



King County HMIS News, January 2022

Welcome to the King County HMIS Newsletter! New Year, New Look - we maintain the great content you've grown to expect and hope you enjoy the revamped look and feel as we continue to elevate all aspects of the Bitfocus/Clarity Human Services experience.

In this edition you'll find the following:

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New Year, New Look

A Note from Bitfocus CEO Rob:



Happy New Year! I hope you and your loved ones had a joyful, relaxing holiday season. This is a particularly exciting time of year for me - a time full of both reflection and anticipation. As I think back on 2021, I am grateful. We have made it through another tough year of unknowns, adjusting to new challenges and proving to ourselves what we're really capable of. In 2021, King County HMIS grew to system of close to 100 partner agencies with over 600 programs. In addition, our Community Administration team provided approximately 75 trainings, office hours, and/or technical assistance sessions in support of HMIS. As I look toward the future, I am filled with hope - 2022 brings opportunity that is rejuvenating my commitment to ending homelessness.

I want to truly thank you for your trust in me and the whole Bitfocus team - your ongoing partnership is critical to the success of the King County HMIS and Clarity Human Services, and your commitment to our communities inspires me every day. So, here is to you. Happy New Year!

Robert Herdzik
Bitfocus Founder and CEO



Announcements

Thank You!

As you know, we are in the thick of federal reporting season for four critical system-wide reports and **we couldn't do it without you!** Our teams have been, *or will be*, sending requests asking many of you to update and correct data in

preparation for the Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA), HUD System Performance Measures, Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) reports. We very much appreciate your ongoing responsiveness in supporting this data quality process.

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How-to

Preparing Your HMIS Data for the Point-in-Time Count

Whether or not a community conducts Point-in-Time (PIT) **unsheltered** (“street”) count, the PIT **sheltered** count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness must occur. This year the PIT will occur on the night of March 1. **Data for this count comes almost exclusively from HMIS.**

It is critical that all emergency shelter, safe haven, and transitional housing projects in HMIS reflect accurate enrollments, exits, and night-by-night services for the night of March 1 as part of this annual count of households experiencing homelessness in King County.

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Spotlight

Report Spotlight: [GNRL-106] Program Roster

The [\[GNRL-106\] Program Roster](#) report is a simple yet powerful tool that provides a user-friendly list of clients and households enrolled in your programs, as well as additional useful information about those clients. You can also run a Program Roster for clients who were enrolled in the past but have exited your program.

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Upcoming Events

Check out these upcoming events!

PIT/HIC Data Lab Office Hours

- Wednesday, February 9 - 2-3 p.m. | Register [HERE](#).
- Monday, February 28 - 2-3 p.m. | Register [HERE](#).

Coordinated Entry Housing Assessor Training

- Wednesday, February 9 - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Register [HERE](#).
- Wednesday, March 9 - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Register [HERE](#).



Clarity Human Services Updates

New Features in Clarity Human Services

Bitfocus is excited to announce new feature updates in Clarity Human Services scheduled to go live **February 1**.

Key features include:

- A new way to re-open exited program enrollments
- New referral history tool tips to help explain the referral activity
- Addition to built-in data quality dashboard in Data Analysis
- Updated color scheme for Clarity Training Sites

These enhancements would not be possible without your contributions and feedback! Thanks for helping us to make Clarity Human Services better for everyone!

[Check out the details](#)

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