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Please forward to other interested parties.

**New Data Standards Go Live in Clarity**

As of Oct. 3, you should see new custom assessment screens, new elements for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY), and other changes described in the updated data standards on the HUD website. If you have any problems accessing HMIS or understanding the changes, your Commerce team is just a phone call or email away. Call (360) 725-2918 for the Help Desk. Email at Alicia.osborne@commerce.wa.gov

**Video Tutorials & Data Collection Forms Available Now**


There are HMIS forms available for you to print and use for data collection in your programs. Please visit [https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4038/coc-hmis-data-collection-templates/](https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4038/coc-hmis-data-collection-templates/) to download MS Word versions of the forms for modifications, or you can visit the Clarity help portal to find forms that are not changeable but are customized to the Clarity HMIS software at [http://help.clarityhs.com/additional-resources/continuum-of-care-coc-programs-shp-sc-sro-sample-forms/](http://help.clarityhs.com/additional-resources/continuum-of-care-coc-programs-shp-sc-sro-sample-forms/).
Clear Your Google Chrome Cache
We’ve been getting reports of slowness and unresponsiveness for some people using Google Chrome for HMIS. You can switch browsers, or clear your cache in Chrome. Here’s how:

- Open Chrome.
- On your browser toolbar, click on the vertical ellipses (three dots on the far right).
- Point to More tools, and then click Clear browsing data.
- In the “Clear browsing data” box, click the checkboxes for Cookies and other site and plugin data and Cached images and files.
- Use the menu at the top to select the amount of data that you want to delete. Choose beginning of time to delete everything.
- Click Clear browsing data.
- While you’re there, check your version and perform any updates as needed.

Tip of the Month
Fall is here, and so are end-of-the-year data requests and federal reporting deadlines. Help us help you by notifying us early of a reporting need you may have for HMIS data. We can help – but we can only go so fast. Please contact Jennifer Garrett at (360) 725-5002 or Jennifer.garrett@commerce.wa.gov for all your reporting needs.

Training Update
Fall HMIS Trainings are available for registration. We have October and November trainings in our HMIS Training catalogue on our website at http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/hmis/. If you have training questions, please contact Maylee Stevenson at 360-725-2984 or maylee.stevenson@commerce.wa.gov.

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