Ohio Department of Health
Youth Homelessness Program
Community of Practice

January 19th, 2023
Logistics

- All participants can unmute
- You can share your camera
- Questions can be asked throughout the training
- The PowerPoint will be sent out after each training
- Breakout rooms
- Polls/ quizzes
- Handouts/ Materials
- Audio/video issues
Agenda

- Welcome
- Introduction Activity
- App and Reporting Check In
- Introduction to HMIS
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Community of Practice Norms

1. Treat each other with dignity and respect.
2. Differentiate between opinion—which everyone has—and informed knowledge, which comes from sustained experience, study, and practice.
3. Recognize how your social positionality (e.g., race, class, gender, sexuality, ability) informs your perspectives and reactions.
4. Trust each other. Have confidence that the issues discussed will be kept in confidence.
5. Listen first to understand, and don’t be dismissive of the input received when we listen.
6. Be vulnerable and risk being wrong sometimes. Thoughtful discussion is expected.
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Introductions

In Breakout Rooms, please share and discuss:

• Your name & pronouns
• Your organization & role
• What intention are you setting for 2023?

Take notes and be prepared to report out to the group!
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App Update

- [www.cohhio.org/youth-data](http://www.cohhio.org/youth-data)

- Q1&2 data was due 01/15/2023

- What you can expect:
  - Continuous improvements
  - Follow up from COHHIO
Reporting Update

New Reporting Requirement

• Unhashed HUD/HMIS CSV export
  • Submissions need to be separated by Organization
  • Report should be cumulative to the beginning of the grant period (07/01/2021)

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Introduction to HMIS

• What is HMIS?
  • A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is the information system designated by a local Continuum of Care (CoC) to comply with the requirements of CoC Program interim rule 24 CFR 578. It is a locally implemented data system used to record and analyze client, service, and housing data for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
  • [HUD Data Standards Manual](#)
Introduction to HMIS

• What is a CoC?
  • A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a geographically based group of representatives that carries out the planning responsibilities required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) CoC Program.
Introduction to HMIS

• What is a CoC?
  • These representatives generally come from organizations that provide services to persons experiencing homelessness and entities that collaborate with homeless service providers to comprehensively strategize around addressing and ending homelessness within the CoC’s geographic area.
    • [Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care Governance Charter]
Introduction to HMIS

- Each CoC designates a HMIS Lead to run the HMIS for their CoC. Sometimes the HMIS Lead contracts with another entity to administer the HMIS.
- Email amandawilson@cohhio.org if you do not know the contact for your CoC’s HMIS.
Introduction to HMIS

- ODH Required Data Elements
  - If you do not have the document with the required data elements please email amandawilson@cohhio.org.
  - These data elements are all taken from the HMIS Data Standards to allow for uniform data collection across CoCs.
  - If you aren’t entering the data, it’s not being reported!
Introduction to HMIS

- Software products
  - Each HMIS Lead designates their own software product.
  - There are three software products in use by the state of Ohio.
  - Three grantees are using one of two comparable database products.
Introduction to HMIS

• Software Products
  • While all HMIS compliant software products adhere to the HUD data standards, how they do so varies.
  • Each product uses its own language and logic to be compliant.
Introduction to HMIS

• Project Setup
  • You need to have the appropriate project types set up for integration into HMIS.

• Services Setup
  • You need to be able to record Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Service Connections data element for your services to populate in the HMIS CSV.

• Reporting Setup
  • You need to be able to produce an unhashed HMIS CSV from your product.
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Discussion: App Deployment

In Breakout Rooms

• Did you upload your data into the app by the deadline?
  • Name one easy and one hard thing about uploading the data.

• Did you spend any time clicking through the app?
  • What is one thing you like and one thing you don’t like about the app?

Take notes and be prepared to report out to the group!
What key take aways do you have to share from your discussion?
Discussion: HMIS Configuration
In Breakout Rooms

• Are you entering all of the required data elements into your HMIS product?
• Are your projects set up correctly?
• Does the current reporting reflect the data you are entering into HMIS?
• Are you able to properly collect services data?

Take notes and be prepared to report out to the group!
Report Out: HMIS Configuration

What key take aways do you have to share from your discussion?
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- Review of October Content
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Next Steps

Challenges discussed to date:

- Data Collection
- Partner Collaboration
- Sustainability
- Youth engagement
- Mastering community resources
- Data Analysis
- Intro to HMIS
Check-Out

• What do you want to discuss in future Community of Practice sessions?
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Resources

• Community of Practice Shared Folder
• Community of Practice Calendar
• ODH Youth Homelessness Program Website
• Today’s Jamboard
THANKS