or ethnic background]**

[If Hispanic or Latino ask]

109. Which of these groups best describes your own ethnic identification

- 1 PUERTO RICAN
- 2 MEXICAN
- 3 MEXICAN AMERICAN
- 4 CUBAN
- 5 CUBAN AMERICAN
- 6 DOMINICAN
- 7 CENTRAL AMERICAN
- 8 SOUTH AMERICAN
- 9 SOME OTHER GROUP (SPECIFY _____)

110. Regardless of whether they are currently with you or not, how many children have you ever had?

_____ Number of Children [use 99 for DK, REFUSED, etc.]

[If R reports that she has no children skip to Q. 112]

111. How old were you when you had your first child?

_____ YEARS [use 99 for DK, Refused, Etc]

Now I would like to ask you some questions about your current and past relationships.

112. First, what is your **current** marital status? Are you:

- 1 MARRIED
- 2 COHABITING, LIVING WITH, COMMON LAW MARRIAGE
- 3 DIVORCED
- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 WIDOWED
- 6 SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED [GO TO Q. 114]
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

113. How many times, altogether, have you been married?

_____ TIMES [Use 99 for Refused, DK, etc]

114. Have you ever lived as a couple with a man, whether he was your legal husband or not?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

115. Are you currently living as a couple with a woman?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES [**Skip to Q. 117**]
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

116. Have you ever lived as a couple with a woman?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

117. Are you currently romantically involved with any women with whom you are not living as a couple?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

118. Are you currently homeless because of violence or abuse committed against you by an adult partner in your last residence?

- 1 YES, THAT IS THE MAIN REASON WHY I AM HOMELESS
- 2 YES, THAT IS ONE REASON, NOT THE ONLY REASON
- 3 NO, NOT A FACTOR
- 9 DK, REFUSED, ETC.

119. The following questions are about your adult partner--a husband or the adult you live with, at least part of the time, as a couple. If you currently have an adult partner, think of that person when answering these questions. If you currently do **not** have an adult partner, think of your last adult partner when answering these questions. If you have **never had** an adult partner, we'll skip these questions altogether. Would you say your adult partner:

[Check here if never had an adult partner _____ and skip to Q. 122]

[Interviewer: Indicate if respondent is talking about _____ current or _____ former partner]

	Almost Always	Often	Sometimes	Never	DK
Has a hard time seeing things from your viewpoint	4	3	2	1	7
Is jealous or possessive	4	3	2	1	7
Tries to provoke arguments	4	3	2	1	7
Tries to limit your contact with family or friends	4	3	2	1	7
Insists on knowing who you are with at all times	4	3	2	1	7
Calls you names or puts you down in front of others ...	4	3	2	1	7
Makes you feel inadequate	4	3	2	1	7
Is frightened of you	4	3	2	1	7
Shouts or swears at you	4	3	2	1	7
Frightens you	4	3	2	1	7
Prevents you from knowing about or having access to money even when you ask	4	3	2	1	7
Prevents you from working	4	3	2	1	7
Insists on changing where you are living even when you don't need or want to	4	3	2	1	7
Threatens you with the safety of your children	4	3	2	1	7
Threatens you with the safety of your animals	4	3	2	1	7
Threatens you with the safety of your friends	4	3	2	1	7
Insists on you having sex without a condom	4	3	2	1	7
Prevents you from seeking medical attention	4	3	2	1	7
Disappears for a day or days at a time?	4	3	2	1	7
Leaves you alone without food, money or supplies?	4	3	2	1	7
Steals from you?	4	3	2	1	7
"Borrows" your credit card or money and does not pay you back?	4	3	2	1	7

120. Have you ever gone into hiding to escape your partner?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 9 REFUSED

121. Still thinking about your current or former adult intimate partner, would you say that person:

[Interviewer: Indicate if respondent is talking about _____ current or _____ former partner]

	Always	Sometimes	Never	DK
Carries a weapon	3	2	1	9
Buys or sells drugs	3	2	1	9
Is secretive	3	2	1	9
Does not respect officers of the law	3	2	1	9
Has a high level of stress	3	2	1	9
Has trouble keeping or getting a job	3	2	1	9
Has been in trouble with the law	3	2	1	9

122. Did you ever move out of a place where you were living because of abuse or violence committed against you by the person or people you were living with?

- 0 NO **[Skip to Q. 128]**
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

[If R reports having to leave her home due to violence ask Q. 123]

123. How many times has this happened to you in your life? _____ TIMES

124. How old were you when this first happened to you? _____ YEARS OLD

[If only happened once skip to Q. 126]

125. And how old were you the last time this happened to you? _____ YEARS OLD

126. Who was the person or the people who committed this violence or abuse against you?

[Mark all that apply]

- 1 SPOUSE
- 2 PERSON I WAS LIVING WITH AS A COUPLE
- 3 BIOLOGICAL PARENT
- 4 STEP-PARENT
- 5 FOSTER PARENT
- 6 CHILD OR CHILDREN
- 7 SOME OTHER RELATIVE (SPECIFY _____)
- 8 ROOMMATE
- 9 OTHER _____
- 77 DK
- 99 REFUSED, ETC.

