PROBLEM SOLVING

ONE SYSTEM TRAINING

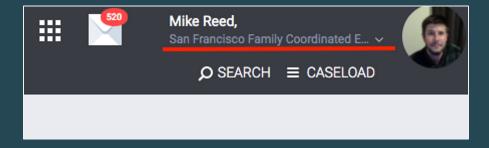


AGENDA

Switching Agencies & Joint Problem Solving-Coordinated Entry Enrollment	
Current Living Situation	
Problem Solving Screening	
Problem Solving Events	
Problem Solving Conversation	
Problem Solving Services	
Resolutions	
Uploading Files	
Joint Problem Solving/Coordinated Entry Exits	

Navigating ONE

- For Access Points: Problem Solving work should be done under the San Francisco Coordinated Entry Agencies
- For Family Shelters: Problem Solving work should be done under the agency you work





Joint Problem Solving-Coordinated Entry Enrollment

Problem Solving/CE Enrollments

Joint enrollment- Program names will remain the same in ONE.

Household seeking services must meet criteria under Homeless Status, Connection to San Francisco, and Household Type.

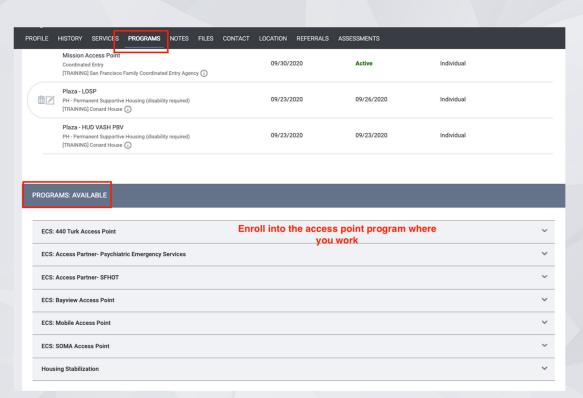
Access Point and Access Point partners can enroll eligible households in Access Point programs under the Coordinated Entry Agency.



Problem Solving/CE Enrollments

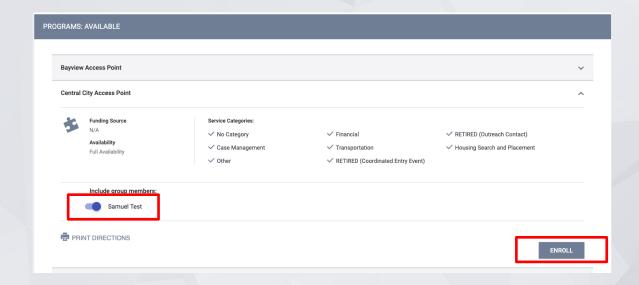
To enroll a household:

- 1. Go to HoH profile
- 2. Select the Programs tab
- 3. Scroll down to 'Programs: Available' section
- 4. Select desired program for household enrollment



Problem Solving/CE Enrollments (cont)

- 6. For households of 2 or more, be sure to 'Include group members' by toggling on the appropriate members
- Click 'Enroll'

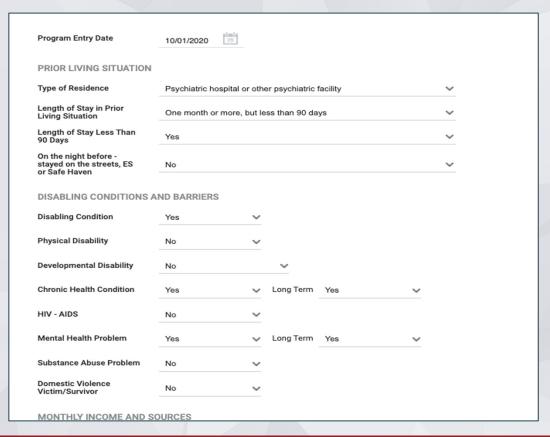


Problem Solving/CE Enrollments (cont)

Information may auto-populate from a previous enrollment.

Make sure the information is up to date.

