Living Situation Updates

Alameda Count HMIS - 2020 Data Standards Update

September 17th, 2019

On October 1st, 2019 Alameda County HMIS will undergo a series of updates to comply with the new 2020 HMIS Data Standards released by HUD. One important update is related to recording the clients "Current Living Situation."
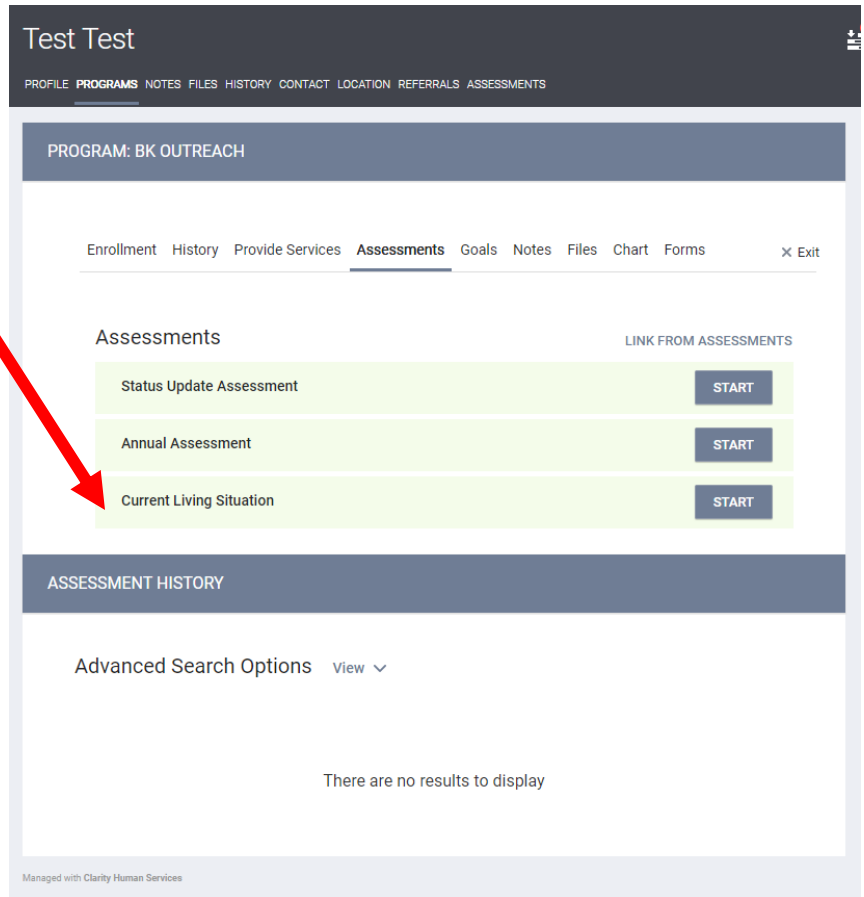
The Current Living Situation Assessment

After 10/1/2019 the you may see a new assessment under the program assessments tab called "Current Living Situation (see photo).

This assessment is designed to record each contact with people experiencing homelessness by street outreach and other service projects and to provide information on the number of contacts required to engage the client, as well as to document a current living situation as needed in any applicable project.

When To Complete a Current Living Situation Assessment?

Events that require the collection of a Current Living Situation assessment include activities such as a conversation between a street outreach worker and client about the client's well-being or needs, an office visit to discuss their housing plan, or a referral to another community service.

Living Situation Picklist Options

The living situation picklist options are undergoing a change. To comply with date data standards going forward **use the most current version of paper forms** available on the Alameda County HMIS website 10/1/2019. Use the most up to date paper forms to comply with current data standards. To view details on this change refer to the HMIS 2020 Data Dictionary Appendix A (pg. 91).

ACTIION REQUIRED – The "Interim Housing" picklist option is being retired. Clients with a "Residence Prior To Project Entry" listed as "Interim Housing" need to be updated to a valid picklist option. Identify clients by running run the Looker Report under *Reports -> Data Analysis -> Alameda System Reports -> Interim Housing Clients,* or by running an APR.

Questions??

- ❖ Attend monthly user group meetings for additional information on system updates.
- ❖ Speak with your HMIS Agency Administrator
- ❖ Email hmissupport@acgov.org
- ❖ View resources from Bitfocus on the 2020 HMIS Data Standards Changes
- ❖ View additional resources regarding the 2020 HUD Data Standards update