

# **CONSUMER NOTICE**

## **HMIS: HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

This Agency participate in the Alaska Homeless Management Information System (AKHMIS). Some agencies receive funding to provide services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or near-homelessness that requires use of AKHMIS. Other agencies choose to use this database outside of funding requirements

AKHMIS collects basic information about clients receiving services from this Agency. This helps us get a more accurate count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and to identify the need for different services.

This Agency only collects information that is considered to be appropriate and necessary. The collection and use of all personal information is guided by strict standards of confidentiality and privacy. A copy of the Privacy Notice, describing the Agency's privacy practice, is available to all clients upon request. Please note that this Agency may release your personal information for the purposes of research and evaluation to help inform its work.

You do have the ability to share your personal information with other area agencies that participate in AKHMIS by signing a "Release of Information" document. This will allow those agencies to work in a cooperative manner to provide you with efficient and effective services.

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