127. What, exactly, did they do to you?

[Probe for details without being lurid]

128. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about being followed or harassed by strangers, friends, relatives, or husbands and other adult partners. Not including bill collectors, telephone solicitors, or other sales people, has anyone, male or female, ever:

[If respondent says it has ever happened, ask if it has happened in the past year and in the past month]

	EVER		PAST YR		PAST MONTH		DK
	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	
Followed you or spied on you	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Sent you unsolicited (unwanted) letters or written correspondence	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Made unsolicited (unwanted) phone calls to you ..	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Left excessive written or answering machine messages for you	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Stood outside your home, school, or workplace ...	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Showed up at places where you were, even though they had no business being there	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Left unwanted items for you to find	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Tried to communicate with you in other ways against your will	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Vandalized your property or destroyed something you loved	0	1	0	1	0	1	7
Forced or tried to force you to talk to them	0	1	0	1	0	1	7

[If YES to any of the above, ask Q 129-133. If NO to all of the above skip to Q. 134]

129. Has anyone ever done any of these things to you on more than one occasion?

- 0 NO **[Skip to Q. 131]**
- 1 YES → Has this happened on more than one occasion in the past 6th months?
 - 0 NO
 - 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

130. How many different people have ever done this to you on more than one occasion?

_____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE **[99 = DK, REFUSED, ETC.]**

131. At the time of the incident, was this person or were these persons: **[Mark all that apply]**

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | A current spouse | 6 | A relative (Specify_____) |
| 2 | An ex-spouse | 7 | Someone else you know or knew |
| 3 | A man or woman you lived with | 8 | A stranger |
| 4 | A man or woman you used live with | 9 | Don't know, refused, etc. |
| 5 | A boyfriend, girlfriend or
date you did not live with | | |

132. How frightened were you by these things? Were you:

- 4 VERY FRIGHTENED
- 3 SOMEWHAT FRIGHTENED
- 2 A LITTLE FRIGHTENED
- 1 NOT REALLY FRIGHTENED AT ALL

133. Do you think that person (those persons) were **stalking** you when they did these things to you?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC

134. Aside from any incidents you may have already mentioned, has anyone else, male or female, ever threatened to harm or kill you?

- 0 NO **[Skip to Q. 137]**
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

[If R reports any threats against her, ask Q. 135]

135. How many people have ever threatened to harm or kill you?

____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE **[99 = DK, refused, etc.]**

136. At the time of the incident, was this person or were these persons: **[Mark all that apply]**

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | A current spouse | 6 | A relative (specify_____) |
| 2 | An ex-spouse | 7 | Someone else you know or knew |
| 3 | A man or woman you lived with | 8 | A stranger |
| 4 | A man or woman you used to live with | 9 | Don't know, refused, etc. |
| 5 | A boyfriend, girlfriend or | | |

date you did not live with

[If respondent has children ask Q. 137-138. If R does not have any children skip to Q. 139]

137. Has any person or persons ever taken or threatened to take your children from you?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES → WHO? _____
- 7 DK
- 8 NOT APPLICABLE (CLIENT DOES NOT HAVE CHILDREN)
- 9 REFUSED

138. Is there a restraining order or injunction present between any person and your children?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES, THERE IS CURRENTLY A RESTRAINING ORDER OR INJUNCTION PRESENT
- 2 YES IN THE PAST THERE HAS BEEN A RESTRAINING ORDER OR INJUNCTION BUT NOT CURRENTLY
- 7 DK
- 8 NOT APPLICABLE (CLIENT DOES NOT HAVE CHILDREN)
- 9 REFUSED

139. Did you ever get a restraining order or injunction for protection because of violence or threats of violence made against you?

- 0 NO **[Skip to Q. 142]**
- 1 YES, JUST ONCE
- 2 YES, MORE THAN ONCE
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

[If R reports getting a restraining order or injunction, regardless of the number of times ask Q. 140 and Q. 141]

140. Who did you file the restraining order or injunction against? **[Circle all that apply]**

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 A current spouse | 6 A relative (specify_____) |
| 2 An ex-spouse | 7 Someone else you know or knew |
| 3 A man or woman you lived with | 8 A stranger |
| 4 A man or woman you used to live with | 9 Don't know, refused, etc. |
| 5 A boyfriend, girlfriend or
date you did not live with | |

141. Was this restraining order or were these restraining orders obeyed or violated?

- 1 OBEYED
- 2 VIOLATED
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

142. Did you ever file criminal charges against someone because of violence or threats of violence made against you?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 144]
- 1 YES, JUST ONCE
- 2 YES, MORE THAN ONCE
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

[If R indicates this has happened more than once she should focus on the most recent incident]

143. What happened as a result of these charges?

- 1 PERSON WAS CONVICTED
- 2 PERSON PLED GUILTY
- 3 PERSON WAS ACQUITTED (WAS NOT FOUND GUILTY)
- 4 CHARGES WERE DROPPED
- 5 OTHER _____
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

144. Has anyone ever filed charges against you because of domestic violence?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 147]
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

[If domestic violence charges have been filed against R ask Q. 145]

145. Who filed charges? **[Circle all that apply]**

- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|----|---|
| 1 | A current spouse | 7 | A boyfriend, girlfriend or date you did not live with |
| 2 | An ex-spouse | 8 | A relative (specify_____) |
| 2 | A man you lived with | 9 | Someone else you know or knew |
| 3 | A man you used to live with | 10 | A stranger |
| 4 | A woman you lived with | 77 | Don't Know |
| 5 | A woman you used to live with | 99 | Refused |

146. Do you believe these charges were filed in error?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

Some women who have been victims of violence find it helpful to talk to others about their experiences. Others prefer to keep things to themselves. I know I have already asked you a lot of questions about your experiences with violence over the years, but let me also ask you...

