



# **Exit Destination**

The "exit destination" of a client is critical in both determining the effectiveness of your program and identifying service gaps in the system. Increasingly, stakeholders want to understand not only how many homeless program participants move into housing, but also how fast and efficiently.

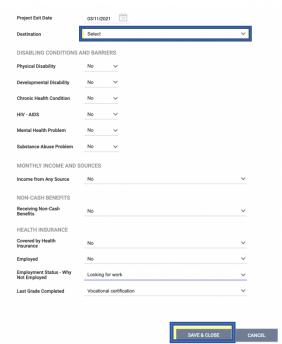
#### THE EXIT DESTINATION ASKS WHERE THE CLIENT WILL BE LEAVING TO.

### How Do I Exit a Client from a Program?

The Exit Destination is located on the exit screen. The exit screen exists in any program a client has been enrolled in.



Identify where the client will be staying after being exited from your program (that night). While other enrollment data will auto-populate (cascade) to the exit screen. The clients' Exit Destination must be entered at the time they are being exited from the program.







# What is classified as a homeless, institutional, permanent or temporary situation?

Homeless Situations	Explanation	Local Example
Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside)	The client was, or will be living outside or any place not meant for human habitation (e.g. a vehicle, abandoned building, bus/train/subway/airport station, campsite)	Camping at the Benchlands or the Levy. Golflands, Safe Spaces.
Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter	The client was, or will be living in an Emergency Shelter, including a hotel or motel paid for with an emergency shelter voucher, non-profit organization, or Federal/State/Local agency. Includes Domestic Violence shelter, Basic Center shelters/host home for youth, and Missions	The Loft, PVSS, Salvation Army Watsonville Navigation Center, the Armory and Pavilion, COVID-19 motels, AFC Rotating Shelter.
Safe Haven	(Does not exist in CA)	

Institutional Situations	Explanation	Local Example
Foster care home or foster care	The client was or will be living in a youth (18-24 years old)	
group home	or child (<18 years old) foster care home or foster care	
	group home.	
Hospital or other residential non-	The client was or will be living in a hospital for any reason	
psychiatric medical facility	other than psychiatric. Includes any residential care	
	involving a medical need (hospital, rehabilitation center).	
Jail, prison, or juvenile detention	The client was, or will be living in a local jail, prison (state	
facility	or federal) or juvenile detention facility.	
Long-term care facility or nursing	The client was or will be living in a long-term care facility	
home	or nursing home.	
Psychiatric hospital or other	The client was or will be living in a psychiatric facility,	
psychiatric facility	psychiatric hospital, or psychiatric unit of a local hospital	
Substance abuse treatment facility	The client was or will be living in a substance abuse	Janus
or detox center	treatment program, detox program or other substance	
	abuse residential facility.	

Permanent Situations	Explanation	Local Example
Staying or living with family, permanent tenure	The client has moved into a room, apartment or house occupied by a family member and is intending on living there. Use "permanent" if the client has NOT been given a specific time limit in which they need to leave. Includes clients moving into housing with a relative while a student.	
Staying or living with friends, permanent tenure	The client has moved into a room, apartment or house occupied by a friend and is intending on living there. Use "permanent" if the client has NOT been given a specific time limit in which they need to leave.	
Moved from one HOPWA funded project to HOPWA PH	HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS; PH – Permanent Housing.	
7 Moved from one HOPWA funded project to HOPWA TH	HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS; TH – Transitional housing	
Rental by client, with GPD TIP housing subsidy	The unit the client was or will be renting is being supported by a Grant Per Diem Transition in Place subsidy. This is a Veteran's Affairs (VA) funded program.	
Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy	The unit the client was or will be renting is being supported by a HUD/VASH subsidy. VASH - Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing. Use only if the client has moved into the unit.	Through the VA HUD VASH program
Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons	The unit the client was or will be renting is being subsidized by a homeless funding source. This could be a scattered-site or site-based supportive housing where the rental subsidy is from Shelter Plus Care, Supportive Housing Program (PSH), or a local source of subsidy restricted strictly for homeless persons.	Shelter Plus Care, MATCH, Housing for Health (H4H), New Roots, 180/2020, Anderson House
Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy	The unit the client was or will be renting is being subsidized by a Rapid Re-Housing homeless funding source, including: CoC, ESG, SSVF, VA GPD, or Locallyfunded RRH.	SSVF through Housing Matters or Nations Finest, CHAMP, YAAS, First Step





