

DHCD Data Request, Spring 2018

These data pertain to currently EA policies that HFF has been advocating around.

One of the issues discussed at the HFF Data Summit¹ was **HomeBASE renewals** – attendees decided that...

DHCD data around recidivism would help address this issue, including the number of families who were out on HB that are being denied EA access (for more complete numbers on housing instability post-HB, not just re-entry to shelter).

DHCD shared information on what the current data capabilities around HomeBASE are:

- The number of families who have been able to renew HomeBASE can likely be attained through the program manager.
- The number of applications of families who have timed off of HomeBASE has been analyzed in the past, but would require some work linking across data sets.
- DHCD is able to identify the average time housed for families who re-enter within the 12 months.
- For families re-entering within the 12 months, DHCD is capable of running a report on reasons for entry, if the family has completed the recently implemented placement form.

EA Income Eligibility (the 6 month clock issue) language made it into the House Budget. **See a full fact sheet on the issue here.**

- DHCD identified 149 families who were sent over-income letters during FY17, a small percentage of families served by EA.

¹ On January 23rd, 2018, Homes for Families held a Data Summit with more than 30 staff from EA providers across the state.



DCF Health & Safety Assessments are currently all in paper form. DHCD has been in discussions with DCF and has built out an electronic data collection tool that would track DCF assessments in ASIST – this has not yet been implemented.



HomeBASE Expansion to BSAS (Residential Treatment Programs) and DV:

- For FY17 and FY18 YTD *combined*, total spent on BSAS/DV expansion was about \$25,500. It is possible to get an annual breakdown.
- DHCD did not have the number of EA families referred to BSAS/DV programs off-hand, but suggested the number will be small.
- Serious incidents involving DV or substance abuse in EA are not tracked by DHCD.

Please continue to share your thoughts, questions, and feedback as we work to: address challenges and opportunities around data systems (ETO, etc.); and continue to use data to drive policy advocacy around issues related to EA.

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