# Agency Admin. Meeting Thursday, July 1st, 2021



# Getting to Know You!



Would you rather know the history of every object you touched or be able to talk to animals?

## AGENDA

- Coc|Coordinated Assessment|UPLIFT Updates
- HMIS Newsletter
- SCC HMIS Website: Live
- User Satisfaction Survey Thank You!
- Highlight: Skill Jar Training Sessions
- Spotlight: HPAT & Job Readiness Assessments
- New Form: Bed & Unit Inventory
- HIC/PIT Data Review A Glance
- Reminders
- Next Month's Meeting



# COC UPDATES

### CoC NOFA

- We are awaiting the release of the CoC NOFA, but expect it sometime in July. Renewal grantees have already begun the process. We will share more information with the CoC when the 2021 NOFA is released.
- The CoC is working on our application for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program.
  - We are seeking youth and young adults (24 years old or younger) to inform the planning and priorities for our community. If you know of youth or young adults who are interested in participating, please reach out to Kathryn. Stipends will be provided.

### Please continue to spread the word about Rent Relief programs.

While the eviction moratorium was extended, assistance for unpaid rent and utilities is available now. More info, including eligibility, and flyers in multiple languages are available at www.sccrenthelp.org

# COC UPDATES

### **UPCOMING COC EVENTS**

Coordinated Assessment Work Group
 Thursday, July 8th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm

 Rapid Rehousing and Employment Initiatives Provider Meeting Thursday, July 8th from 3:00 - 4:30 pm

# COC UPDATES - Upcoming Events



# UPLIFT UPDATES

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Reminder:Vincent Nguyen is no longer with OSH. All UPLIFT-related correspondence must be sent to UPLIFT@hhs.sccgov.org!

### Q3 July – September

- Thanks for your patience as we work to fulfill your Q3 UPLIFT requests. For this quarter, we need ALL requests submitted in two ways:
- 1. In the Excel sheet template that was emailed to each UPLIFT HMIS user.
- 2. The usual process completing the Status Assessment and Enrollment as needed for each client in HMIS.
  - Effective this quarter, all passes must be picked up at the County Office of Supportive Housing (OSH).
     Please have one person designated to pick up all passes for your agency.
  - Pick up times are I Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. If you're unable to pick up your passes during the scheduled pick up times, please send an email and we'll try to accommodate you.

## UPLIFT UPDATES

## **Other Reminders:**

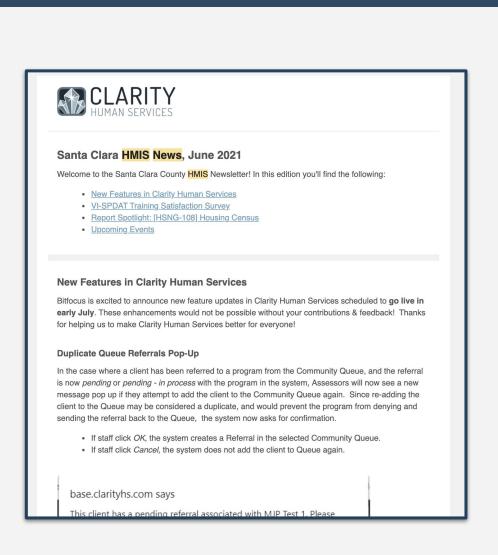
- Due to the recent tragedy,VTA Light Rail Service is suspended until further notice.
   Please contact VTA Customer Service at (408) 321-2300 for alternate trip plan information using regular bus service.
- Please ensure your users are exiting clients from your UPLIFT program if:
  - You are no longer requesting UPLIFT passes for the client, or
  - You are no longer working with the client, or
  - The client is no longer eligible for the program



# HMIS NEWSLETTER

## HMIS NEWSLETTER

- New Features in Clarity Human Services
- VI-SPDAT Training Satisfaction Survey
- Report Spotlight: [HSNG-108] Housing Census
- Upcoming Events



# NEW WEBSITE LIVE!

## NEW AND IMPROVED: SCC HMIS WEBSITE - LIVE!

(408) 596-5866, EXT. 2 SCCSUPPORT@BITFOCUS.COM

Home About Us 🗸 Training 🗸 Agency Admin Info 🗸 Resources 🗸 Forms and Manuals Contact 🗸

### Santa Clara County HMIS 128,096 Clients Served

#### Welcome to the Santa Clara County HMIS!

A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a secure online database that stores data on all homelessness services that are provided in Santa Clara County. Santa Clara County uses this data to improve the ability of local organizations to provide access to housing and services, and strengthen our efforts to end homelessness. All identifiable information is securely stored within the HMIS, and state-of-the-art security features protect the privacy of all clients.

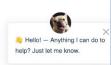


#### Highlights

Data Engagement Workshop (DEW): ROI Monitoring: Simple & Effective Way to Get It Done! Check out the details here!