147. Do you consider yourself a person who has been the victim of violence?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC

148. Has being a victim of violence ever interfered with your ability to get or keep a job?

- 0 NO
 - 1 YES → In what way?
-
-

149. Has being a victim of violence ever interfered with your ability to find or keep housing?

- 0 NO
 - 1 YES → In what way?
-
-

150. Which of the following people, if any, have you ever talked to about your experiences with violence? **[Mark all that apply]**

	NO	YES	DK
Crisis center, hot line	0	1	9
Shelter staff	0	1	9
Social services agency staff	0	1	9
Family, friends, or neighbors	0	1	9
Doctor, nurse, or mental health professional	0	1	9
Minister, clergy, priest, other religious	0	1	9
Law enforcement or legal person	0	1	9
Husband, boyfriend	0	1	9
Co-worker, boss, employer	0	1	9
Support group, including AA, N A.....	0	1	9
Anything else: _____			

151. Now I am going to ask you some questions about how you feel about yourself in general. For each question please tell me if you strongly disagree, disagree agree or strongly agree.

	SD	D	A	SA
On the whole I am satisfied with myself	1	2	3	4
At times I think I am no good at all.....	1	2	3	4
I feel that I have a number of good qualities	1	2	3	4
I am able to do things as well as other people	1	2	3	4
I feel I do not have much to be proud of....	1	2	3	4
I certainly feel useless at times.....	1	2	3	4
I feel that I am a person of worth at least on an equal plane with others	1	2	3	4
I wish I could have more respect for myself	1	2	3	4
All in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure.	1	2	3	4
I take a positive attitude toward myself....	1	2	3	4

152. Now I am going to read some statements that may or may not describe you. For each statement I read, you tell me if it is very true of you, somewhat true of you, or not true of you at all.

	Very True	Somewhat True	Not True
I am a violent person	3	2	1
I often make bad decisions	3	2	1
My problems are my own fault	3	2	1
I drink too much	3	2	1
I am strong	3	1	1
I cause others to be angry	3	2	1
I cause others to be violent	3	2	1
I am a bad parent	3	2	1
I am a bad wife or partner	3	2	1
I am confident	3	2	1
I am lazy	3	2	1
I am stupid	3	2	1
I am happy	3	2	1
I am ugly	3	2	1
My past negatively affects my current life	3	2	1

153. How often do you spend time with people who are drinking alcohol, even though you may not be drinking yourself?

- 0 NEVER
- 1 RARELY
- 2 OCCASIONALLY
- 3 FREQUENTLY
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

Well, we've talked about several different areas. Now I am going to ask you some more questions, this time about your use of alcohol during the past 12 months. If you have not had a single drink of alcohol in the last 12 months, tell me now and we can skip these questions.

Check the box if respondent has not had a drink of alcohol in the last year then skip to

Q.170 : Otherwise, continue with Q. 154.

[Since the 12-month time frame is difficult to keep in mind through the following questions, remind the client periodically that the frame of reference is the past year.]

154. When you drank alcohol in the last year, how many drinks did you usually have each day on which you drank? By drink I mean a shot of liquor, a bottle of beer, or a glass of wine.

- | | | | |
|---|--------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 1 DRINK | 9 | 9 DRINKS |
| 2 | 2 DRINKS | 10 | 10 OR MORE DRINKS |
| 3 | THREE DRINKS | 11 | ½ PINT OF LIQUOR |
| 4 | FOUR DRINKS | 12 | 1 PINT OF LIQUOR |
| 5 | 5 DRINKS | 13 | 1 5 TH OF LIQUOR |
| 6 | 6 DRINKS | 14 | 1 QUART OF LIQUOR |
| 7 | 7 DRINKS | 15 | OTHER _____ |
| 8 | 8 DRINKS | | |

[If R answered 4 or less drinks in previous question, insert 5 for **(AMOUNT)** in this question. If R answered 5 or more drinks in previous question insert the next highest category for **(AMOUNT)** in this question.]

155. Many people drink more than their usual amount on certain occasions such as social events. In the last year, how often have you had **(Amount)** or more drinks at a time?

- 1 EVERY DAY OR NEARLY EVERY DAY
- 2 3-4 TIMES A WEEK
- 3 ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK
- 4 ONCE TO 3 TIMES A MONTH
- 5 7-11 TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR
- 6 3-6 TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR
- 7 TWICE IN THE PAST YEAR
- 8 ONCE IN THE PAST YEAR
- 9 NEVER IN THE PAST YEAR

156. How much did you drink the last time you drank?

- 1 ENOUGH TO FEEL THE EFFECTS
- 2 ENOUGH TO GET DRUNK
- 3 ENOUGH TO PASS OUT

- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

Now I have a series of questions about your experience with alcohol. Remember that we are still talking about your experiences in the last year.

