

Why Use HMIS?

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) National Data and Technical Standards establish baseline standards for participation, data collection, privacy, and security. Implementation of HMIS is a requirement for receipt of HUD (McKinney-Vento) and state (ESG) funding. Other funds, from national to local organizations, also require HMIS participation of their grantees.

In addition to meeting funding requirements, and opening the door to additional funding opportunities for your programs, HMIS provides: a user friendly interface to document and track services that your agency provides to the homeless, including shelter stays, referrals, meals served, goods distributed, and much more! This quickly allows you to have up to date data to inform your supporters of the impact their funds have on the homeless.

HMIS participation helps to eliminate duplicated services and documents the needs of the homeless in our community. Permanent housing opportunities often require documentation of need, over an extended period of time, for eligibility. HMIS streamlines this eligibility requirement.

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Resources

Visit our website at www.cenlahomeless.org to view available resources for HMIS users. Resources may include policies and procedures, agency and user agreements, privacy policies, and releases of information.

Homeless Management Information System

Join Now!

Contact Megan Vets for a free demonstration!



What is HMIS?

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a computerized data collection tool specifically designed to capture client-level, system-wide information over time on the characteristics and service needs of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness. HMIS allows the aggregation of client-level data across homeless service agencies to generate unduplicated counts and service patterns of clients served.

Benefits of HMIS:

Having access to the HMIS represents a strategic advantage for service providers. The HMIS software we use allows multi-level client data sharing between organizations, as well as client case coordination and electronic referrals. Our locally developed information sharing model can prevent service duplication and enable collaboration between various homeless service providers, while limiting access to sensitive data. Client privacy is very important to us.

In addition to the standard data collection and reporting functionalities, the HMIS software includes a comprehensive case management module, bed management, performance tools, reporting software, software options, and more!

Who Should Use HMIS?

Any organization that serves the homeless!



Shelters



Soup Kitchens



Permanent and Transitional Housing Providers



Community and faith-based organizations with homeless aid funding



Drop-In Centers



Street Outreach

What's Required?

Be a member of the CoC!

\$50 per year, June 1-May 31

Pay HMIS Fees

\$20 per month, per user

A password protected device

Virus and firewall on the device

Protected internet connection

Sign required documents:

Agency agreement

User agreements

Agree to follow all policies and standard operating procedures

Attend HMIS trainings

Work with the CoC to ensure accurate data