

# HMIS USER GUIDE FOR DHS OEO HYA PROJECTS

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Emergency Shelter (ES) | Transitional Housing (TH) | Permanent  
Supportive Housing (PSH) | Permanent Housing with Services (PH S) |  
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) | Services Only (SSO)

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## DATA ENTRY QUICK REFERENCE

This section provides simplified instructions for common data entry tasks. Please refer to the [General HMIS Instructions](#) and upcoming sections of this document for further instruction. You can also refer to the [Using multiple assessments in one provider](#) article found on [MN's HMIS Knowledge Base](#).

### CREATE A NEW CLIENT RECORD

1. Enter **EDA mode** as the correct provider and open the client's record in **Clients**.
2. Make sure that the client is not already in HMIS by searching for different combinations of their information.
3. If no records match, fill out all of the search prompts and click on **Add New Client With This Information**. Clients that have consented to statewide data sharing should have the word **SHARED** typed in the **Alias** field.
4. When prompted, enter the date of the client's entry into the project and select **Set New Back Date**. If the client entered the project today, you can select **Current System Date**. (The date can be changed by clicking on **Back Date** in the top-right corner of the screen.)
5. Select the **Client Profile** tab and enter any information missing from the **Universal Profile Assessment**.
  - a. If a client has agreed to statewide data sharing, enter a **Date of ROI Consent**.
6. If the client is being served with other household members, click on the **Households** tab and either add them to an existing household or create a new household.

## ENTER A CLIENT INTO A PROJECT

1. Enter **EDA mode** as the correct provider and open the client's record in **Clients**.
  - a. If entering data for a household, be sure to search for the head of household.
2. When prompted, enter the date of the client's entry into the project and select **Set New Back Date**. If the client entered the project today, you can select **Current System Date**.
  - a. The date can be changed by clicking on **Back Date** in the top-right corner of the screen.
3. Click on the **Entry/Exit** tab and select **Add Entry/Exit**.
  - a. If entering a household, check the box next to each client included in the entry.
  - b. Select **Basic** from the **Type** drop-down menu.
  - c. If necessary, adjust the **Project Start Date**, then select **Save & Continue**.
4. For each client included in the entry, complete the data elements on the **MN Core: Entry** assessment in the **Entry/Exit Data** pop-up.
  - a. If entering data for multiple household members, save time by clicking on **Add Household Data** and completing the **Household Data Sharing Assessment**.
5. After you have saved the data elements on the **MN Core: Entry** assessment that appears by default, you will need to manually select your funder specific **Entry** assessment, the **OEO HYA Entry** assessment. After you've selected the **OEO HYA Entry** assessment, you may proceed with completing any additional data elements for each client included in the **Entry/Exit**. Then click **Save & Exit**.

## UPDATE A CLIENT'S INFORMATION

A Baseline Outcome review should be completed for each client participating in HYA YSH projects (TH, PSH, PH S, RRH, SSO) within 14 days of Project Start Date. An Outcomes Interim Review is required for each client participating in HYA YSH projects (TH, PSH, PH S, RRH, SSO) as well as for each ES stay that is longer than 30 consecutive days in HYA ES projects for every six-month reporting period. Create an Interim Review prior to each report due date.

In addition, data elements should be updated when a change occurs.

1. Enter **EDA mode** as the correct provider and open the client's record in **Clients**.
2. Click on the **Entry/Exit** tab, then select the **Interims** icon for the correct Entry/Exit.
3. In the **Interim Reviews** pop-up, click on **Add Interim Review**.
  - a. Select the appropriate **Interim Review Type (Baseline or 6 Month Review** for HYA Outcomes, **Update** for updates prompted by a change, such as income amount) from the drop-down menu.
  - b. If serving a household, be sure to include all applicable household members in the entry by checking the boxes next to their names.
4. In the **Entry/Exit Interim Review** pop-up, review the **MN Core: Update** assessment answers. Update any answers that are no longer correct with the newest accurate information.
5. After you have saved the data elements on the **MN Core: Update** assessment that appears by default, you will need to manually select your funder specific **Update** assessment, the **OEO HYA Update** assessment. After you've selected the **OEO HYA Update** assessment, you may proceed with completing and/or updating any additional data elements for each client included in the **Entry/Exit**. Then click **Save & Exit**.