Complete all fields; avoid using "Data not Collected, "Client Doesn't know, or "Client Refused" when possible.



Current Living Situation

- Required as part of the 2020 HUD Coordinated Entry Data Standards.
- Used to regularly document the following:
 The current living situation of people experiencing homelessness
 Homeless chronicity
- Used to understand how many times a person is engaged while experiencing homelessness.



*Current Living Situation Assessment is not required for Shelters



For CE record a Current Living Situation anytime any of the following occurs:

Project Start

Project start is the enrollment into CE.

A CE Assessment or CE Event is recorded

The CE Assessment is the Family or Adult Primary Assessment. CE Events are services that are categorized as a CE Event.

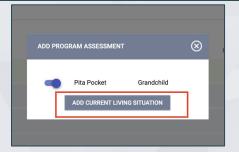
The client's living situation changes

If the client's living situation has changed since their last engagement.





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Enrollment History Provide Services	Assessments	Files	Forms	× Exit
Assessments				LINK FROM ASSESSMENTS
Current Living Situation				START



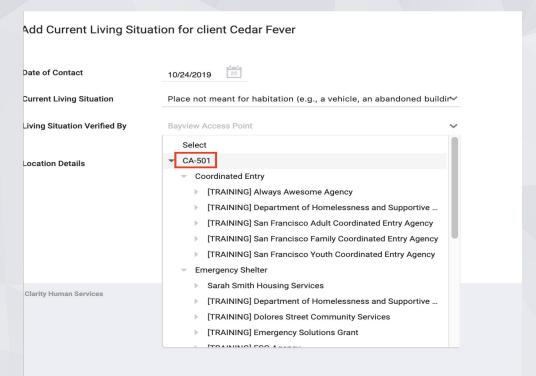
Within a program enrollment

- 1. Click on Assessments Tab
- Click to START a Current Living Situation Assessment
- 3. Select household members for whom you'd like to complete the CLS Assessment





"Living Situation Verified By" field should be the CE agency/program.





Add Current Living Situation for client Pita Pocke	populate based on t	he client'		
Date of Contact	10/14/2019 responses	Jiises		
Current Living Situation	Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility	~		
Living Situation Verified By	ECS: Bayview Access Point	~		
s client going to have to leave their current living situation within 14 days?	Yes	~		
las a subsequent residence been identified?	Select	~		
Does individual or family have resources or support networks o obtain other permanent housing?	Select	~		
Has the client had a lease or ownership interest in a permanent nousing unit in the last 60 days?	Select	~		
Has the client moved 2 or more times in the last 60 days?	Select	~		
ocation Details				



Problem Solving Screening

Problem Solving

WHAT IS PROBLEM SOLVING?

- Prevent people from entering the HRS and to redirect people who can resolve their homelessness without the need for shelter or ongoing support.
- Problem Solving is always the first attempt to resolve someone's housing crisis and is a continuous resource.
- Problem Solving Services & Events include:
 - Problem Solving Financial Assistance
 - Problem Solving Housing Location Assistance
 - Problem Solving Conversation

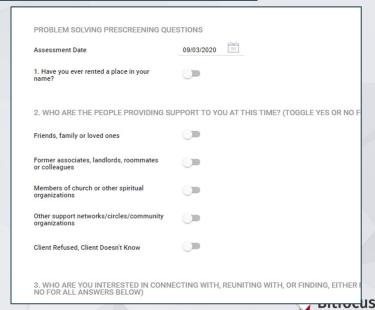


Problem Solving Screening Tool



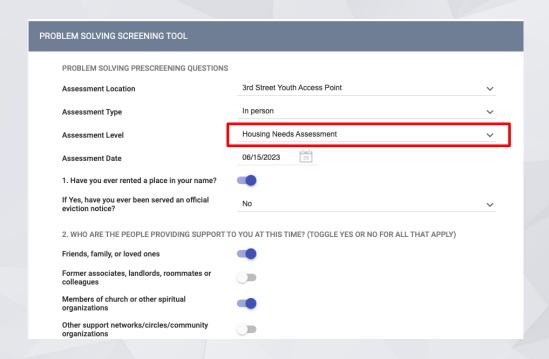
Used to quickly identify households who may be a good fit for a Problem Solving intervention.