157. Has drinking created problems with you and your partner?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 8 NA – R does not have a partner
- 9 REFUSED

158. Has your partner or any other family member ever gone to anyone for help about your drinking?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

159. Have you gotten in trouble at work because of your drinking?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 8 NA – R has not worked in past year
- 9 REFUSED

160. Have you lost your job because of your drinking?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 8 NA – R has not had a job in the past year
- 9 REFUSED

161. Have you neglected your family obligations, your family or your work for 2 or more days in a row because of your drinking?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

162. Have you had delirium tremens (DTs), severe shaking, heard voices, or seen things that weren't there after heavy drinking?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

163. Have you gone to anyone for help about your drinking?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

164. In the past year have you tried to cut down on your drinking and failed?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES, ONCE
- 2 YES, SEVERAL TIMES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC

165. Do you typically drink alone or with others?

- 0 ALONE
- 1 WITH OTHERS (HOW MANY OTHERS? _____)

166. How often are you out in public while drinking or being drunk?

- 0 NEVER
- 1 OCCASIONALLY
- 2 MOST OF THE TIME
- 3 ALL OF THE TIME

167. Is the pattern of drinking you described for the past year typical or different from previous years?

- 1 TYPICAL
- 2 DIFFERENT →When did your drinking patterns change?
_____ Years ago

168. Do you think of yourself as a person who has a serious drinking problem?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

169. Have you ever been treated for alcohol problems?

- 0 NO, NEVER
- 1 YES, JUST ONCE
- 2 YES, A FEW TIMES
- 3 YES, MANY TIMES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

170. How often do you spend time with people who are using drugs or preparing to use drugs, even though you may not be using drugs yourself?

- 0 NEVER
- 1 RARELY
- 2 OCCASIONALLY
- 3 FREQUENTLY
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

Now I am going to ask you some questions about your use of drugs recreationally during the past year. If you have not used any drugs recreationally in the last year tell me now and we can skip these questions.

[If respondent asks: Drug use does not include drugs prescribed by a doctor unless they were used outside the doctor's orders]

[] Check the box if the respondent has not used drugs recreationally in the last year then skip to Q. 179 ; otherwise continue with Q. 171]

[Since the 12-month time frame is difficult to keep in mind through the following questions, remind the client periodically that the frame of reference is the past year. Also remind the client that these questions refer to illicit drug use and not the use of prescribed drugs UNLESS they were taken outside of the doctor's orders]

171. First I am going to read you a list of drugs. Please tell me if you have used any of these drugs recreationally in the past year. Remember that this information will be kept confidential.

	NO	YES
Tranquilizers, sleeping pills, sedatives, downers	0	1
Uppers, speed or amphetamines	0	1
Anti-depressants	0	1
Prescription pain killers	0	1
Marijuana, weed, pot, grass	0	1
Cocaine or crack	0	1
Heroin	0	1
LSD (acid), PCP or other psychedelics	0	1
Any others	0	1 (Specify_____)

172. Of the drugs you mentioned using in the past year, which of those would you say is your preferred drug? _____

173. During the past year, for a typical month when you were using _____ **[insert preferred drug here]** recreationally, that is outside doctor's orders, how frequently did you use it?

- 0 LESS THAN ONE DAY A MONTH
- 1 ONE DAY A MONTH
- 2 ONE DAY A WEEK
- 3 TWO DAYS A WEEK
- 4 THREE DAYS A WEEK
- 5 FOUR DAYS A WEEK
- 6 FIVE DAYS A WEEK
- 7 SIX DAYS A WEEK

8 EVERY DAY

174. Do you typically use drugs alone or with others?

- 0 ALONE
- 1 WITH OTHERS (HOW MANY OTHERS? _____)

175. How often are you out in public while using drugs or being high?

- 0 NEVER
- 1 OCCASIONALLY
- 2 MOST OF THE TIME
- 3 ALL OF THE TIME

176. Have you ever tried to cut down on your drug use but found you couldn't do it?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

177. Do you think of yourself as a person who has a serious drug problem?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

178. Have you ever been treated for drug problems?

- 0 NO, NEVER
- 1 YES, JUST ONCE
- 2 YES, A FEW TIMES
- 3 YES, MANY TIMES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

179. In your lifetime, have you ever over-dosed on drugs?

- 0 NO [**Skip to Q. 181**]
- 1 YES, JUST ONCE
- 2 YES, A FEW TIMES
- 3 YES, MANY TIMES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

[If R says she has over-dosed on drugs ask Q. 180]

180. Was this overdose or were any of these overdoses intentional?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

181. Whether by an intentional drug overdose or by any other means, have you ever tried to kill yourself?

- 0 NO, NEVER
- 1 YES, JUST ONCE
- 2 YES, A FEW TIMES
- 3 YES, MANY TIMES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

The next few questions I would like to ask are about your general physical health.

182. Do you have any chronic medical problems that require special attention or that interfere with your life?

[If R asks: Chronic = serious or potentially serious physical or medical condition that requires special care or that interferes significantly with R's life and activities (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, physical handicap, not minor allergies or wearing glasses). If R responds with some general medical complaint, symptom, or condition, ask if that problem interferes with her life.]

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC

[If R reports a chronic health problem]

182a. What is your condition or problem? **[Probe]** Anything else?

