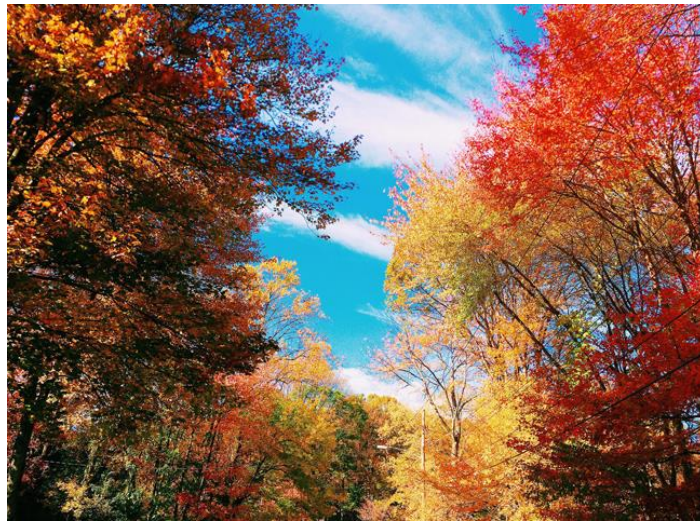


## October 2018 Newsletter



Can anyone explain how it is October already? I still haven't started "winterizing" my yard. My yard yoohooties (some strange term my father calls garden gnomes) aren't ready to be put away yet, my summer porch pillows are still on the rocking chairs, and I don't even know where to start looking for my jacket to bring to the cleaners. Based on my lack of preparedness I think the only reasonable thing to do in this situation is to extend summer another month or so. Maybe we can revisit this whole "Fall" thing next month. Maybe.

While I sit here in a state of denial that the weather is turning colder, please read on to see what the HMIS team is up to this month.

### Preparing for LSA's (Longitudinal System Analysis)

*"Beginning this year, HUD has replaced the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) data submission process for Continuums of Care (CoCs) with the **Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA)** report."*

*"The highly granular dataset produced by a CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), once uploaded to the HDX 2.0, will enhance the ability of communities to review their data and to streamline how CoCs provide their aggregated HMIS data to HUD each year for the written AHAR to Congress."*

*"The LSA report generated from the HMIS is a .zip file comprising 10 CSV files with potentially thousands of rows of numerical output. Instead of reviewing these files directly, CoCs will need to upload the file to the HDX 2.0 and review the results within the HDX 2.0 Summary Data Display. There, results are calculated by the HDX 2.0 and displayed by reporting category and system use. If errors are found with the uploaded data, users must correct the client data in the source HMIS and re-upload corrected files, or resolve warnings they cannot correct by adding explanatory notes. Users may upload multiple LSA files in the HDX 2.0 until they are satisfied that they accurately reflect the CoC."*

This means that unlike years past, where the HMIS team manually entered all of the data for the AHAR, we will now be extracting it directly from the HMIS and uploading it into the report, just like the CoC APR and ESG CAPER. Because of this it is imperative that all of the data is as clean and correct as possible.

Over the next few weeks the HMIS team will be carefully reviewing the data in HMIS and reaching out to any programs that may need to clean up their data. If you are curious what your data looks like prior to the team reaching out, don't forget that the HMIS Data Completeness/Quality Reports are run and published by the 5th of each month on our website. [Click here to take a look!](#)

## Updates



### New Program Manuals Available on our Website

Updated CoC, ESG, RHY, PATH, HOPWA, and VA manuals released in September are now available on our website! Click [here](#) to access them.



### NHSDC 2018

Allyson, Emily, and Rachel will be attending NHSDC (National Human Services Data Consortium) in Portland Oregon this month. They will be out of the office from October 15th - October 19th. We can't wait for them to share everything they learn with us!



### Runaway Homeless Youth Grantee Conference 2018

Sue and Kelli will be attending the annual RHY Grantees Conference this month in Austin, Texas. They will be out of the office from October 29th - November 2nd.