- Help to identify those households who may have factors that contribute to a successful Problem Solving intervention.
 - Income/income history;
 - Rental history; and
 - A support network /connections



Problem Solving Screening Tool

- Tips for completing the Problem Solving Screening Tool:
 - Answer to Assessment Level question will always be Housing Needs Assessment
 - Read the questions as written
 - Go over each option of support with the household to ensure that nothing is forgotten or missed



Problem Solving Screening Tool

When to complete vs update...

- A Problem Solving screening should be completed at each new program enrollment.
- A Problem Solving screening should be completed when there are changes to update for households who are Problem Solving status.

Please fill out a new screening each time.

Do not update an existing screening.

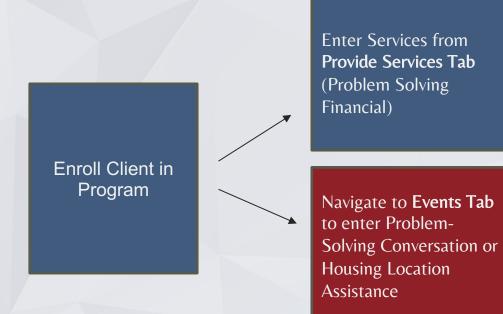


Problem Solving Events and Services

Problem-Solving Services and Events	Where to find them?
Problem Solving Financial	Services Tab
Problem Solving Conversation	Events Tab
Problem Solving Housing Location Assistance	Events Tab



User Workflow: Services & Events



It's likely that you'll need to navigate to both Services and Events during the course of a Problem Solving Resolution with a client.

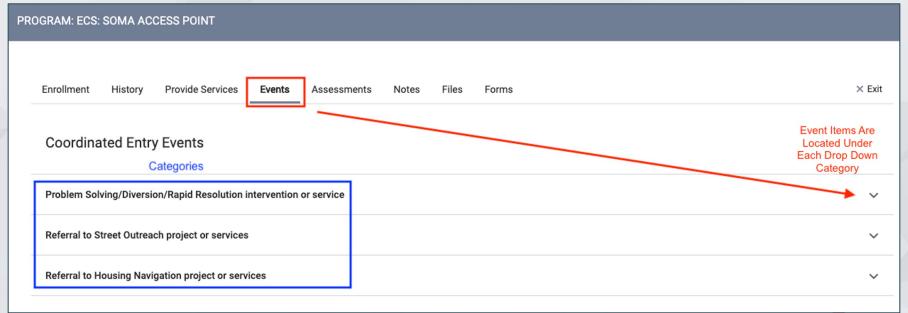
Problem Solving Events

Coordinated Entry Events Tab

PRO	DGRAM: ECS: SOMA ACCESS POINT	
	Enrollment History Provide Services Events Assessments Notes Files Forms	× Exit
	Coordinated Entry Events	
	Problem Solving/Diversion/Rapid Resolution intervention or service	~
	Referral to Street Outreach project or services	~
	Referral to Housing Navigation project or services	~

CE Events Continued

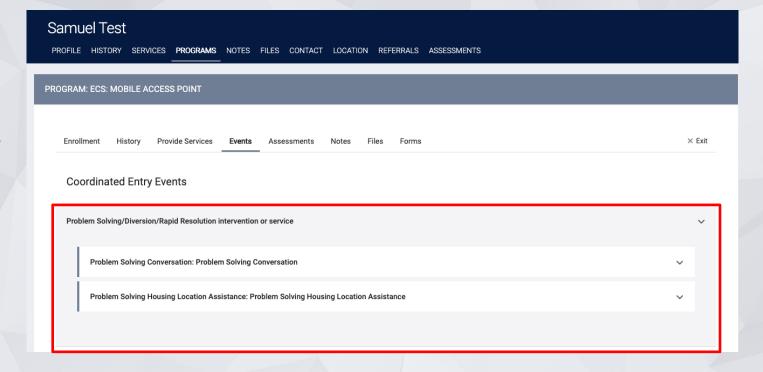
- You will find the "Event" Items under the corresponding "Categories."
- Select the drop-down arrow next to the category in order to capture the CE Event.