183. Are you currently pregnant?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK

9 REFUSED

184. Are you taking any prescribed medication on a regular basis for a medical problem?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

185. When was the last time you went to a doctor for a regular checkup (not for a specific problem)?

- 1 IN THE PAST WEEK
- 2 IN THE PAST MONTH
- 3 IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS
- 4 IN THE PAST YEAR
- 5 MORE THAN A YEAR AGO
- 6 NEVER
- 7 DON'T KNOW
- 9 REFUSED

186. Do you get a pelvic exam every year?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

187. Have you ever been physically abused when you were pregnant?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES → Who did this to you? _____

188. Have you ever had a miscarriage?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES → Was this a result of physical abuse?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

189. Have you ever had an abortion?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

190. Would you say your own health, in general, is:

- 4 EXCELLENT
- 3 GOOD
- 2 FAIR
- 1 POOR
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

191. Now I want to ask you some questions about your work history. First, thinking about the week before you came here, were you working full time, working part time, going to school, keeping house, just hanging out, or what? **[Probe as necessary]**

- 1 Working full time → **Go to Q. 193**
- 2 Working part time
- 3 Doing odd jobs, day labor, etc.
- 4 With a job but not at work (illness, vacation, strike)
- 5 Unemployed or laid off but looking for work **[requires probe]**
- 6 Just hanging out--no job and not really looking **[requires probe]**
- 7 Retired
- 8 Keeping house **[INCLUDING TAKING CARE OF SPOUSE & CHILDREN]**
- 9 In school
- 10 Other: _____

192. Have you ever had a full-time job, one where you worked for pay for more than 30 hours a week?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES → How long was your longest full-time job?
____ Months OR ____ Years

193. Do you think that your homelessness has affected your ability to get or keep a job?

- 0 NO
 - 1 YES → In what way?
-
-

194. How old were you when you first started living on your own – you know, working for a living, paying your own bills, things like that?

- ____ YEARS OLD
- 98 = still living with parent or guardian; “never”
- 97 DK
- 99 = REFUSED, ETC.

195. For most of your adult life, have you been more or less continuously employed in the same kind of job, have you had just a few jobs (say, five or less), or have you worked in lots of different jobs?

- 1 SAME JOB ALL MY LIFE
- 2 A FEW DIFFERENT JOBS
- 3 MANY DIFFERENT JOBS
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

196. Do you have a valid driver's license?

- 0 NO
 - 1 YES ----- Do you usually have an automobile available for your use?

 - 7 DK
 - 9 REFUSED, ETC.
- | | |
|---|-----|
| 0 | NO |
| 1 | YES |

197. Do you have a phone number where you can be reached?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

198. Is there anyone who contributes to your financial support on a regular basis in any way?

- 0 NO [**Skip to Q. 201**]
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

[If R reports someone contributes to her financial support ask Q. 199]

199. Who is (are) this person (these persons) who contribute to your financial support?

[Mark all that apply]

- 1 HUSBAND
- 2 BOYFRIEND, OTHER ADULT PARTNER
- 3 GIRLFRIEND
- 4 PARENT(S)
- 5 CHILDREN
- 6 BROTHER OR SISTER
- 7 OTHER RELATIVE (SPECIFY _____)
- 8 OTHER FRIEND
- 9 OTHER: _____
- 77 DK
- 99 REFUSED, ETC.

200. Does this assistance constitute the majority of your support?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

201. Just so we can better understand your financial situation, in the **month** before you came to this shelter, did you have **any** income from:

	NO	YES	DK	REFUSED
Your own employment or work	0	1	7	9
Unemployment compensation	0	1	7	9
Public assistance (welfare, food stamps, SSDI) .	0	1	7	9
Pensions, Social Security, SSI	0	1	7	9
Partner, husband, family, friends	0	1	7	9
Panhandling	0	1	7	9
Money you made from scavenging	0	1	7	9
Money from sale or pawn of personal goods	0	1	7	9
Any illegal income (drug sales, prostitution) ...	0	1	7	9

Any source of income I've overlooked? _____

202. Have you ever worked as a prostitute?

- 0 NO [Skip to Q. 205]
- 1 YES → Are you currently working as a prostitute?
 - 0 NO
 - 1 YES

9 REFUSED

[Interviewer: If R says she has worked as a prostitute ask Q. 203]

203. Did someone force you to work as a prostitute?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES → Who? _____

204. How long did you [have you] worked as a prostitute? _____
_____ YEARS or _____ MONTHS

205. Have you ever worked as a stripper or exotic dancer?

- 0 NO **[Skip to Q. 208]**
- 1 YES → Are you currently working as a stripper or exotic dancer?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

9 REFUSED

[Interviewer: If R says she has worked as a stripper or exotic dancer ask Q. 206]

206. Did someone force you to work as a stripper or exotic dancer?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES → Who? _____

207. How long did you [have you] worked as a stripper or exotic dancer?

_____ YEARS or _____ MONTHS

Now I need to ask you some questions about your legal situation. Let me remind you that anything you tell me in this interview is strictly confidential and cannot be shared with anyone other than the researchers.

208. Are you currently on probation, parole or community control?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

209. In your entire adult lifetime, have you ever done any of the following? [read list] [if yes ask] How many times? Have you been arrested or charged for the offense [If yes]: Were you ever convicted...?

