



Data Matters, May 5, 2010

SPOTLIGHT

Use HMIS data to evaluate your program

Are you interested in doing more with your HMIS data? Not sure how to use HMIS data to evaluate your program? Wilder Research has created a number of [tip sheets](#) to ensure your program evaluations provide you accurate, reliable information and "[results with impact](#)".

Would you or your agency like to be featured in our HMIS Spotlight? Please contact [Melissa Hansen](#)

ServicePointer

Help for users

Check out the "[Help for users](#)" page on the Minnesota's HMIS website. Included are [ART troubleshooting guides](#), [instruction documents](#), [FAQs](#), and much more!

Minnesota's HMIS is administered by

ServicePoint changes effective June 1, 2010

Be prepared! ServicePoint changes affect all funding sources.

Unlike past years, HUD is requiring a number of changes to ServicePoint, as described in the [2010 data standards](#) (see also the [2010 data standards summary](#)), beginning June 1, 2010. State funders have made their change date June 1, 2010 to coincide with HUD's mandate. These changes will likely require more time than in past years. The biggest changes include:

- New disability requirements
- "Housing status" required by all funders for all clients
- HUD-funded programs required to collect more information on children

More details will be sent in another newsletter and posted in the [Announcements](#) section of [hmismn.org](#) later this month. Please contact the HMIS [helpline](#) with any questions.

Trainings for new and current users include the June 1 ServicePoint changes:

This year's ServicePoint changes are more broad than in past years so we are offering additional support to ensure that all HMIS users are well prepared for the changes.

Full day trainings for new and current users:

- Metro HMIS training: June 3, 2010, 8:30am-5:00pm
- St. Cloud HMIS training: June 9, 2010, 8:30am-5:00pm

Refresher trainings for current users:

- [Webinar](#): June 3, 2010 1:00pm-2:30pm
- Metro refresher: June 8, 2010, 8:30am-12:30pm
- [Webinar](#): June 10, 2010, 9:30am-11:00am

To sign up for in-person trainings, go to the [HMIS calendar](#),

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and to sign up for webinars, use the links above or go to [HMIS announcements](#).

Reports Due

There are no reports due at this time. For more funder-specific information, visit [Minnesota's HMIS](#).

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