

Commonly-Used Acronyms



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Federal Government and Other Important Entities

FYSB: Family and Youth Services Bureau

HHS: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

HUD: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SNAPS: Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs

VA: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Commonly-Requested Data / Reports

AHAR: Annual Homeless Assessment Report

APR: Annual Performance Report

HIC: Housing Inventory Count

PIT: Point in Time Count

SPMs: System Performance Measures

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Funding Sources

BHAP: Basic Homeless Assistance Program

CDBG: Community Development Block Grant

CoC: Continuum of Care

ESG: Emergency Solutions Grant

GPD: Grant and Per Diem

HOPWA: Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

HUD-VASH: Housing and Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing

PATH: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness

PFS: Pay for Success

RHY: Runaway and Homeless Youth

SSVF: Supportive Services for Veterans Families

YHDP: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project

Project Types

CE: Coordinated Entry

ES: Emergency Shelter

HP: Homelessness Prevention

PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing

RRH: Rapid Rehousing

SH: Safe Haven

SO: Street Outreach

SSO: Supportive Services Only

TH: Transitional Housing

Commonly-Used Acronyms



Homeless Management Information System / Data

AKHMIS: Alaska Homeless Management Information System

DV: Domestic Violence

HDX: Homelessness Data Exchange

HMIS: Homeless Management Information System

HoH: Head of Household

ICA: Institute for Community Alliances

PPI: Personal Protected Information

PSDEs: Program Specific Data Elements

SSN: Social Security Number

UDEs: Universal Data Elements

VAWA: Violence Against Women's Act