

January 2020

CARES REGIONAL HMIS NEWSLETTER



CARES of NY, Inc. will be closed for business on Monday January 20th.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day our office will be closed on January 20th. All HelpDesk Tickets will be answered on Tuesday January 21st.

Updates

CRHMIS Updates

We have a few things going on this month on the HMIS Team!
Check it out:

1. Please join us in wishing Rachel Bradt success as she has transitioned to the Executive Team here at CARES of NY. Some of you will still be working with her in her new position as Coordinated Entry Systems Data Analyst.
2. Both the annual Agency and User Agreements have been sent to each agency's designated contact. They have



been asked to ensure all HMIS users sign and return them to be sent back to us by the end of business on Jan. 31st.

3. The annual user review that typically accompanies signing the annual user agreements is being pushed back to the Spring this year, so keep an eye out!

Upcoming Training Schedule

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

- Wednesday January 15th at 1:30 pm
- Wednesday February 12th at 10:00 am

Email Bill Robson at wrobson@caresny.org to register.

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

Back in September, Foothold updated the Household Composition functionality in AWARDS, which in turn has caused some issues with this data. Fortunately Foothold has released the recording from the Household Composition Functionality webinar for users who were not able to register for the original webinar training. The recording lasts for 50 minutes, which sounds like a lot of time, but you will walk away with a much better understanding of how this new functionality works. Please consider taking the time to watch the webinar. The link is below.

[Foothold Household Composition Functionality](#)



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

OVERVIEW OF NEW COORDINATED ENTRY DATA

ELEMENTS: There are three new data elements, each briefly described below:

❖ **CE Assessment Element:** Designed to be a flexible data element that collects an assessment date, location, and assessment results. It allows CoCs to define their own assessment questions and responses, categorize different types of assessments (crisis needs versus housing needs). This element helps communities understand and monitor the assessment process in more detail and as it relates to participant outcomes.

❖ **CE Event Element:** Designed to capture access and referral events, as well as the results of those events. It will help communities understand the events that go into achieving desired (and undesired) results through the CE system.

❖ **Current Living Situation Element:** Designed to capture information on where a person is staying at a point in time. It can be updated at each point of contact and will help communities track where people are, including those who are not assessed or referred to CE events.



RHY Updates

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) and Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center (RHYTTAC) announce a temporary hold on the annual Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Grantee Assessment. It is anticipated the assessment link will be posted again in early spring. For grantees who have already completed the assessment, thank you. An eblast will be distributed with the active link when the assessment is available.

NHSDC Updates

SPRING 2020 NHSDC CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT:
Spring 2020 will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 6-8, 2020
The conference will be co-sponsored by the HUD Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), and will be a 3-day event featuring tracks of HUD content in the morning and



NHSDC sessions in the afternoons; there will be no pre-conference sessions. HUD SNAPS and partnering technical assistance providers are excited to offer content that will increase knowledge and expertise across CoCs and help to level-set the field for HMIS professionals.

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