#### Featured

Agency Admin Minutes: June '21 Agency Admin Minutes: May '21 Agency Admin Minutes: April '21





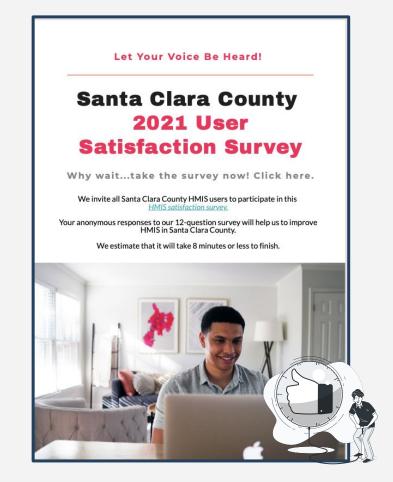
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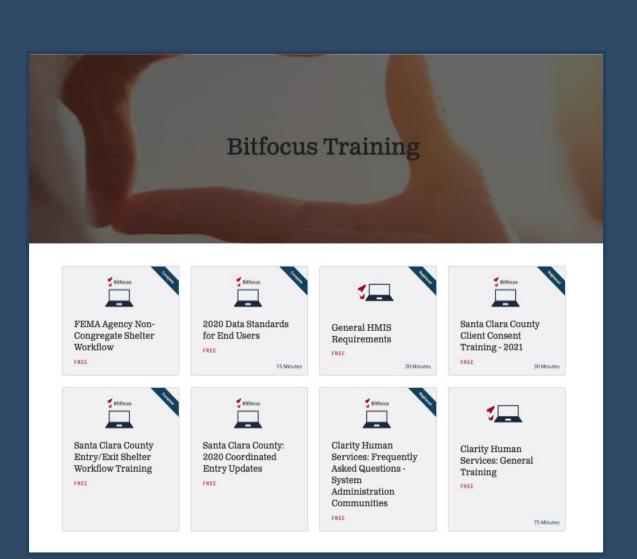
We appreciate you taking the time to submit your responses and for encouraging your staff to complete the survey!

Results coming soon!





# HIGHLIGHT: SKILL JAR TRAINING SESSIONS



### Do you need a refresher on a training or maybe want to learn more about a workflow?

### Check out the Bitfocus Training Site

- Please note you need to sign-in to access the trainings
- You can view the trainings as many times as you like
- You can watch part of a training and resume at a later time



# SPOTLIGHT - Assessments: HPAT & Job Readiness

## HPAT (Homeless Prevention Assessment Tool)

HPAT

Homelessness Preventior

#### Assessment Administration -

Interviewer's Name:	Agency:	Assessment Date: DD/MM/YYYY
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#### **Opening Script -**

Every assessor using the HPAT should use the same introductory script. In that script you should highlight the following information:

- Your name and affiliation (organization where you work or volunteer, etc.)
- Why you are conducting the survey.
- The survey questions are very personal. The reason you ask them is that the answers help you understand the risk factors and challenges that the family is facing, and will help you determine if they are eligible for assistance.
- The questions only require a Yes/No or one word answer. No additional detail is needed.
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- The participant can skip or refuse to answer any question. However, ski questions could impact the accuracy of the assessment.
- If the participant does not understand a question, clarification can be provided.
- Participants should do their best to answer all of the questions as honestly and accurately as possible.
- Tell the participant where the data will be stored (for example, HMIS or other database that you use).
- The participant should answer the questions for themselves and everyone in their household.

## What is the HPAT?

- Homelessness Prevention Assessment Tool that replaces the existing tool (the PR-VI-SPDAT) for the Homelessness Prevention System (HPS) programs
- This new tool is shorter, with only 9 questions
- There is only one version for both single adults and families
- This tool is only used for designated programs
- End Users need to be trained in using the HPAT before having access to administer the assessment

# Job Readiness Assessment

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### What is the Job Readiness Assessment?

- The Job Readiness Assessment is used to determine eligibility for the JobTrain Program
- The assessment does not require program enrollment
- The assessment may be administered multiple times if necessary to capture any changes reported by the client
- Only of a subset of agencies have access to this assessment
- Training for this is assessment is highly recommended



# HIC/PIT Data Review: A Glance

- Over 2,200 individuals counted on the Sheltered PIT count
- This is largest sheltered count to date due primarily to the COVID/FEMA Shelter Effort around the county
- 215 housing and shelter projects surveyed across 30 agencies

## HIC/PIT DATA REVIEW - AT A GLANCE



# New Form: Bed & Unit Inventory

As part of Data Quality, we have created the **"Bed & Unit Inventory Update"** form that will assist in this process of updating your programs BUI.

- Updating Bed and Unit Inventory (BUI) is a crucial part of ensuring your programs are up to date and are capturing changes that occur over time. And can help identify trends.
- BUI tell a story of capacity needs and utilization. Additionally, it is a large component of the HIC and LSA reports.
- Updating BUI on an ongoing basis helps to reduce the burden of time used during reporting periods.



