**Program Readiness Assessment**

Youth Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Date of Birth: Click or tap here to enter text.

IL Worker Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Assessment Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

To help determine the readiness of youth interested in accessing the ASSIST program, an assessment is **required** and will be completed jointly by the youth and IL worker. The ASSIST program is for youth who are developmentally ready to live independently or in a less restrictive environment.

If the majority of answers fall in the “Yes” and the “On the Right Track” the youth is probably ready to directly receive ASSIST funds (The IL worker must make the final determination). If the majority of answers fall in the “Still Learning” the youth will need support and may need direct payment to vendors or a combination of direct disbursement and payment to vendors. (The IL worker must make the final determination).

**Youth** please explain your answers as some responses will be used to develop your Independent Living Service Plan goals.

**Finances/Money Management**

1. Do you have experience in managing your own money such as allowance or income?

[ ]  yes [ ]  on the right track [ ]  still learning, Examples:

Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Do you have a checking and/or savings account?

[ ]  yes [ ]  on the right track [ ]  still learning, Examples:

Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Do you understand basic concepts of money management, such as counting change, avoiding late charges, balancing checkbook, saving money?

[ ]  yes [ ]  on the right track [ ]  still learning, Examples:

Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Do you have a budget for meeting monthly expenses, including share of rent, food, utilities, clothing, phone, transportation, personal items, child related expenses and entertainment?

[ ]  yes [ ]  on the right track [ ]  still learning, Examples:

Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Does your income cover all budgeted expenses?

[ ]  yes [ ]  on the right track [ ]  still learning, Examples:

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**READINESS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY**

1. Based on the readiness indicators above, the IL worker should determine which of the below best describes the Youth’s status.

[ ] **Yes, youth is ready for ASSIST:** assessment of knowledge and behavior items indicate readiness and he/she is able to manage funds. (Complete item B below)

[ ] **Youth is ready for ASSIST with help from the case manager, which could include life skills training:** assessment of knowledge and behavior items indicate readiness with assistance needed to manage money. *Specific goals will be incorporated into the Independent Living Service Plan to support Youth.* (Complete item B below)

[ ] **No, youth has not shown readiness for direct ASSIST payments; plan will be developed to teach youth how to manage money:** assessment of knowledge and behavior items indicate youth is not ready to manage own funds. *Specific goals will be incorporated into the Independent Living Service Plan to move towards readiness.*

 If youth is determined to not be ready – identify item numbers from assessment above which indicate a lack of readiness:

 *Section 1:* Click or tap here to enter text.

 *Section 2:* Click or tap here to enter text.

1. If youth is approved for ASSIST, youth [ ]  ***is***[ ] ***is not***approved to receive funds directly.

 Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.

 Youth Signature Date

 Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.

 IL worker Date