## EXIT A CLIENT FROM A PROJECT

1. Enter **EDA mode** as the correct provider and open the client's record in **Clients**.
2. Click on the **Entry/Exit** tab, then select the **Edit Pencil** (in the **Exit Date** column) next to the correct entry.
  - a. If exiting a household, be sure to include **all** applicable household members in the exit by checking the boxes next to their names.
  - b. Enter the correct **Exit Date** and **Destination**, then click on **Save & Continue**.
3. Complete the **MN Core: Exit** assessment for each household member.
4. After you've saved the data elements on the **MN Core: Exit** assessment, you will need to manually select the **OEO HYA Exit** assessment from the same **Entry/Exit Date** pop-up.
5. After you've selected the **OEO HYA Exit** assessment, you may proceed with completing any additional data elements for each client included in the **Entry/Exit** record. Then click **Save & Exit**.

## RUN A REPORT

Rely on funder communication for report periods, due dates, or changes to requirements. For more information about DHS OEO HYA Reports, refer to the user guide section titled [Reporting Guidelines](#).

1. Click **Connect to BusinessObjects** in the top right corner of your screen (below back date).
2. In BusinessObjects, you will find the reports needed for **DHS OEO HYA** located in the following folders:
  - *Public Folders / minnesota\_live\_folder / SSA Report Gallery (Funder Reports) (Secure) / 0. Program Evaluation: **MIN-01-SAG-030 - MN Core Homeless Programs***
  - *Public Folders / minnesota\_live\_folder / SSA Report Gallery (Funder Reports) (Secure) / 4. State Homeless Programs / DHS OEO: **SHP-32-SAG-046 - HYA Outcomes***

**NOTE:** When running a report, Helpdesk can see the report you SCHEDULE, but we cannot see the reports you VIEW.

## DATA COLLECTION FORMS

Data collection forms for OEO HYA projects can be found by visiting the [Forms and Instructions](#) page on the Minnesota HMIS website. These forms will change as new data standards are released biannually on October 1. There are both PDF and Word versions available for download.

*You are not required to use ICA's data collection forms. Staff responsible for data collection should also be aware that their agency may require them to gather non-HMIS data that is not captured by these forms.*

## PROGRAM-SPECIFIC DATA ELEMENTS

Program-specific data elements are chosen by your funder and are often unique to the types of projects they fund. More information about these data elements can be found in the HYA Reporting Guide, available at request from the MN Department of Human Services.

### 4.02 – 4.10 COMMON DATA ELEMENTS

OEO HYA-funded projects must collect the following “common” program specific data elements. More information about these data elements can be found in the [HMIS Data Standards Manual](#).

Common Program Specific Data Elements		Data Collected About		
		All Clients	Head of Household Only	Head of Household and Other Adults
4.02	Income and Sources			X
4.03	Non-Cash Benefits			X
4.04	Health Insurance			X

Common Program Specific Data Elements		Data Collected About		
		All Clients	Head of Household Only	Head of Household and Other Adults
4.05	Physical Disability			X
4.06	Developmental Disability			X
4.07	Chronic Health Condition			X
4.08	HIV/AIDS			X
4.09	Mental Health Problem			X
4.10	Substance Abuse			X

### WAS THE HOUSEHOLD ASKED TO LEAVE THE PROGRAM?

**Project Type Applicability:** HYA YSH projects (TH, PSH, PH S, RRH, SSO)

**Data Collected About:** Head of Household

**Data Collection Point:** Project Exit

**Data Collection Instructions:** Record whether the household was asked to leave, if yes provide the reason.

Field	Dependency	Response Category/Data Type
A Was the household asked to leave the program?	None	1 Yes
		2 No
		3 Client doesn't know
		4 Client refused
		5 Data not collected
B If yes, what was the reason the household was asked to leave the program?	Field A; Response 1	Non-payment of rent
		Reached maximum time allowed
		Criminal activity / violence
		Non-compliance with program
		Unknown/Disappeared/No Longer Engaging with Program
		Other