#### Bed & Unit Inventory Update Form

It's important your agency maintain up-to-date and accurate data on one of the most fundamental elements: Bed & Unit Inventory. Changes over time should be documented such that a historical record of inventory is retained.

Minor day-to-day fluctuations need not be recorded, but differences due to significant changes in project operations should be entered as they occur to ensure the inventory record in HMIS is as accurate as possible, we encourage agency leads to make updates if there is a significant change in project operations. If there are no changes in inventory, you need only to confirm your inventory ahead of official HIC reporting. If you do that, the inventory will also be fine for LSA purposes.

Projects that provide housing rental assistance and have a fixed number of vouchers should determine the number of beds and units based on the number of vouchers currently funded and available for use.

Projects that provide emergency shelter or housing rental assistance vouchers and without a fixed number of units or vouchers (e.g., Emergency Shelter-hotel/motel project, Rapid Re-Housing, some scattered site PH-Permanent Supportive Housing) should determine the number of beds (and units) based on the maximum number of persons (and households) who can be housed on a given night.

If you have questions about how to fill-in this form, please reach out to the Help Desk at <u>sccsupport@bitfocus.com</u> for further assistance.

\* Required

# NEW FORM: BED & UNIT INVENTORY



# REMINDERS

## REMINDER: DEW - ROI Monitoring: Simple & Effective Ways to Get it Done!

- Thank you and/or staff for joining this workshop! (Thursday, June 17th, 2021)
   Slide Deck is available on the SCC HMIS Web page: <u>DEW</u>
- Please share any ideas you may have about upcoming topics of interest
- If you, or your staff participated please be sure and submit <u>DEW Survey</u>

## VI-SPDAT Training Satisfaction Survey

- The Office of Supportive Housing is seeking your feedback to improve the VI-SPDAT training.
- Please take 5 minutes to complete this brief survey on your own behalf and/or on behalf of your team(s)
- <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HZWS6S</u>
- The survey is anonymous, but please don't hesitate to share your contact information at the end if you would be interested in providing more detailed feedback and suggestions on how to improve the training.

#### **VI-SPDAT Training Satisfaction Survey**

Thank you for sharing your feedback to help us improve the VI-SPDAT training! Please answer on your own behalf and/or on behalf of your team(s).

1. What is your role as it relates to administering the VI-SPDAT?

I administer the assessment with clients

I oversee others who administer the assessment

I am not involved in the VI-SPDAT assessment process

Other (please specify)

2. How recently did you complete the VI-SPDAT training?

Within the last 3 months

🔘 Within the last 6 months

Within the last year

# REMINDER: Encrypted Emails - When To Use

### What is an Encrypted Email?

Encrypting the connection prevents unauthorized users on the network from intercepting and capturing the details of the email being sent.

### When to use Encrypted Emails?

- The goal of email encryption is to prevent all kinds of inadvertent release of sensitive data, whether it's because an unauthorized user gains access to the email communications channel or if an internal user accidentally emails it to the wrong recipient.
- When communicating confidential matters, such as personal data, client level identifying information; such as the clients name, address etc..

### When NOT to use Encrypted Emails

- Do not use encryption if you are not providing any PII for the client
- If you use the client's UID#
- If your question does not relay any personal data that is compromising

Though we understand the need for encrypted emails, when not providing PII for the client, please use regular email to communicate to the Sys. Admin Team and the Help Desk.

## **REMINDER:** Security Compliance Checklist

## If you have not already submitted your Security Compliance Checklist, please do so.

**SCC HMIS Quarterly** 

**Compliance** 

**Certification** 

**Checklist** 

Self certification form is

available on our website if needed - <u>please do not send</u> <u>these to us</u>; instead retain for your records

## REMINDER: Using the Help Desk

## When requesting the following please be sure and contact the Help Desk:

- I. End User Access
- 2. Update a users access after completion of the VI-SPDAT/HPAT required training
- 3. Verifying an end user has completed required training
- 4. When an end user has separated from your agency (make inactive)
- 5. Access to the SCC HMIS Training Instance/Sandbox
- 6. General Assistance with reporting

## **REMINDER: Office Hours**

Have questions about HMIS or Looker? Join us and get these questions resolved!

### **Clarity Office Hours**

When: Bi-weekly, Thursday Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

## Looker Office Hours

When: Bi-weekly, Monday Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm



## **REMINDER: SCC HMIS Training Site**

Want to Hone Your Skills? Use the SCC HMIS Training Site



### What you need to know:

- From the Training Tab select the End-User Help Center drop down
  - Scroll to the End-User Training Site
- Contact the Help Desk to gain access at <u>sccsupport@bitfocus.com</u>
- You should complete all required training as usual
- Practice entering client information and uploading docs. in an agency/program set-up to mirror your current agencies set-up in the live HMIS website

## **REMINDER:**Virtual Suggestion Box





Have ideas about enhancements and/or

additions to HMIS?

Have general questions you'd like to ask?

Drop it in your Virtual Suggestion Box!



# NEXT MONTHS MEETING: *Thursday, August 5th, 2021*

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