CE Events Continued

Here you will see when you select the category, the "Event" items will show in the dropdown.





Problem Solving Conversations

Problem Solving Conversation

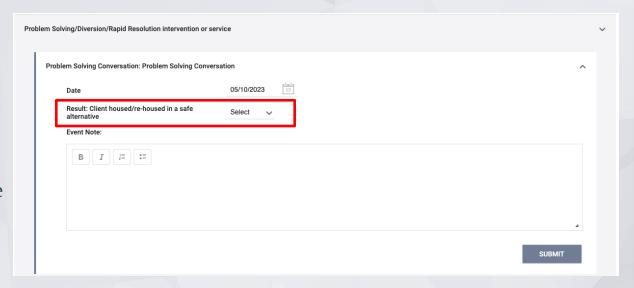
What is a Problem Solving Conversation?

- Any "housing-focused" case management conversations that was about exploring alternatives to a housing crisis outside of the Homelessness Response System.
- Problem Solving conversations explore alternative solutions to housing outside of the Homelessness Response System (i.e., beyond shelter, Navigation Centers, getting on a waitlist, or accessing PSH/RRH from HSH/another housing-specific intervention).
- Problem Solving conversations will most likely happen with only Problem Solving status households.
- In the rare event that Problem Solving services are provided to a Housing Referral Status household, do input that conversation in ONE only after you've verified that it is indeed a Problem Solving service/conversation.



Problem Solving Conversation

- An outcome should be recorded for each PS Conversation Event.
- Outcome of Conversation recorded as Yes or No in the "Result: Client Housed/Re-Housed in a Safe Alternative" field.
- There should be more than one PS Conversation recorded for households that have a resolution.
- PS Conversations should be entered within 48 hours.





Not a Problem Solving Conversation

The following do not constitute a Problem Solving Conversation:

- A conversation/interaction with a household that was more about general case management and referrals. For example:
 - Referral to a food pantry, behavioral health or any other community resources.
 - General administrative, case management duties.
- A conversation with a Housing Referral Status around housing navigation services.
- A conversation about shelter referrals or shelter information.





Notes

If staff have a significant interaction with a household that was not a Problem Solving conversation, a service should be entered (if applicable) or the interaction should be recorded under the *Notes Tab*.

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	Enrollment	History	Assessments	Notes Fi	les	Forms	
	Client Pro	ogram No	otes				



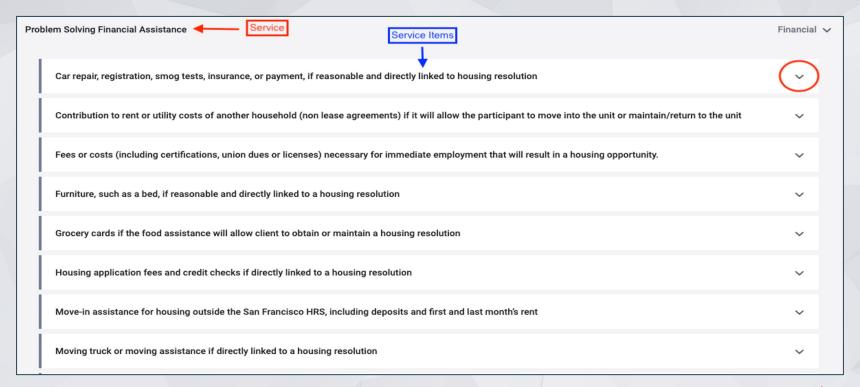
Problem Solving Services

Problem Solving Services

OGRAM: ECS: SOMA AC	CESS POINT						
Enrollment History	Provide Services	Events	Assessments	Notes	Files	Forms	× Exit
Services							
Background Check Con	plete						Housing Search and Placement 🗸
Problem Solving Finance	ial Assistance						Financial
Unique Circumstances							Other 🗸



