Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance HMIS Privacy Notice



This Organization provides services for individuals and families at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. This Organization participates in the MDHA Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and/or Coordinated Access System (CAS).

The MDHA HMIS is used to collect basic information about clients receiving services from this Organization. This requirement was enacted to get a more accurate count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and to identify the need for different services. The MDHA CAS is used to connect individuals and families at-risk of or experiencing homelessness to the services they need.

The HMIS is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for agencies that receive HUD funding. HMIS is not electronically connected to HUD and is only used to share information by local authorized agencies.

This Organization only collects information that is considered appropriate and necessary. The collection and use of all personal information are guided by strict standards of privacy and security.

This Organization may use or disclose information from the MDHA HMIS and/or the MDHA CAS under the following circumstances:

- To provide or coordinate services for an individual or household;
- For functions related to payment or reimbursement for services;
- To carry out administrative functions;
- When required by law;
- For research and/or evaluation;
- For creating de-identified data; or
- To prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of an individual or the public in general

A copy of the MDHA CoC Privacy Policy, describing allowable uses and disclosures of data collected for the purposes of the MDHA HMIS and/or the MDHA CAS, is available to all clients upon request.

This privacy notice and the privacy policy may be amended at any time and those amendments may affect information obtained by the organization before the date of the change.

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