[If R asks: Loitering is hanging out someplace where you are not supposed to be hanging out]

	Have Done		# of times	Arrested		Convicted	
	NO	YES		NO	YES	NO	YES
Shoplifting	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Vandalism	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Drug possession	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Drug selling	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Public intoxication	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Loitering	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Disorderly conduct	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Forgery	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Weapons offenses	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Burglary, larceny	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Robbery, armed robbery	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Assault	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Homicide, manslaughter	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Driving while drunk	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Contempt of court	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Child abuse or neglect	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1
Domestic Violence	0	1 →	_____	0	1 →	0	1

210. In your adult lifetime, have you spent any time in jail or prison?

0 NO

1 YES → How much time altogether have you spent in prison or jail?

___DAYS ___WEEKS ___MONTHS ___YEARS

7 DK

9 REFUSED

I have already asked you a lot of questions about violent crimes that have been committed against you, and also some questions about crimes that you may have committed against others. Now I want to ask you about being the victim of other kinds of crime. For example, robbery----

211. In your entire lifetime, about how many times would you say you have **[read list]**

	NEVER	or	Number of Times
Been robbed	0		_____
Been pick-pocketed	0		_____
Had things stolen from you	0		_____
Been seriously beat up	0		_____
Been stabbed or cut with a knife	0		_____
Been shot at with a gun	0		_____

98 = "too many times to remember
 99 = DK, Refused, etc.

[If R indicates that any of the above have happened to her ask]

212. Have any of these things happened to you while you were staying at a homeless shelter?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES → What happened to you at a homeless shelter?

213. Thinking about the last time you were the victim of a crime, could you please describe what happened?

[INTERVIEWER: please be sure to get such essentials as who was the offender(s), if known, location, time, what she was doing, what type of victimization, and other contextual factors]

214. What has been your usual living arrangement for the past year? Let me read you a list and you tell me which one comes closest to your situation:

- 1 With romantic partner and children → Is your partner MALE or FEMALE?
- 2 With romantic partner alone → Is your partner MALE or FEMALE?
- 3 With children alone
- 4 With parents
- 5 With other family (siblings, aunts and uncles, cousins, etc.)
- 6 With friends
- 7 Alone
- 8 In an institution → What kind? _____
- 9 No usual or stable living arrangement (on the streets, homeless, bounced around from place to place, etc)
- 10 Other: _____
- 77 DK
- 99 REFUSED, etc.

215. Do you spend most of your free time with family, with friends, or alone?

- 1 FAMILY
- 2 FRIENDS
- 3 ALONE
- 4 OTHER: _____
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

216. How many close friends would you say you have – you know, people you can trust, people you can count on to help you out?

- 0 NONE
- 1 JUST ONE
- 2 A FEW
- 3 MANY
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC

217. In the month before you came to this shelter, on how many days did you have serious conflicts with someone in your family?

_____ DAYS
99 = DK, REFUSED, etc.

218. In your lifetime, how many times have you been admitted to a hospital for any psychological or emotional problems?

_____ TIMES

97 = DK

98 = "More times than I can remember"

99 = REFUSED, ETC.

00 = "never"

219. In your lifetime, how many times have you been treated for any psychological or emotional problems as an outpatient in a clinic?

[If R asks: Outpatient includes sessions with counselors]

_____ TIMES

97 = DK

98 = "More times than I can remember"

99 = REFUSED, ETC.

00 = "never"

220. Has any health professional, counselor, social worker or other clinician told you that you have a psychological or emotional problem, or that you are mentally ill?

0 NO

1 YES

7 DK

9 REFUSED, ETC.

220a. If yes, what did they tell you about your psychological, emotional problem, mental illness?

221. Now I am going to read you a list of terms and for each one I mention, I want you to tell me if that term describes you very well, somewhat, or not at all.

ALL	VERY WELL DK	SOMEWHAT	NOT AT
Depressed	3	2	1 9
Anxious	3	2	1 9
Tense, uptight	3	2	1 9
Out of control	3	2	1 9
Suicidal	3	2	1 9
Confused	3	2	1 9

We're almost finished, just one section of questions to go. These questions ask you about how you spend your days and nights, where you eat and sleep, and other things like that. It may seem like I am asking you some of the same questions as before but it is important that we are clear on these matters.

222. First, right before you came to this shelter, where did you usually eat your meals?

[Interviewer: DO NOT read categories. Circle the appropriate answers and probe for more detail if needed]

- 0 AT HOME
- 1 AT A HOMELESS SHELTER
- 2 AT A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER
- 3 AT A RESTAURANT
- 4 AT THE HOME OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND
- 5 SOCIAL SERVICE OR FAITH BASED PROVIDER
- 6 SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
- 7 CHURCH MEAL PROGRAM
- 8 WHERE EVER I CAN FIND FOOD
- 9 SOUP KITCHEN
- 10 GARBAGE BINS OR CANS
- 11 I WAS OFTEN NOT SURE WHERE MY NEXT MEAL WAS GOING TO COME FROM
- 12 SOME OTHER PLACE (SPECIFY _____)
- 99 REFUSED

223. Where did you usually sleep?

[Interviewer: **DO NOT** read categories. Circle the appropriate answers and probe for more detail if needed]

- 0 AT HOME INSIDE
- 1 AT HOME OUTSIDE
- 2 INSIDE AT THE HOME OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND
- 3 OUTSIDE AT THE HOME OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND
- 4 IN MY CAR OR VEHICLE
- 5 IN SOMEONE ELSE'S CAR OR VEHICLE
- 6 ON A SIDEWALK, BENCH, OR UNDER A BRIDGE
- 7 IN AN ABANDONED BUILDING
- 8 AT THE BUS STATION
- 9 AT THE TRAIN STATION
- 10 IN A PARK
- 11 IN THE BUSHES
- 12 AT A HOMELESS SHELTER
- 13 AT A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER
- 14 SOME OTHER PLACE (SPECIFY _____)
- 99 REFUSED

224. Would you say you spend most of your days indoors or out of doors?

- 1 INDOORS
- 2 OUT OF DOORS
- 3 NO REGULAR PATTERN, "IT DEPENDS"
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

225. And how about your evenings? Would you say you spend most of your evenings...

- 1 INDOORS
- 2 OUT OF DOORS
- 3 NO REGULAR PATTERN, "IT DEPENDS"
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED, ETC.

