Unlocking the Potential of Sharing Data

Community Connections: Aligning Domestic Violence and Homeless Services in Los Angeles

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WELCOME
Some questions to ground our discussion today...
What are some concerns you have or have heard about regarding data sharing & domestic violence...

• Across programs within your agency?

• Between agencies?

• With funding sources?
How do you currently share data & for what purposes?

What are some examples?
What We Know

Agencies that receive funding through VAWA and are defined as a victim service provider by VAWA regulations are expressly forbidden from entering client data into HMIS, however...

Agencies that receive CoC and/or ESG funding are required by HUD to enter client data into a comparable database & report de-identified aggregate data.
What We Know (continued)

**Non-DV providers** utilizing ESG or CoC funds are required to enter client data into HMIS, even if the client is currently fleeing from violence.

CoCs may choose to make program-specific or system-wide determinations (e.g. partial data elements) to ensure client safety and confidentiality.
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS
What are some of the **benefits** of sharing information...

- Across programs within your agency?
- Between agencies?
- With funding sources?
What are specific examples of times when sharing data could have helped you better coordinate services for a household in crisis?
ON THE HORIZON
Current Opportunities

• HMIS migration to Bitfocus Clarity

• Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium

• Learning from other jurisdictions around the country
  ➢ Clark County, NV; Dayton, OH; Richmond, VA; Others...

• Learning from local efforts...
A CASE STUDY

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Future Opportunities

• **DV-Homeless Services Coalition**
  ➢ *Systems & Funding Work Group*

• **City of Los Angeles’ Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID)**
  ➢ *Domestic Violence Shelter Operations (DVSO) Request For Proposals (RFP) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019*
Useful Links

- **2013 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act** (Government Publishing Office)

- **HMIS and Comparable Databases** (Safe Housing Partnerships)
  - https://safehousingpartnerships.org/key-approaches/access-safe-permanent-housing/hmis-databases

- **Coordinated Entry and Victim Service Providers FAQs** (HUD)
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