### OUTCOMES MEASURED

**Project Type Applicability:** HYA YSH projects (TH, PSH, PH S, RRH, SSO) as well as for each client who has stayed longer than 30 consecutive days in HYA ES projects (however, agencies are encouraged to complete the Outcomes assessment on **all** clients).

**Data Collected About:** Head of Household

**Data Collection Point:** Update (Interim Review)

**Data Collection Instructions:** Outcomes can be updated throughout the individual's participation in the program. A response of "yes" or "no" is required for every single outcome area listed in the Outcomes

Measured section. “Yes” indicates the client accomplished the outcome. “No” means they are either not focused on that outcome or are making progress, but the outcome has not yet been achieved. See [Adding Outcomes](#) section for detailed instructions on entering Outcomes in HMIS.

## CASE PLANNING

Field	Dependency	Response Category/Data Type
A Was youth assisted in completing a case plan?	None	Yes
		No

## VITAL DOCUMENTS PORTFOLIO

Field	Dependency	Response Category/Data Type
A Does youth have their Birth Certificate?	None	Yes
		No
B Does youth have their Social Security Card?	None	Yes
		No
C Does youth have a State ID or Tribal ID Card?	None	Yes
		No

## EMPLOYMENT

Field	Dependency	Response Category/Data Type
A Was youth employed at any point in reporting period?	None	1 Yes
		2 No
C Was youth provided employment-related support services?	None	Yes
		No

## EDUCATION

Field	Dependency	Response Category/Data Type
A Does youth have GED or High School Diploma?	None	1 Yes
		2 No
C Is youth attending High School or GED classes?	None	Yes
		No
D Is youth attending post-secondary education classes?	None	Yes
		No
E Was youth provided education-related services during reporting period?	None	Yes
		No



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**CONNECTIONS**

Field	Dependency	Response Category/Data Type
A Was youth provided support in connecting and building relationships with family during the reporting period?	None	Yes
		No
B Was youth provided support in connecting and building a stable relationship with a positive, supporting adult (other than family or agency staff)?	None	Yes
		No

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**FOSTER CARE BENEFITS**

Field	Dependency	Response Category/Data Type
A Is the youth eligible for extended foster care benefits?	None	1 Yes
		2 No
B If <b>Yes</b> , is the youth accessing or in the process of accessing extended foster care benefits?	Field A; Response 1	1 Yes
		2 No

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**MEDICAL**

Field	Dependency	Response Category/Data Type
A Does the youth have identified healthcare (including mental health) providers and/or is connected to a clinic?	None	Yes
		No

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**CONNECTIONS TO SAFE HARBOR**

Field	Dependency	Response Category/Data Type
A Has the youth exchanged sex acts for money, a place to stay, clothing, food, drugs, transportation, or other things to meet their needs?	None	1 Yes
		2 No
B If <b>Yes</b> , has the youth been offered or referred to Safe Harbor services?	Field A; Response 1	1 Yes
		2 No

## ADDING OUTCOMES

The “MN: OEO HYA Outcomes” (“Outcomes”) assessment was developed to capture services provided by the agency, as well as outcomes achieved by youth. Outcomes should be completed for each client participating in HYA YSH projects (TH, PH S, RRH) as well as for each client who has stayed longer than 30 consecutive days in HYA ES projects (however, agencies are encouraged to complete the Outcomes assessment on **all** clients). Outcomes can be updated from the Entry / Exit tab under the Interims heading.