226. With whom do you typically spend your holidays?

- 1 WITH PARENTS
- 2 WITH CHILDREN
- 3 WITH FAMILY MEMBERS (BROTHERS, SISTERS, AUNTS, UNCLES,
COUSINS)
- 4 WITH PARTNER OR SPOUSE
- 5 WITH FRIENDS
- 6 ALONE
- 7 IN JAIL
- 8 AT CHURCH
- 9 OTHER (SPECIFY _____)
- 99 REFUSED

227. Where do you get medical care and/or dental care when you or your children need it?

- 1 THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE
- 2 THE EMERGENCY ROOM
- 3 A FREE CLINIC
- 4 I CAN'T AFFORD TO GET MEDICAL CARE FOR MYSELF AND/OR MY
CHILDREN
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

228. During the day how often do you travel or go from one location to another?

- 1 SEVERAL TIMES A DAY
- 2 1-2 TIMES A DAY
- 3 INFREQUENTLY
- 4 RARELY
- 5 NEVER
- 7 DK
- 9 REFUSED

229. During the day how do you usually get from one location to the next?

- 1 ON FOOT
- 2 DRIVE MYSELF IN PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION
- 3 SOMEONE ELSE DRIVES ME IN PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION
- 4 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (BUS, TRAIN)
- 5 CAB
- 6 BICYCLE
- 7 HITCHHIKE
- 8 OTHER (SPECIFY _____)
- 9 REFUSED

230. During the day when you go from one location to the next who are you with?

- 1 I AM ALONE
- 2 MY CHILDREN ONLY
- 3 MY ADULT PARTNER ONLY
- 4 MY ADULT PARTNER AND MY CHILDREN
- 5 FRIENDS
- 6 OTHERS _____
- 9 REFUSED

231. During the evening how often do you travel or go from one location to another?

- 1 SEVERAL TIMES A DAY
- 2 1-2 TIMES A DAY
- 3 INFREQUENTLY
- 4 RARELY
- 5 NEVER
- 9 REFUSED

232. During the evening how do you usually get from one location to the next?

- 1 ON FOOT
- 2 DRIVE MYSELF IN PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION
- 3 SOMEONE ELSE DRIVES ME IN PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION
- 4 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (BUS, TRAIN)
- 5 CAB
- 6 BICYCLE
- 7 HITCHHIKE
- 8 OTHER (SPECIFY _____)
- 9 REFUSED

233. During the evening when you go from one location to the next who are you with?

- 1 I AM ALONE
- 2 MY CHILDREN ONLY
- 3 MY ADULT PARTNER ONLY
- 4 MY ADULT PARTNER AND MY CHILDREN
- 5 FRIENDS
- 6 OTHERS _____
- 9 REFUSED

234. When you need to pay for something how do you get the money?

235. How often during a typical homeless day do you encounter groups of people hanging out on the street?

- 1 ALWAYS
- 2 SOMETIMES
- 3 RARELY
- 4 NEVER
- 9 REFUSED

236. Let me read to you a list of places where you may spend some of your time during the day. Thinking about your typical day in the month prior to you coming here, how much time did you spend....

	A Lot	Some	Very Little	None	Refused
	3	2	1	0	9
1. AT WORK	3	2	1	0	9
2. AT SCHOOL	3	2	1	0	9
3. AT A CROWDED OUTDOOR LOCATION	3	2	1	0	9
4. AT AN OUTDOOR LOCATION THAT IS NOT CROWDED	3	2	1	0	9
5. AT A CROWDED INDOOR PUBLIC LOCATION (RESTAURANT, MALL, LIBRARY, ETC.)	3	2	1	0	9
6. AT A PRIVATE INDOOR LOCATION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- LIKE A FRIENDS HOME, OR HOTEL ROOM)	3	2	1	0	9
7. TRAVELING FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER	3	2	1	0	9

237. Let me read to you a list of places where you may spend some of your time during the evening. Thinking about your typical evening in the month prior to you coming here, how much time did you spend....

	A Lot	Some	Very Little	None	Refused
	3	2	1	0	9
1. AT WORK	3	2	1	0	9
2. AT SCHOOL	3	2	1	0	9
3. AT A CROWDED OUTDOOR LOCATION	3	2	1	0	9
4. AT AN OUTDOOR LOCATION THAT IS NOT CROWDED	3	2	1	0	9
5. AT A CROWDED INDOOR PUBLIC LOCATION (RESTAURANT, MALL, LIBRARY, ETC.)	3	2	1	0	9
6. AT A PRIVATE INDOOR LOCATION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- LIKE A FRIENDS HOME, OR HOTEL ROOM)	3	2	1	0	9
7. TRAVELING FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER	3	2	1	0	9

238. Thinking about a place where you spend a typical homeless day in the month prior to you coming here, how serious a problem were each of the following?