Problem Solving Services





Problem Solving Financial Assistance

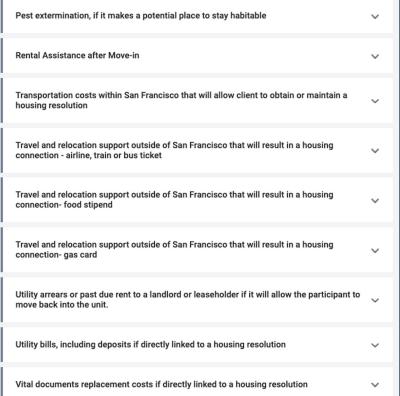
- Make sure that different financial assistance categories are captured separately.
- Ensure that funds are issued in accordance with policy limits.
 - \$2,000 if no lease
 - \$8,000 if lease/written agreement
 - Remember limits are per fiscal year. Amount easily trackable now.
- Funds should <u>only</u> be issued when a Problem Solving resolution is achieved!
- Start date, end date, and expense date must be the same date.
- All PS Financial Assistance should be entered within 48 hours of the <u>final</u> financial assistance category being issued.





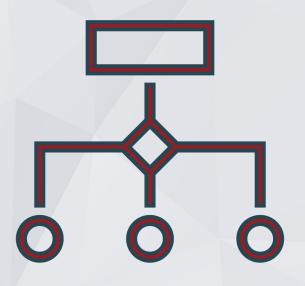
PS Financial Assistance Categories

Car repair, registration, smog tests, insurance, or payment, if reasonable and directly linked to housing resolution Contribution to rent or utility costs of another household (non lease agreements) if it will allow the participant to move into the unit or maintain/return to the unit Fees or costs (including certifications, union dues or licenses) necessary for immediate employment that will result in a housing opportunity. Furniture, such as a bed, if reasonable and directly linked to a housing resolution \sim Grocery cards if the food assistance will allow client to obtain or maintain a housing resolution Housing application fees and credit checks if directly linked to a housing resolution Move-in assistance for housing outside the San Francisco HRS, including deposits and first and last month's rent Moving truck or moving assistance if directly linked to a housing resolution ~ Other activities approved in advance through the Waiver Process (specify in Notes) \sim



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PS Financial Assistance Categories



- When financial assistance is issued, you will have to select the category of funds issued.
- Each assistance category must be tracked separately.
 - Note: Dates for Financial Assistance categories under the same resolution must match.



Problem Solving Financial Assistance

- Expense amounts should be entered for financial services.
- Funding Source will default to certain types of funding, but be sure to select appropriate funding source for your agency.
- Start date, end date, result date, and expense date must be the same date.

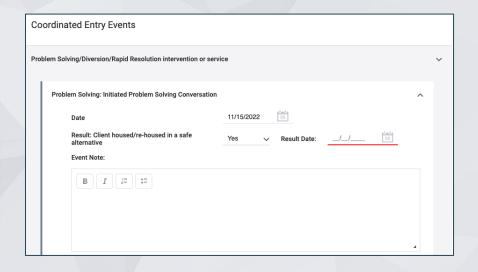
Event Date	05/10/2023			
Expense Amount:	0.00	Expense Date:	05/10/2023	
Funding Source:	General Funds	~		
Service Note :				
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Problem Solving Resolutions



Recording a Resolution



To record a resolution:

- Record the Resolution as a Problem Solving
 Conversation Event and mark "Result: Client
 Housed/Re-Housed in a Safe Alternative = Yes"
- Record the financial assistance given to facilitate the resolution as a Problem Solving Financial Assistance Service
 - Date should be the same as the PS Conversation Event Date
- 3. Upload any relevant/appropriate files and forms to client's Files tab in ONE
- 4. Exit the client from the CE program



When to Record Conversations & Resolutions

- Problem Solving Conversations should be recorded within 48 hours of the conversation having happened.
- A Problem Solving Resolution should be recorded within 48 hours of the final Financial Assistance being issued.
 - A Problem Solving Resolution in the ONE System includes the following:
 - The Problem Solving Financial Assistance logged under CE Services
 - The Problem Solving Conversation logged under CE Events with "Result:
 Client housed/re-housed in a safe alternative" marked YES
 - Dates for the CE Event (conversation) and CE Service (financial assistance)
 MUST match exactly



Resolutions in ONE

• Example with move-in assistance:

Financial assistance for move-in issued on 08/01/2023.