[Jump to instructions for HYA Youth Supportive Housing \(YSH\) projects](#)

[Jump to instructions for HYA Emergency Shelter \(ES\) projects](#)

### HOW TO: HYA YSH OUTCOMES

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As described above, the HYA Outcomes Measures were developed to capture outcomes achieved by youth. In order to report on HYA Outcomes progress for *every* client, regardless of how long a client has been enrolled in your housing program, HYA Youth YSH projects will complete a series of Interim Reviews. The first Interim Review will capture a baseline outcomes measurement, which is a requirement for all newly enrolled clients starting July 1, 2019. After the first review is completed, additional Interim Reviews will be created for each six-month reporting period that the client is in your program to record progress on these outcome measurements.

### BASELINE OUTCOMES

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When a client enters your housing program, you will need to create a **Baseline Review** within 14 days of the client’s Project Start Date.

1. From the **Entry / Exit** tab, under the **Interims** heading, click on the HYA entry you’re wanting to create an Interim Review for.
2. Select **Baseline for Interim Review Type**.
3. **Review Date** should fall within 14 days of the client’s Project Start Date.
4. When the **Entry / Exit Interim Review** window pops up, the **MN: OEO HYA Baseline Outcomes** assessment is displayed by default and you may proceed with answering the questions.
5. There are four outcome areas on the **Baseline Outcomes** assessment: Vital Documents, Employment, Education, and Medical. A response of “yes” or “no” is required for every question.
  - “Yes” indicates the client accomplished the outcome.
  - “No” means the outcome has not yet been achieved.
6. Click **Save & Exit** after you’ve answered all questions.
7. **Please Note:** If you try to **Save & Exit** without answering all the required questions in the Baseline Outcomes Assessment, a pop-up window will appear, prompting you to complete the remaining questions:

**Vital Documents**

Does youth have their Birth Certificate? \* Yes ▾ G

Does youth have their Social Security Card? \* Yes ▾ G

Does youth have a State ID or Tribal ID Card? \* -Select- ▾ G

**Employment**

Was youth employed during reporting period? Yes ▾ G

If yes, did they report services? Yes ▾ G

Was youth provided support services? Yes ▾ G

**Validation Problems**

⚠ You must answer the question Does youth have a State ID or Tribal ID Card?

OK

## OUTCOMES

If a client is in your program at *any point during* the six-month reporting period, you must create a **6 Month Review** and answer/update all MN: OEO HYA Outcomes assessment questions. There is an exception for clients who enter within the last two weeks of a reporting period (on June 17/December 18 through the end of that month). These clients are not required to have a **6 Month Review** completed for that reporting period; they would only need a **Baseline Review** completed.

Please note, the *Review Type* will always be **6 Month Review**, even if a client has not been enrolled in your project for six months. **6 Month Review** does not refer to a length of time, it is just the *Review Type* used to report HYA Outcomes!

## WHEN TO CREATE AN INTERIM REVIEW FOR YOUR HYA YSH PROJECT

1. Create *only one 6 Month Review* for each six-month reporting period. A new **6 Month Review** should be created for each six-month reporting period. Below are the date ranges for the six-month reporting periods:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> six-month report period: July 1 - December 31
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> six-month report period: January 1 - June 30
2. From the **Entry / Exit** tab, under the **Interims** heading, click on the HYA entry you're wanting to create an Interim Review for.
3. Select **6 Month Review** for **Interim Review Type**.
4. **Review Date** should fall within the 6-month reporting period you're reporting on.
5. When the **Entry / Exit Interim Review** window pops up, you will need to manually select the **MN: OEO HYA Outcomes** assessment:

**Interim Review Assessment**

Select an Assessment

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MN: OEO HYA Youth Supportive Housing Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notes about client	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CES Assessment: Hennepin CoC - Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CES Assessment: Hennepin CoC - Singles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CES Assessment: Hennepin Exit - Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CES Assessment: Hennepin Exit - Singles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MN: OEO HYA Outcomes</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MN: OEO HYA Baseline Outcomes

