

July 2019

CARES REGIONAL HMIS NEWSLETTER



CARES of NY, Inc. will be closed for business on Thursday July 4th.

In honor of Independence Day our office will be closed on July 4th. The CRHMIS Team will also be out of the office on Friday July 5th. Our team will be monitoring the Helpdesk throughout the day, but response times will take longer than usual.

Updates

Upcoming Training Schedule

Monthly Live Online New User Training will be offered this summer on the following dates/times:

- Wednesday July 10th at 1:00 pm
- Wednesday August 14th at 10:00 am
- Wednesday September 11th at 1:00 pm

If staff are unable to attend a scheduled online training there are several other ways this required training can be attended.

1. Email Bill Robson at wrobson@caresny.org to schedule a one on one webinar training
2. Email Bill Robson at wrobson@caresny.org to schedule a one on one in person training



3. Visit our [website](#) to access the HMIS training library and complete the recorded training sessions at your own pace.



From Foothold

Household Functionality Webinar Thursday, July 18th at 2:00 pm
Join Foothold Technology for a sneak peak of the newly structured household functionality, changing soon in AWARDS. These enhancements will be released this summer and we are excited for the expanded flexibility and reporting features within this new functionality. We will take a look at Household Composition, Households at Discharge, Program History Corrections, and two new related ReportBuilders. We encourage attendance, at this free session, for all AWARDS users who utilize Household functionality to prepare for the coming changes. Advance registration is required.

Please note: This training is being facilitated by our HMIS software vendor, Foothold Technology. CARES is not able to assist attendees with training registration, or webinar connection issues (if they arise)

Click here to register for the Household Functionality Webinar Hosted by Foothold Technology



Uploading Agencies

Don't forget that HMIS data uploads are due by the 15th of the month. Thank you so much to all of you who have been so flexible with working with Rachel identifying and updating any necessary validation errors to allow for successful data uploads into the CARES Regional HMIS.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with uploading HMIS data please reach out to Rachel at rbradt@caresny.org



HUD Updates

On Wednesday, June 26th the CRHMIS team attended the quarterly HMIS System Administrator webinar hosted by HUD/TA providers titled: Deep Dive for new Data Standards.

The bulk of the webinar was about the new Coordinated Entry elements that will be added and released on 10/1.

Street Outreach Projects had to record every "Contact" had with a client in an HMIS using specific contact fields in the Intake/Admission record. Effective 10/1, Street Outreach and Coordinated Entry Projects will have to record every "Contact" had with a client.

We are not entirely sure yet just what this will look like within

AWARDS, so please keep an eye out for updates. Our hope is to hold community level training sessions to ensure all Coordinated Entry participants understand how and when events will be recorded in HMIS and who is responsible for the data entry.



RHY Updates

The 2019 National RHY Grantees Training will be held on November 12 - 14, 2019 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. As always, topical institutes will be available the day before (Monday, November 11, 2019). Please save the dates and make budget plans. More information coming soon. See you in Fort Lauderdale in 2019!

VA/SSVF Updates

Don't forget that all monthly uploads to the VA must be completed soon. If possible please attempt to pull an SSVF extract to ensure there are no validation errors either on Tuesday July 2nd or Wednesday July 3rd as the CRHMIS team will be unavailable for assistance on July 4th and only minimal assistance will be available on July 5th.

PATH Updates

The FY2019 PATH ARS report was released in early June. A new Housing Outcomes question was added, a few outdated questions were removed, and the remaining questions were renumbered and updated to use the current (FY2017) data standards.

NHSDC Updates

Fall 2019 Conference Registration is Now Open!

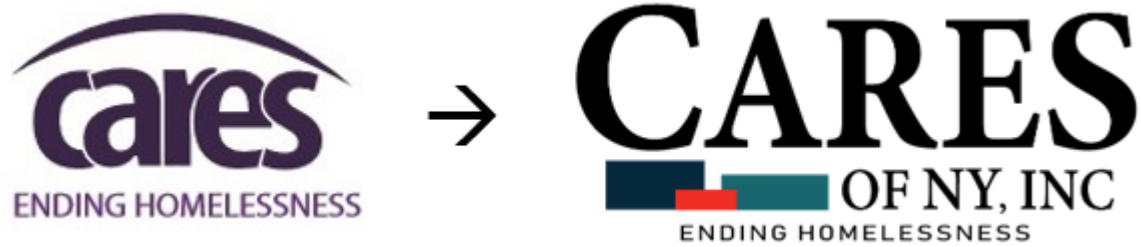
The National Human Services Data Consortium (NHSDC) will be holding its Fall Conference on October 15-17, 2019 in Austin, Texas. You can register for the conference [here](#). (Conference registration includes breakfast and lunch on both days.)

The theme for our Fall Conference is: "Solving Problems and Impacting Communities With Data"

Attending this conference is an eligible HUD expense. You can learn more about NHSDC or Register to attend by clicking the button below.

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