



The Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) and the 2012 ServicePoint 5 Upgrade

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The Annual Homeless Assessment report (AHAR) reporting process began in November and concludes in mid-January. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) presents this report to Congress annually as a snapshot of homelessness trends around the country. Your HMIS admin staff at Wilder will compile and submit data that you enter into Minnesota's HMIS to support this report.

All of the data submitted to HUD is aggregated by Continuum of Care region, so no individual-level data leaves the HMIS for this report. Information from the AHAR affects all of our funding for the state of MN, so it's important that we all work together to make sure it's complete and high-quality.

What you need to know - types of programs included -

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Shelter

NOTE: Prevention and Services-Only programs are not included in the AHAR at this time.

All data submitted in the final report to HUD is aggregated and deidentified-it does not include any identifying information about clients. Wilder staff has been running reports to

check data on clients served between 10/1/2010 and 9/30/2011.

We still need your help -

- Make sure your data for the period ending September 30 is entered completely. For the AHAR, we are looking for the same types of data quality markers that are required in state and federal program reports. Please continue this process.
- Respond: Wilder staff will continue to contact you throughout this period - we may need help understanding your data or ask that you update some records. Thank you for helping us all to safeguard our programs!

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After a year of anticipation, we're happy to announce that Minnesota is warming up at the gate for our system-wide upgrade to ServicePoint 5 (SP5). SP5 has been developed by Bowman Systems over the last few years in response to user feedback and the changing needs of service providers. The upgrade will be statewide and affect all HMIS users and participating agencies.

Proposed SP5 Implementation Schedule -

- Late Feb - early March: User training period (see more details below)
- Evening of March 9: System down about a week during configuration
- Date TBD: Go Live for users: will be announced in near future
- After Go Live for users: New user training and open labs for SP5

SP5 User Training: Webinars -

Our training of current HMIS users for SP5 during the initial implementation phase will be through online webinar trainings. All users will be required to attend an SP5 HMIS training. We will also provide in-person and open computer lab help sessions after the roll-out. Dates for webinar trainings will be released soon. If you or others in your agency feel strongly about having an in-person training for SP5 in your area, please let us know.

Spec Check and Computers -

Most of you have already responded to our system spec check emails for SP5, but if you have not, please contact Sharon Arch at Sharon.Arch@wilder.org today. It is in your best interest to work with us as soon as possible to identify any trouble that your computer might encounter with SP5. Wilder staff will have very little time to

help you with this after the roll-out begins.

We still have some computers available for those of you whose spec check results indicated needed hardware upgrades, but our supply of those is limited as well, so once again, please let us know soon!

Watch for additional newsletters as more details become available on the SP5 Upgrade. If you have any questions, please contact the HMIS Helpdesk at hmis@wilder.org, 651-280-2780, or 1-800-328-2972 x2780.

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On Friday, December 9, 2011 HUD published some draft rules concerning HMIS (see <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=HUD-2011-0156-0001>). These rules have to do primarily with high-level HMIS policies, and likely will not change anything dramatically in terms of the day-to-day operations of Minnesota's HMIS.

Still, we intend to respond to HUD's request for comments, and very much welcome you to do the same. If you have any reactions to the proposed rules, please send us your thoughts by January 13th so that we can add your reactions to our own comments.

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Report due dates:

- HPRP: January 5th (no longer includes OEO)
- DHS Youth: January 14th
- FHPAP: Due date for sub-grantees: January 19th
- ESGP: January 31st
- LTH: February 2nd
- FHPAP: Due date for grantees: Feb 2nd
- OEO ESP and THP: February 15th

Trainings (these are our last two trainings before the ServicePoint 5 upgrade):

- HMIS Metro Full-Day Training - Thurs, Jan 19 - 8:30am to 5:00pm
- HMIS Metro Full-Day Training - Thurs, Feb 16 - 8:30am to 5:00pm

Please see our online calendar for more information:

<http://www.hmismn.org/events>

New Homeless Children and their Families Video Spot Released [Back to top](#)

Based on findings from the Minnesota homeless study conducted by Wilder Research, this 10-minute video takes an in-depth look at trends and issues of homeless children and their families, who now make up more than one-third of homeless people in Minnesota. Watch it here: [Homeless children in Minnesota and their families](#).

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Homeless Service Use Report: Did You Know?

In 2010 there were approximately 7,300 permanent supportive housing beds designated for formerly homeless people in Minnesota, of which roughly half were designated for families and half for individuals.

Find out more from the:
[Homeless Service Use in Minnesota report](#)
from HMISMN.org

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Resources and Webinars

We house a full collection of funder-specific information for all mandated HMIS programs on our website at www.hmismn.org/forms, as well as current client consent forms, help documents for users, a newsletter archive, and more.

Recorded online webinar trainings are available through the NewsFlash section your ServicePoint Home page. Click on "Full Story" for a list of available webinars.

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