





A contact is defined as an interaction between a worker and a client designed to engage the client.

Contacts include activities such as a conversation between the street outreach worker and the client about the client's well-being or needs, an office visit to discuss their housing plan, or a referral to another community service.

For Outreach, a **Current Living Situation** must be recorded anytime a client is met, including when a **Date of Engagement** (4.13) or **Project Start Date** (3.10) is recorded on the same day.



Note, this data element will be moving up on the assessment to make it easier to find.

This is how contacts are logged. Street Outreach Providers will complete one Current Living Situation for the Head of Household (including unaccompanied youth), and Adults, for every contact Outreach Workers have with a client.

For Drop-in Centers, this should be used for tracking when a current living situation has changed.

Current Living Situation is used to record contacts with people experiencing homelessness.



•This element is only to be used for Outreach providers.

•This documents the date on which an interactive client relationship results in a deliberate client assessment or beginning of a case plan.

•There can only be one **Date of Engagement** per **Entry/Exit**, and it must be on or after **Project Start**, and on or before **Project Exit**.

•If they exit without becoming engaged, the date should remain blank.



- Project exit represents the end of a client's participation with a project. The exit date should coincide with the date that the client is no longer considered to be participating in the project. For Street Outreach projects. Reasons to exit a client include:
  - The client has entered another project type (e.g., TH, PSH) or otherwise found housing;
  - The client is engaged with another outreach worker or project;
  - The client is deceased;
  - The outreach worker has been unable to locate the client for an extended period of time (for Hennepin, 90 days from last contact) and there are no contacts recorded in the Current Living Situation (4.12). In this case, exit as of the last contact, or if no contacts, the entry date
- For Drop in Centers, reasons to exit a client include
   The client has stopped coming to the drop-in center, and has not received services

for 90 days or more, in this case, exit as of the last date the client received services •The client is deceased



The HYA forms were chosen as the best fit, but they aren't a perfect fit.

For Outreach: Street Homeless use the Emergency Shelter forms (note: some data elements are optional for YHHS)

For Outreach: Other Homeless use the Youth Supportive Housing Entry forms (note: some data elements are optional for YHHS)



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You will see if you are doing outreach you have a Street Outreach Provider and a Supportive Services Only (or SSO) provider. For clients who are unsheltered (staying in a place not meant for habitation) at your first contact, they would be entered in the street outreach provider. Anyone else, including clients in emergency shelter, would be in the SSO provider. You do not need to change the provider every time they move, that will be recorded with the Current Living Situation data element (more to come on this).



We will review each step in more detail on the next slides



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Just a reminder: For outreach, For clients who are unsheltered (staying in a place not meant for habitation) at your first contact, they would be entered in the street outreach provider. Anyone else, including clients in emergency shelter, would be in the SSO provider. You do not need to change the provider every time they move, that will be recorded with the Current Living Situation data element (more to come on this).

- Create client record and profile information
  - Document ROIs using the <u>General HMIS</u> <u>Instructions</u>
  - Unless your provider serves only clients over 18, your provider is closed to Statewide Data Sharing by default, if you create a new client in your provider, and they consent to data sharing, please email the Helpdesk the client ID and ask us to open the client record. See <u>ROI FAQ</u>
    - If client full name is not disclosed use a temporary, partial, or street name to identify the client in HMIS, but keep track of the client ID.
- Entry/Exit Tab
  - Entry to HMIS provider (unless you also have RHY or another Federal funding source on your provider, use the **Basic**

entry type).

- If client is residing in an unsheltered setting (place not meant for habitation), create Entry in the Street Outreach (SO) provider.
- If client is residing in shelter or other residential type setting, create Entry in the Supportive Services (SSO) provider.
   Complete Current Living Situation sub
  - assessment
- Complete as much of the Outreach assessment as possible with information gathered at first contact



For additional contacts, you would add an interim update to the entry (see the yellow highlighting). You would also add any new information you have obtained that was true as of entry using the blue highlighting.



- Entry/Exit Tab
  - Locate open outreach Entry/Exit add interim update
    - Complete Current Living Situation and date of engagement
    - Edit any information that has changed since project start (beyond Current Living Situation that is completed every time you have a contact)
  - Edit the entry (edit pencil next to project start date):
    - Complete Full assessment including any missing information you did not have when

you first entered the client

 All data elements must be dated on or before date of engagement

Note, there are optional data elements at the end of the assessment, these are helpful if you have the information, but are not required.















Note, there are optional questions on the assessment, these are not required, but are useful information if you do obtain it. For Current Living Situation at Drop-in Centers—this is different from outreach. For Drop-in Centers, and is optional. You can use this data element when something changes or when you have a more substantial interaction with youth than just providing a drop-in service.



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