PS staff logs the Financial Assistance under CE Services with date **8/1/2023**.

PS staff outreaches the household to notify them that financial assistance was issued on the same day.

PS staff logs this as a PS Conversation under CE Events and ensures:

-Date: **8/1/2023**

-Result: Client housed/re-

housed in a safe alternative: YES -Result: **8/1/2023**



Resolutions in ONE

Example with furniture assistance through El Corazon

Financial assistance for move-in issued 8/1/2023.

PS staff outreaches household to inform them assistance was issued.

PS staff logs this PS conversation dated 8/1/23.

Payment to El Corazon issued on 8/10/2023 (through Fiscal Agent or internally). PS Staff logs financial under CE Services within appropriate categories. All financial assistance services dated 8/10/2023.

PS outreaches household same day to ensure furniture was delivered. PS staff logs this as a PS Conversation under CE Events and ensures:

-Date: **8/10/2023**

-Result: Client housed/re-housed in a safe alternative:

YES

-Result: 8/10/2023



Problem Solving Resolution Checklist

Problem Solving Conversation Event created with a Result: Client housed/re-housed in a safe alternative=Yes with descriptive note
Problem Solving Financial Service(s) created for each relevant financial category documenting amount given for the resolution and with descriptive note(s)
<u>Dates are an exact match</u> for Problem Solving Conversation Event recording the resolution and Problem Solving Financial Assistance Service recording \$\$ amounts
Files and forms relevant to the resolution are uploaded to client's profile
Client is exited from CE or Shelter program

Uploading Files

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Document	When to upload
Limited Financial Assistance Request Form	For all Resolutions that accessed Problem Solving Funds (excludes those providers using Fiscal agent process)
Fiscal Agent Checklist	If using the Fiscal Agent service
Housing Resolution Plan Form	For all resolutions
Lease/Written Agreement/Intent to Rent	If appropriate for resolution
Housing Sustainability Tool	If appropriate for resolution
Housing Habitability Standards Inspection Checklist	If appropriate for resolution
Participant and Payee Agreement Forms	For all resolutions that accessed Problem-Solving Funds
Proof of Financial Assistance Expenditures	If appropriate for resolution
Problem Solving Waiver Request Form	If appropriate for resolution

Uploading Files

PROFILE HISTORY SERVICE	S PROGRAMS NOTES FILES	CONTACT LOCATION REFERRALS ASSESSMENTS		
▲ Release of Information is M	lissing or Permission Not Provided. Ple	ase review to ensure compliance.		
CLIENT FILES				ADD FILE (+)
U	PLOAD A FILE			
	Category	Problem Solving	~	
	Predefined Name	Fiscal Agent Checklist	~	
	File	Select File		
		Trouble attaching files? Switch to the Basic Uploader		
	Private			
		ADD RECORD CANCEL		



Joint Problem Solving-Coordinated Entry Exits

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In general, a household will be exited from the CE Program in ONE when:

- Client finds a Problem Solving resolution
- Client Placed in Institutional Setting
- Death
- Denial of Service
- Exit by Client Choice
- Terminated from Program due to Eligibility
- Client is housed through the HRS (most likely for clients who are Housing Referral Status)

Clients may be also be auto-exited

Auto-Exits

Auto-exits from the CE/PS may occur if:



The household permanently housed through CE.



Any household enrolled in the PS/CE program that had no activity in ONE for 90 days.

Auto-Exit Destination will be marked as "Unknown".

