Orgcode recommends the use of a streamlined script introducing the VI-SPDAT assessment.
For more details on why this is recommended, please watch the video paired with this training.

Introductory Script

- Name of surveyor and or/organization
- Simple yes / no / and single word answers are sufficient
- Some questions are sensitive in nature – consumers may refuse to answer any question
- If they do not understand any question – clarification can be provided
- Information collected goes into Contra Costa database (HMIS)
- What happens to the information
- Consent to participate
- The importance of honest answers

Sample

My name is [interviewer name] and I work for a group called [organization name]. I have a short survey that I would like to complete with you.

The answers will help us determine how we can go about supporting and housing you. Most questions only require a Yes or No. Some questions require a one-word answer. I'll be honest, some questions are personal in nature, but know you can skip or refuse any question. The information collected goes in to [data privacy requirements].

If you do not understand a question, let me know and I would be happy to clarify. If it seems to me that you don't understand a question I will also do my best to explain it to you without you needing to ask for clarification.

One last thing we should chat about. I've been doing this long enough to know that some people will tell me what they want me to hear rather than telling me – or even themselves – the truth. It's up to you, but the more honest you are, the better we can figure out how best to support you. If you are dishonest with me, really you are just being dishonest with yourself. So, please answer as honestly as you feel comfortable doing.

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