	NOT SERIOUS DK	SERIOUS	SOMEWHAT VERY SERIOUS	
Trash and litter lying around	1		2	3 7
Neighborhood dogs running loose	1		2	3 7
Inconsiderate or disruptive neighbors	1		2	3 7
Vacant houses and unkempt lots	1		2	3 7
Too much noise	1		2	3 7
Unsupervised youth	1		2	3 7
People drunk or high on drugs in public	1		2	3 7
Abandoned cars or car parts lying around ...	1		2	3 7

239. Thinking about a place where you spend a typical homeless evening in the month prior to you coming here, how serious a problem were each of the following?

	NOT SERIOUS	SERIOUS	SOMEWHAT VERY SERIOUS	DK	
Trash and litter lying around	1		2	3	7
Neighborhood dogs running loose	1		2	3	7
Inconsiderate or disruptive neighbors	1		2	3	7
Vacant houses and unkempt lots	1		2	3	7
Too much noise	1		2	3	7
Unsupervised youth	1		2	3	7
People drunk or high on drugs in public	1		2	3	7
Abandoned cars or car parts lying around ...	1		2	3	7

240. Thinking about a typical place where you spent a homeless day the month before you came here, which of the following were nearby? That is, which of the following were a couple of blocks or so away or closer?

[Mark all that apply]

	YES	NO
___ GROCERY STORE	1	0
___ INTERSTATE HIGHWAY	1	0
___ PUBLIC PARK OR PLAYGROUND	1	0
___ FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT	1	0
___ SIT DOWN FAMILY RESTAURANT	1	0
___ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1	0
___ LIQUOR STORE	1	0
___ FIRE STATION	1	0
___ NIGHTCLUB	1	0
___ CONVENIENCE STORE	1	0
___ APARTMENT COMPLEX	1	0
___ NEIGHBORHOOD OF HOUSES	1	0
___ CHURCH	1	0
___ LOCATION WITH GANG GRAFFITI OR GANG ACTIVITY ..	1	0
___ POLICE STATION	1	0
___ HIGH SCHOOL	1	0
___ NEIGHBORHOOD BAR OR TAVERN	1	0
___ GATHERING PLACE FOR PROSTITUTES	1	0
___ GATHERING PLACE FOR DRUG DEALERS	1	0
___ GATHERING PLACE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH	1	0

241. Thinking about a typical place where you spent a homeless evening or night in the month prior to coming here, which of the following were nearby? That is, which of the following were a couple of blocks or so away or closer?

[Mark all that apply]

	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> GROCERY STORE	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> INTERSTATE HIGHWAY	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC PARK OR PLAYGROUND	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> SIT DOWN FAMILY RESTAURANT	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> LIQUOR STORE	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRE STATION	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> NIGHTCLUB	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> CONVENIENCE STORE	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> APARTMENT COMPLEX	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> NEIGHBORHOOD OF HOUSES	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> CHURCH	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> LOCATION WITH GANG GRAFFITI OR GANG ACTIVITY ..	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> POLICE STATION	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH SCHOOL	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> NEIGHBORHOOD BAR OR TAVERN	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> GATHERING PLACE FOR PROSTITUTES	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> GATHERING PLACE FOR DRUG DEALERS	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> GATHERING PLACE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH	1	0

Well, that completes the interview. Is there anything I haven't addressed that you want to tell me about, or that you think I should know for the purposes of this study?

Thank you so much for your patience.

[Ask if R has any questions, explain the procedure for her \$10 payment, wish her good luck, and exit the interview. As soon as possible after the interview, but not while the respondent is still nearby, complete the last section of the questionnaire, field edit as instructed, and turn the completed and edited questionnaire into your supervisor]

Interviewer Debriefing

ID1. During the interview, was the respondent:	YES	NO	CAN'T SAY
Crying or upset?	1	0	9
Obviously depressed or withdrawn?	1	0	9
Hostile to you or to the interview process?	1	0	9
Anxious, tense, nervous?	1	0	9
Truthful in her responses?	1	0	9
Having trouble understanding, processing your questions?	1	0	9
High on drugs?	1	0	9
Drunk?	1	0	9

ID2. Do you think the information you obtained in the interview was significantly distorted because of:

Untruthful answers?	1	0	9
Inability of R to understand the questions?	1	0	9
Was the interview completed in a single session?	1	0	9
Was anyone but the R present at the interview? If yes? Who? _____	1	0	9
Did R have any visible injuries? IF YES: Please describe her injuries _____	1	0	9

Did R have any visible tattoos?	1	0	9
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ID3. How would you estimate R's overall intelligence?

- 1 Much more intelligent than average
- 2 Above average intelligence
- 3 Average intelligence
- 4 Below average intelligence
- 5 Much less intelligent than average
- 9 Can't say

ID4. How would you estimate R's physical attractiveness?

- 1 VERY ATTRACTIVE
- 2 SOMEWHAT ATTRACTIVE
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNATTRACTIVE
- 4 NOT AT ALL ATTRACTIVE

ID5. Would you say that the physical appearance of the respondent was...

- 1 DIRTY, SHE NEEDED A SHOWER
- 2 MESSY BUT CLEAN
- 3 CLEAN AND NEAT
- 4 IMMACULATE

ID6. Did the respondent seem mentally retarded?

- 0 NO
- 1 yes

ID7. Did the respondent seem chronically mentally ill?

- 0 NO
- 1 YES

ID8. Is there anything else you noticed about the respondent? [please describe]

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