Auto-Exits from CE when Housed

The following events will trigger an auto-exit from CE Program:

- A staff member saves a value for the field *Housing Move-In Date* in an enrollment screen for any program enrollment with a permanent housing program type.
- A staff member saves a "housed" exit destination for any program exit screen.

Example 1:

The client is referred to a PSH program. The client is enrolled in the program with a move-in date of 7/30/20.

Auto-Exit from CE= YES

Example 2:

The client informs their case manager they are going to live with their aunt in Oregon.

Auto-Exit from CE=NO

The client needs to be manually exited from CE.

Exits

To complete the exit, you will complete the following steps.

1

PROFILE HI	IISTORY	SERVICES	PROGRAMS	ASSESSMENTS	NOTES	FILES	CONTACT	LOCATION	REFERRALS			
PROGRAM	M HISTOR	Y										
	Program Na	me								Start Date	End Date	Туре
		y Access Po San Francisco	oint Family Coordinated	Entry Agency			_			11/11/2019	Active	Individual

2

PROGRAM: ECS: BAYVIEW ACCESS POINT	
Enrollment History Provide Services Assessments Notes Files Forms	× Exit
Program Service History Service Name	LINK FROM HISTORY Start Date End Date
Problem Solving :Initiated Problem Solving Conversation [TRAINING] San Francisco Adult Coordinated Entry Agency	10/15/2019 10/15/2019
Reservation Service Referral	



Program Exit Screen

Enrollment History Events Assessmen	ts Notes Files		× Exit
End Program for client Bitfocus Tes	t		
Program Exit Date	05/11/2023		
Destination	Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	~	
Exit Reason	Housed through Problem Solving Resolution	~	
Adult CE Program Exit Destination Note:			
MONTHLY INCOME AND SOURCES			
Income from Any Source	Yes	~	
Earned Income	Amount 4000.00		
Unemployment Insurance	>		
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	>		
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)			
VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation	()D		
VA Non-Service Connected Disability Pension	(m)		
Private Disability Insurance			
Worker's Compensation			
CalWORKS			



Exit Reasons for Problem Solving

When a Problem Solving resolution has been reached and the household has found a safe, indoor place outside of the Homelessness Response System, Access Point staff will manually exit the household from the Access Point program.

- There is one exit reason that should be used for an exit due to Problem Solving:
 - Be sure to select Housed through Problem Solving Resolution as the Exit Reason

Program Exit Date	05/10/2023	
Destination	Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy	~
Exit Reason	Housed Through Problem Solving Resolution	~
Family CE Program Exit Destination Note:		

Other Exit Fields

- **Program Exit Date** date of exit.
- **Destination** Select most appropriate exit destination.
 - Other should rarely be used.
 - Make sure Destination and Exit Reason are congruent.
 - For Problem Solving Resolutions make sure that exit Destination is outside of the Homelessness Response System.
- **CE Program Exit Destination Note** opportunity to provide more details about client's housing destination.
- **Income, Non-Cash Benefits and Health Insurance** these fields cascade from the enrollment screen. Please update with most accurate information at time of Exit.

Note: Shelters are only required to complete Exit Destination field, Exit Reason shall be left blank.

Who is responsible for exiting?

If Housed through CE:

Auto-exited from CE. This includes RRH and PSH.

If Housed through Problem Solving:

Manual exit

If Death/Institutionalized/No longer Eligible/Etc.:

 Manually exited or autoexited if no activity.

Reminders

- All Problem Solving Conversations should be entered within 48 hours.
- All Problem Solving Financial Assistance should be entered within 48 hours of the final financial assistance being issued.
- All PS Financial Assistance should be tied to *one* PS Resolution only.
- All dates should match within the same entry.
- All dates should match within the same resolution (all PS Financial Assistance, final PS Conversation).

Problem Solving Workflow Case Example: Lily

Meet Lily

- Lily has been in San Francisco for the past four months.
- She has been looking for a job and is staying with a friend in their spare bedroom.
- Lily and her friend had an argument and Lily was forced to leave the apartment.
- Lily is now staying on the street.