## From our Vendor...

We will be deploying monthly updates and enhancements to AWARDS on **Tuesday, October 2nd beginning at 9:00 PM Eastern time / 6:00 PM Pacific time. Users will not be able to access the system while these updates are taking place. We anticipate this downtime will last no longer than 3 hours.**

We apologize for any inconvenience this downtime may cause, but we hope the changes being put into place improve the way you use AWARDS and provide services.

New Administration Fly-out Menus

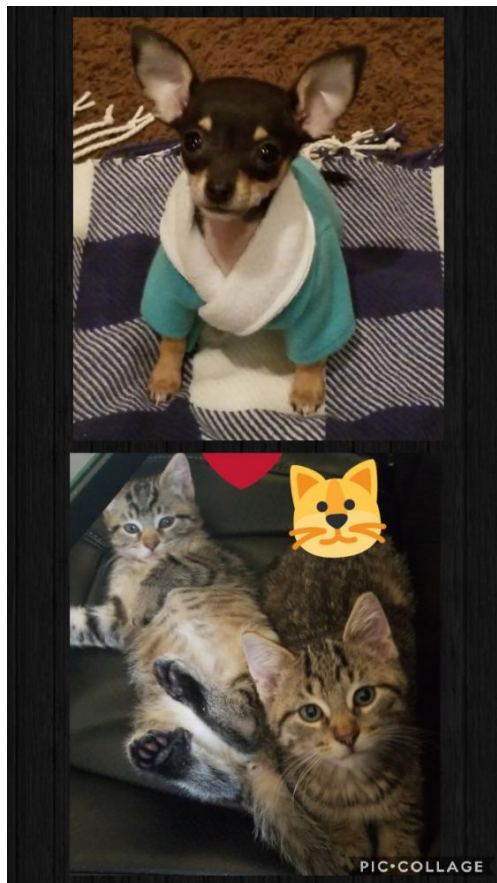
As part of our ongoing series of improvements to the look and feel of AWARDS, we've been

replacing standard module menu pages in AWARDS with menu fly-outs. Soon, the Administration modules will be updated with new fly-out menus, completing the transition of the AWARDS Home screen.

Similar to previous enhancements, the following will be in place:

- Items typically accessed by selecting "Reports" in the Database field will be accessible via the Reports menu, and users will be taken into data entry when accessing features from the fly-out menus (with the exception of users who are restricted to read-only access).
- Features that a user does not have permission to will be hidden from their view. Currently some features appear for all users, but when clicked, display a message saying required permissions are needed. This update will provide a cleaner menu for all users.

Further updates and any relocation of features will be shared prior to the expected October 3rd deployment. Stay tuned for more details!



### MEET OUR NEWEST FURRY FRIENDS

**TOP:** Bruce Leroy Brown Jenkins Clark joined Kelli's family at the end of August. Keep an eye out for his exclusive interview in the next newsletter.

**BOTTOM:** Zack and Cody are twin brothers looking for their furever home. Completely mischievous and always causing some sort of trouble, these 2 will melt your heart with their beyond adorable faces, while teaching you life lessons along the way.

Articles You Might Find Interesting



[To End Homelessness for Individual Adults,  
We Need Greater Investment in Targeted  
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Rapid re-housing (RRH) is a critical tool to help people experiencing homelessness get back into stable housing. RRH helps people who have been homeless find suitable rental units, pay initial rent and other costs, and connect to services so that they can remain stably housed.

[STATE OF HOMELESSNESS](#)

**The January 2017 Point-in-Time count, the most recent [national estimate](#) of homelessness in the United States, identified 553,742 people experiencing homelessness.**

This represents a rate of approximately 17 people experiencing homelessness on a given night per 10,000 people in the general population, the lowest rate of homelessness calculated since point-in-time data collection began. The rates in individual states ranged from highs of 110 and 51 in the District of Columbia (D.C.) and Hawaii, respectively, to 5 in Mississippi.

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