Rental by client, with HCV voucher	The unit the client was or will be renting is supported by a	FUP Voucher, Mainstream, DMV, Family Set
(tenant or project based)	HUD Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Aside, Section 8 Housign Choice Voucher
Rental by client, no ongoing	The client was or will be renting a unit they are living in	
housing subsidy	and does not have an ongoing financial support attached	
	to it.	
Rental by client, with other	The unit the client was or will be renting is being	
ongoing housing subsidy	supported by any other subsidy – either government or	
	private, either site-based or voucher. Includes State	
	Rental Assistance (SER), legacy SRO, Pay for Success, and	
	clients who leave for housing provided by college, Job	
	Corps, Military or National Guard training. Does not	
	include CoC PSH, HOPWA PH, RRH, GPD, or VASH.	
Rental by client in a public housing	Should be used if the client is exiting to a unit that is	
unit	operated by a public housing agency	
Owned by client, with ongoing	The client owned or will own the unit they are living in	
housing subsidy	and has an ongoing housing subsidy (mortgage payment	
,	support) attached to it. Includes USDA Rural Development	
	Loan/Recovery Act Supports.	
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Owned by client, no ongoing	The client owned or will own the unit they are living in	
housing subsidy	and does not have an ongoing housing subsidy attached	
	to it.	

Temporary Situations	Explanation	Local Example
Residential project or halfway	The client was or will be living in residential project or	
house with no homeless criteria	halfway house that does not have a homeless	
	requirement.	
Hotel or motel paid for without	The client was or will be living in hotel or motel where the	
emergency shelter voucher	client pays for their own stay.	
Transitional housing for homeless	The client was or will be living in Transitional Housing	Page Smith, PVSS
persons (including homeless youth)	program that is time limited up to 24 months. Includes	
	TBRA, Youth SHP and Youth transitional housing	
	programs. Does not include an exit to substance abuse	
	treatment facility.	
Host Home (non-crisis)	The client was or will be living in a third party's home, no	
	homeless criteria required. Often a program for clients	
	aging out of the foster care system.	
Staying or living with friends,	The client has exited to a friend's room, apartment or	
temporary tenure (e.g. room,	house occupied by a friend and will stay there only a short	
apartment, or house)	time according to self-report or agency staff report.	
Staying or living with family,	The client has exited to a family member's room,	
temporary tenure (e.g. room,	apartment or house and will stay there only a short time	
apartment, or house)	according to self-report or agency staff report. Use	
	"temporary" if client is given a time limit in which they	
	need to leave, or if the Case Manager has knowledge that	
	the destination is meant to be very short term.	

Other	Explanation	Local Example
Client doesn't know	The client doesn't know where they were living or where they will be living. Considered null/missing.	
Client refused	The client refused to tell program staff where they were living or where they will be living. Considered null/missing	
Data not collected	Data was not collected from the client. Considered null/missing.	

# What if an Exit Interview is not completed?

Clients will leave, or stop participating in, programs at any given time for various reasons. It is important to know that homeless providers are empowered to use their best judgement and logic to fill in data gaps due to unexpected program departures based on conversations with clients and/or client peers. A formal exit interview may not have been completed but you do that the authority to draw logical conclusions based on first-hand knowledge.

For example, let's say a client gets upset at another client and storms out of the emergency shelter stating, "I'd rather go back to the streets than deal with this!" You may exit the client to a "place not meant for habitation" on their exit screen.





### Need Additional Help?

While there are a number of resources that can be found via the <u>Santa Cruz HMIS website</u>, the <u>Clarity Human Services Help Center</u> is also an excellent resource when you need questions answered, like:

- How do I exit a client form a program?
- How do I remove a program exit?

If in doubt, the Help Desk is always a great place to start. You can reach them from 5 am to 5 pm by email at <a href="mailto:santacruz@bitfocus.com">santacruz@bitfocus.com</a>, by phone at (831) 713-2288, or directly within Clarity by selecting the "Help" icon on the bottom right side of any screen.