



## Santa Cruz HMIS News

### October 2023

Welcome to the Santa Cruz HMIS October 2023 newsletter!

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## Upcoming Events

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### Housing for Health - HMIS Workgroup

Monday, November 27 | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | Register [HERE](#)

This monthly virtual meeting provides a regular opportunity for sharing related to HMIS implementation among all HMIS Leads and users. In this meeting, we discuss specific solutions to system issues end users may be experiencing, along with community-wide initiatives. We would love to have you join us! ***Please note that this meeting is required for HMIS Agency Leads.***

### Clarity Human Services Office Hours

Tuesday, November 28 | 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Register [HERE](#)

We host office hours every fourth Tuesday of each month. Drop-in for as long or as short as you'd like to ask any and all questions related to HMIS or Clarity Human Services. All users are welcome. Please join us within the first 15 minutes or we will assume nobody will be joining us for Office Hours and we will close out the Zoom meeting.

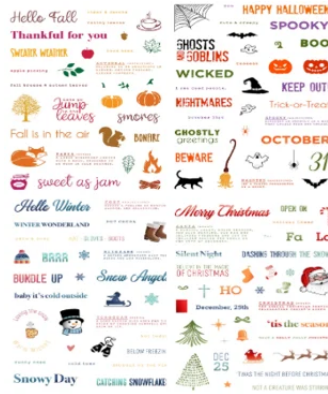


## Announcements

### Check Out This Fun Poll:

**As many holidays approach, what's your favorite fall to winter-time holiday?**

Click on [this link to complete the poll](#) and check out the newsletter next month to see what your colleagues said! Please note that your individual response is anonymous.



## Updates

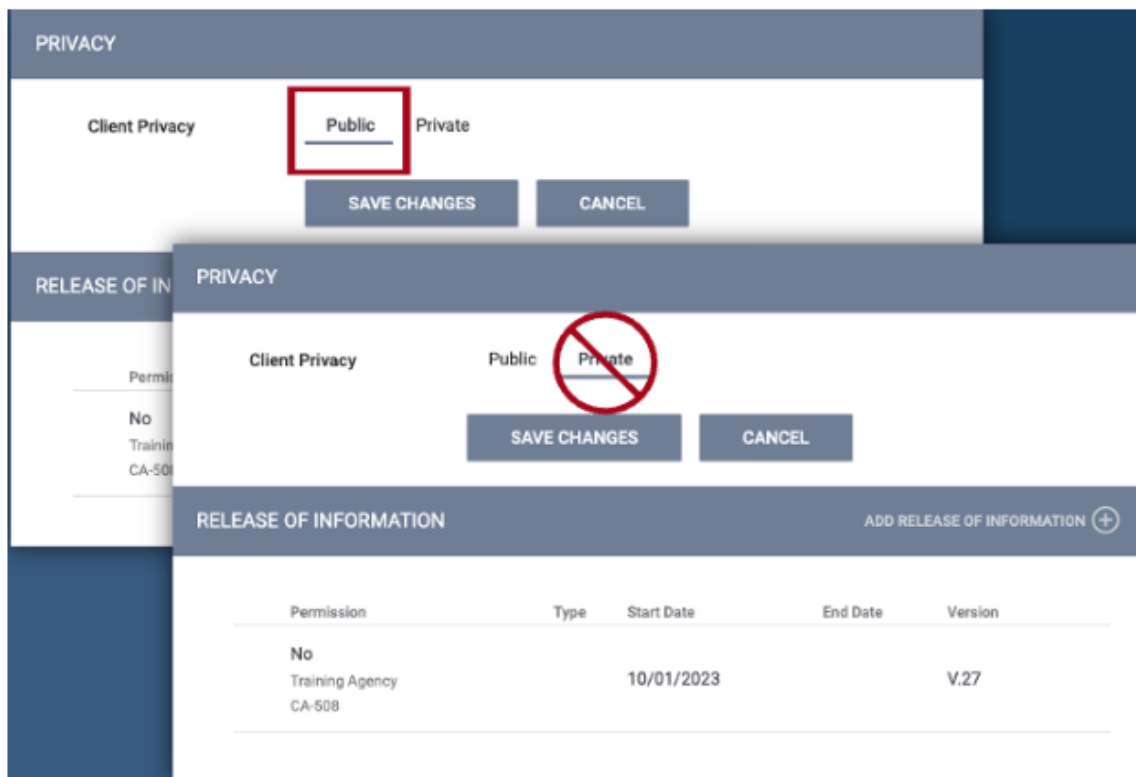
### HMIS Policy & Procedure Updates

Housing for Health (H4H) has made some important updates to its **HMIS Policies and Procedures**. These updates were discussed at the October HMIS Workgroup on 10/23; here are the [presentation slides](#) that were covered. Please read the following updates carefully.

#### Privacy and Security

Previously, HMIS privacy and security policies allowed for client profiles to be set as private upon new client creation. The new privacy and security policies **do NOT allow for client profiles to be set as private upon new client creation.**

***Please do not set any client profiles to private.***



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

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

### **What Can Your Agency Do to Prepare for LSA and System Performance Measures?**

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!

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## **Training**

### **HMIS Training Update**

#### **In-Person General HMIS Trainings**

Housing for Health is currently holding the first of its two-part required in-person General HMIS training series. These trainings will be held throughout the month of October and November and are being held in the computer labs at both the County's South and North County locations. Registration links are found below.

These trainings will be done online in the **HMIS training site**. All attendees must **log in to the HMIS training site** to confirm your account is active prior to

showing up at the training. If your account is inactive or you otherwise don't have access, you must gain access prior to showing up at the training. You should have received instructions for this in an email sent out by Melissa Sutton-Dement on October 2. Please reach out to [santacruz@bitfocus.com](mailto:santacruz@bitfocus.com) if you are unable to access your training site account.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own personal or work laptops to do the training on if that is your preference. Alternatively, you can use desktops provided by the County. If you plan to use the County's desktops, please submit a signed NDA to Loren White before the training.

If you did not receive the NDA or instructions to set up your HMIS training site account, please email Loren at [loren.white@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:loren.white@santacruzcountyca.gov).

#### General HMIS Module #1 training registration links:

- [10/25 1p-4p 1040 Emeline, Room 202 \(16-person capacity\)](#)
- [10/27 9a-12p W 18 Beach St, Room 194 \(19-person capacity\)](#)
- [10/31 9a-12p 1040 Emeline, Room 202 \(16 person capacity\)](#)
- [11/1 9a-12p 1040 Emeline, Room 202 \(16-person capacity\)](#)
- [11/8 1p-4p W 18 Beach St, Room 194 \(19-person capacity\)](#)
- [11/14 9a-12p W 18 Beach St, Room 194 \(19 person capacity\)](#)
- [11/15 9a-12p W 18 Beach St, Room 194 \(19-person capacity\)](#)
- [11/17 9a-12p W 18 Beach St, Room 194 \(19-person capacity\)](#)

Please contact Loren White at [loren.white@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:loren.white@santacruzcountyca.gov) if you have questions about any of the in-person HMIS trainings.

**Questions? Your HMIS Administrator is happy to help.**

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