6. After you've selected the **MN: OEO HYA Outcomes** assessment, you may proceed with answering the questions.
7. A response of "yes" or "no" is required for every outcome area listed in the **Outcomes Measured** section.
  - a. "Yes" indicates the client accomplished the outcome.
  - b. "No" means they are either not focused on that outcome or are making progress, but the outcome has not yet been achieved.
8. Click **Save & Exit** after you've answered all questions.
9. **Please Note:** If you try to **Save & Exit** without answering all the required questions in the Outcomes Assessment, a pop-up window will appear, prompting you to complete the remaining questions:

The screenshot shows a web-based form for an Outcomes Assessment. It includes sections for 'Vital Documents' and 'Employment'. In the 'Vital Documents' section, there are three questions with dropdown menus: 'Does youth have their Birth Certificate? \*' (set to 'Yes'), 'Does youth have their Social Security Card? \*' (set to 'Yes'), and 'Does youth have a State ID or Tribal ID Card? \*' (set to '-Select-'). The third question is highlighted with a red triangle icon. A 'Validation Problems' dialog box is open, displaying the message: 'You must answer the question Does youth have a State ID or Tribal ID Card?'. The dialog box has an 'OK' button.

- a. For some "yes/no" statements, there are "If yes..." clauses that require additional information. The system *will not* prompt you to answer these questions if they are left blank, so make sure to record an answer if necessary.

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#### UPDATING OUTCOMES DURING A REPORTING PERIOD

1. Best practice is to update outcomes as a client meets a goal, so you are prepared for reporting.
2. If you created an Outcomes Interim Review earlier in the reporting period and update it later in the reporting period, you can simply edit that same **6 Month Review** and **change the date of the review** so that it reflects the most recent updates within the reporting period.

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#### OUTCOMES AT EXIT

1. At client's exit, create a **6 Month Review** that falls within the reporting period at exit.
2. Or, if you've already created a **6 Month Review** for that reporting period, you can update that last **6 Month Review** and **change the date of the review** so that the answers to the Outcomes assessment are current as of exit date.

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#### SCENARIO

A client enters your housing program with a Project Start Date of 7/2/2019 and exits on 8/21/2020.

Correct Outcomes assessment data entry would include four **Interim Reviews** completed with the following **Interim Review Dates** as possibilities:

- 7/5/2019;
- 12/15/2019;
- 5/20/2020;
- and 8/20/2019

Note that there is one **Baseline** review and each review after that is a **6 Month Review**. There is one **6 Month Review** completed within each six-month reporting period:

Interim Reviews Associated with this Entry / Exit			
	Review Date	Review Type	Client Count
 	08/20/2020	6 Month Review	 1
 	05/20/2020	6 Month Review	 1
 	12/15/2019	6 Month Review	 1
 	07/05/2019	Baseline	 1

## HOW TO: HYA ES OUTCOMES

If a client has a shelter stay that is longer than **30 consecutive days** during the six-month reporting period, you must create a **6 Month Review** and answer/update all MN: OEO HYA Outcomes assessment questions.

Please note, the *Review Type* will always be **6 Month Review**, even if a client has not stayed in your shelter for six months. **6 Month Review** does not refer to a length of time, it is just the *Review Type* used to report HYA Outcomes!

### WHEN TO CREATE AN INTERIM REVIEW FOR YOUR HYA ES PROJECT

1. Create a **6 Month Review** for each shelter stay that is longer than 30 consecutive days that falls within the six-month reporting period. If the 30+ day shelter stay occurs over a reporting period end/start date, a **6 Month Review** will need to be created in **each** reporting period. Below are the date ranges for the six-month reporting periods:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> six-month report period: July 1 - December 31
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> six-month report period: January 1 - June 30
2. From the **Entry / Exit** tab, under the **Interims** heading, click on the HYA entry you're wanting to create an Interim Review for.
3. Select **6 Month Review** for **Interim Review Type**.
4. **Review Date** should fall within the 6-month reporting period you're reporting on.
5. A response of "yes" or "no" is required for every outcome area listed in the **Outcomes Measured** section.
  - "Yes" indicates the client accomplished the outcome.
  - "No" means they are either not focused on that outcome or are making progress, but the outcome has not yet been achieved.
6. Click **Save & Exit** after you've answered all questions.

