



King County HMIS News

September 2023

Welcome to the King County HMIS September 2023 newsletter!

In this edition, you'll find the following:

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Community Poll: Fall is here! What are you looking forward to?

September Community Poll:

With the change of season(from what seemed to come out of nowhere) we are eager to hear what you all love about Fall (if anything) **Access the poll [here](#).**

In next month's newsletter we will share the results with all of you!



Take the poll here!

Last Month's Community Poll Results:

Last month we asked you all what your favorite places in our community were.

Some honorable mentions were:

- The overlook at 35th Ave and Conover Ct
- Beacon Hill Food Forest
- Wing Luke Museum Food Tours
- Space Needle
- Geocaching



Announcements

HUD 2024 Data Standards - Coming next week!
Important Reminders

Paper HMIS Forms

As you know, the 2024 Data Standards will be live in the HMIS on October 1, 2023! **Paper HMIS forms have been revised and will be available on the website [HERE](#) by 10/2.** Please get rid of **ALL** old versions of these forms - **both paper and electronic copies** - and **ONLY** use the updated forms available on the website on 10/2. The forms will be available on the website in PDF & Word format.

Our recommendation will always be to enter data directly into the HMIS whenever possible. This is to improve data quality efforts in the HMIS and to reduce the burden of logging client data in multiple places (on a paper form and then translated into the HMIS). However, we know that sometimes direct data entry is not possible - especially when you are in the field meeting clients where they are. This is why it is important to know where to find the right paper forms for your program.

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2023 Federal Reports: LSA and System Performance Measures are Approaching!

The 2023 federal reporting season is approaching! Prep for two of HUD's major CoC reports will begin in October: the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) and System Performance Measures (SPM).

The Bitfocus team may reach out to verify or correct data about your program and/or clients. **Please look out for those emails and respond promptly.** We truly appreciate all of the hard work your community does to maintain data that is complete, accurate, and timely!

What is the LSA and SPM?

HUD's [Longitudinal Systems Analysis \(LSA\)](#) is a report submitted to HUD annually that includes a complex analysis across key projects participating in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS). The LSA replaced the Annual Homeless Assessment Report's (AHAR) data component in the 2018 reporting year.

HUD's [System Performance Measures \(SPM\)](#) focus on evaluating local homeless responses as a coordinated system of homeless assistance options. This data is reported to HUD annually and includes key indicators of a high performing system including length of time homeless, exits to permanent housing, returns to homelessness, and more.

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Training

Training Recap- August's Understanding DV & Safety in HMIS

On Wednesday, August 30, we hosted our annual DV & HMIS Training. We were accompanied by an amazing guest speaker, Jenn Dela Cruz from Coalition Ending Gender Violence to help provide an advanced overview of the current statistics and case management strategies for those who are entering the system fleeing Domestic Violence.



Jenn went over a few tips including, " DV 101", a broad landscape of advocacy and current providers that are connected to VAWA, and services that are crucial for survivors of Domestic Violence.

Jenn also listed a few key considerations for providers:

- *Your relationship is the intervention*
- *Survivors are the best resource for finding out what works and what doesn't*
- *The act of "surviving" is not always heroic*
- *Abusive partners only use the amount of force necessary*
- *Leaving doesn't always equal safety*
- *Be prepared that some survivors are not ready to leave*
- *Be prepared that even if a survivor is ready to leave, they may not have anywhere to go*

Bitfocus understands that privacy for vulnerable populations is of absolute importance. In the training, we went over steps on how to protect those who are survivors of DV, and how we utilize de-identified profiles in Clarity.

If you missed us, please be sure to check out training on the King County Bitfocus website by locating the training section and then by clicking on the 'Past King County Training Recordings' tab.

If you have questions, or want to learn more in-depth after watching the video, please feel free to reach out to our system administration team at kc-admin@bitfocus.com.



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Trainings & Events:

2024 Data Standards Training

In this training we discuss learning objectives, understanding the importance of data, and learning a bit more about the Data Standards in general, followed by a discussion of the impacts this has on your work practices. We will then complete this training with a walkthrough of available resources and next steps. The final learning objective is to gain insight to the specific changes you might see in the HMIS on October 1.

- *Wednesday, September 27 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)*

Upcoming Coordinated Entry - Monthly Assessor Credential Training

The Monthly Assessor Credential Training is hosted virtually on a monthly basis, and required once a year for all assessors. Come prepared to participate in a Racial and Anti Bias training, followed by an HMIS demo on your basic assessor workflow. The training is designed to help assessors of all levels (new & seasoned) identify and address bias, lead sensitive conversations with empathy, and help you and those we serve navigate through the HMIS system.

- *Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)*
- *Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. | [Register Here](#)*
- *Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)*

Questions? Your HMIS Administrator is happy to help.

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