- Lily came to the Youth Access Point looking for an immediate place to stay.
- PS staff completed PS screening and has initial PS Conversation.
- Lily identifies an aunt in Washington that she may be able to reconnect with.
- PS staff and Lily schedule a follow-up meeting for 7/7/2023.
- PS Conversation logged under CE Events dated 7/3/2023.

- Follow-up PS Conversation between PS staff and Lily.
- PS staff support Lily in calling her aunt - aunt agrees that Lily can stay with her but would need support paying for the plane ticket.
- PS staff and Lily identify some ticket options and discuss PS Financial Assistance for a plane ticket and a gift card to cover meals during travel.
- PS staff completes required documents with Lilv.
- · PS staff and Lily schedule a follow-up meeting for 7/12/2023.
- PS staff logs PS Conversation under CE Events dated 7/7/2023.
- PS manager/supervisor reviews and approves PS Resolution.
- PS staff uploads necessary documents into to ONE System.
- Plane ticket and gift card for meals purchased and set aside for Lily.
- FA process followed to fund PS resolution (reimbursement to provider for plane ticket and gift card).

- PS Financial Assistance is issued. FA purchases plane ticket and reimburses provider for gift card and plane ticket on 7/11/2023.
- Note: If provider issues funds internally, then internal funding process would be followed.
- PS staff meet with Lily to provide gift card and plane ticket details
- PS staff log PS Resolution:
- 1) Problem Solving Financial Assistance under CE Services dated 7/12/2023.
- 2) Problem Solving Conversation under CE Events dated 7/12/2023.
- Result: Client housed/re-housed in a safe alternative: YES
- Result Date: 7/12/2023
- PS staff exit Lily from the ONE System.

7/3/2023



7/7/2023



7/11/2023



7/12/2023





Problem Solving Workflow Case Example: Lev

Meet Lev

- Lev lost their housing after a separation from their partner.
- Lev has been staying at a shelter for the past month.
- They are working full-time (\$3500/month).
- They found an apt but cannot afford move-in costs.



- Lev came to an Access Point and met with PS staff.
- PS staff completed PS Screening and has initial PS Conversation.
- PS staff and Lev discussed Lev's situation. They discuss potential for Lev to receive PS Financial Assistance to support with move-in costs and furniture.
- PS staff requests Lev bring supporting documents.
- PS staff and Lev schedule a follow-up meeting for 8/7/2023.
- PS Conversation logged under CE Events dated 8/3/2023.

- Follow-up PS Conversation between PS staff and Lev.
- Lev brings supporting documents to PS staff.
- PS staff discusses furniture assistance, and picks essential items to be ordered through El Corazon with Ley.
- PS staff completes required documents with Lev.
- PS manager/supervisor reviews and approves PS Resolution.
- PS staff uploads necessary documents into ONE System.
- PS staff places furniture order with El Corazon.
- PS staff logs PS Conversation under CE Events dated 8/7/2023.
- FA/internal process followed to fund PS Resolution (move-in assistance and furniture).

- FA/internal finance team issues move-in assistance to landlord.
- PS staff calls Lev to inform them of this payment being made.
- PS staff logs PS Conversation under CE Events with information above dated 8/11/2023.
- NOTE: Since El Corazon has not invoiced or been paid for the furniture, this PS Resolution is not yet complete!

- El Corazon sends PS staff invoice.
- PS staff uploads invoice into ONE System and informs FA/internal finance team.
- FA/internal finance team issues payment to El Corazon and informs PS staff.
- PS staff calls Lev for final outreach/conversation and confirm delivery was made.
- PS staff log PS Resolution:
 1) Problem Solving Financial Assistance under CE Services dated 8/20/2023. Services are separated into appropriate categories.
- Move-in assistance
- Furniture assistance
- 2) Problem Solving Conversation under CE Events dated 8/20/2023.
- Result: Client housed/rehoused in a safe alternative: YES
- Result Date: 8/20/2023
- PS staff exit Lev from the ONE System.

8/3/2023



8/7/2023



8/11/2023



8/17/2023



8/20/2023





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