7. **Please Note:** If you try to **Save & Exit** without answering all the required questions in the Outcomes Assessment, a pop-up window will appear, prompting you to complete the remaining questions:

- a. For some “yes/no” statements, there are “If yes...” clauses that require additional information. The system will not prompt you to answer these questions if they are left blank, so make sure to record an answer if necessary.

#### UPDATING OUTCOMES DURING A REPORTING PERIOD

1. Best practice is to update outcomes as a client meets a goal, so you are prepared for reporting.
2. If you created an Outcomes Interim Review earlier in the reporting period and update it later in the reporting period, you can simply edit that same **6 Month Review** and **change the date of the review** so that it reflects the most recent updates within the reporting period.

#### OUTCOMES AT EXIT

1. At client’s exit, create a **6 Month Review** that falls within the reporting period at exit.
2. Or, if you’ve already created a **6 Month Review** for that reporting period, you can update that last **6 Month Review** and **change the date of the review** so that the answers to the Outcomes assessment are current as of exit date.





#### SCENARIO

A client enters your shelter program with a project start date of 6/15/2019 and exits on 7/21/2019.

Correct Outcomes Assessment data entry would include two **Interim Reviews** completed with the following **Interim Review Dates** as possibilities:

- 6/30/2019;
- and 7/15/2019

Note that the review that has been completed is a **6 Month Review** and there is one review completed within the six-month reporting period:

Interim Reviews Associated with this Entry / Exit			
	Review Date	Review Type	Client Count
	07/15/2019	6 Month Review	
	06/30/2019	6 Month Review	

## REPORTING GUIDELINES

This section introduces the data quality and funder-required reports for DHS OEO HYA projects. For information about reporting periods, due dates, and changes to requirements, refer to communications from funders.

### FUNDER-REQUIRED REPORTS

**Data Quality Instructions:** Agencies should participate in the [Quarterly Data Quality](#) process to ensure that accurate information is being recorded and to address any data errors. Before sending the following reports to your funder, review and correct any errors that appear within the reports.

**Required Reports:**

1. MN Core Homeless Programs
2. HYA Outcomes

### REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. MIN-01-SAG-030 – MN Core Homeless Programs

**Location in BusinessObjects:**



Public Folders



minnesota\_live\_folder



SSA Report Gallery (Funder Reports) (Secure)



0. Program Evaluation

**Required Prompts (prompts not listed below should be left blank):**

- Select Provider(s): *Choose the provider(s) you want to include in your report*
- Select Reporting Group(s): *Can be left blank if not using a Reporting Group*
- Select Program Type Code: *Ensure your provider's program type code is included in the selection*
- EDA Provider: *Leave blank except in rare cases (for example if ICA told you to use it)*
- Enter Start Date: *The first day of the reporting period*
- Limit to Veterans ONLY?: *Select No*
- Enter Effective Date (PLUS 1 Day): *The last day of the report period +1 day*
- Enter End Date (PLUS 1 Day): *The last day of the report period +1 day*
- Include Income?: *Select Yes*

## 2. SHP-32-SAG-046 - HYA Outcomes

### Location in BusinessObjects:



Public Folders



minnesota\_live\_folder



SSA Report Gallery (Funder Reports) (Secure)



4. State Homeless Programs



DHS OEO

**Required Prompts** (prompts not listed below should be left blank):

- Select Reporting Group(s): *Can be left blank if not using a Reporting Group*
- Select Provider(s): *Choose the provider(s) you want to include in your report*
- EDA Provider: *Leave blank except in rare cases (for example if ICA told you to use it)*
- Enter Start Date: *The first day of the reporting period*
- Enter End Date (PLUS 1 Day): *The last day of the report period +1 day*