

**NHSDC Spring CONFERENCE and CoC TOUR
Chicago, IL – April 25th, 26th and 27th**

Register here: <http://nhsdcspring2012.eventbrite.com/>

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The National Human Services Data Consortium (NHSDC) is a collaborative organization that understands the importance of data quality and the value of using valid and reliable data for community planning and performance measurement. NHSDC has worked for over 10 years to deliver conferences that allow Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) professionals to discuss current challenges and best practices while developing a critical network of peer support.

As in past years, the NHSDC conference is a HUD-approved conference. Therefore, HMIS funds awarded under the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) may be used to attend the 2012 NHSDC Spring Conference. SHP funds included in the Training and Technical Assistance line of the HMIS budget may be used for costs associated with attendance at training sessions that are qualified- and pre-approved by HUD Headquarters, such as this NHSDC conference. Projects without funds designated for HMIS do not have an HMIS budget, and, therefore, are not eligible to use supportive service funds to attend this event.

Tour of Chicago Area Continuum of Care Programs, 12:00pm, April 25th

During the half-day guided tour you will learn about model programs and how they are using data to make informed decisions. The tour will depart at 12:00 p.m. from the hotel lobby and return at 5:00 p.m. The tour is free. Registration for the tour is independent of the regular conference registration and has limited seating. Please register here: <http://nhsdcspring2012.eventbrite.com/>

NHSDC Spring Conference, 8:30am-5:00pm. April 26th and 27th

This year's conference offers a wonderful list of sessions and several excellent lunch time panel discussions. We are currently expecting Jennifer Ho, Deputy Director at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, and a representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs to discuss the role and future of data in human services. We are also planning a two-part session by Noah Iliinsky on Effective Data Visualization. The first session will address and share approaches to simple, effective display of complex data and in a hands-on follow-up session attendees can bring data sets on their laptop and learn from Noah how to best connect with your audience. To learn more about Noah Iliinsky check out his recent session at the

[Strata Conference](#) and watch his presentation at [NY Strata Ignite](#): To see a list of all of our confirmed sessions, as always please visit us at: www.NHSDC.org

Some of the planned sessions include:

- Effective Data Visualization, Noah Iliinsky, Complex Diagrams
- Putting Actionable Information into your Outcome Reports, Barb Ritter, Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
- VA and CoC Client-Level Data Sharing on Homeless Veterans, Presenter(s): Brian Sokol and Natalie Matthews, Abt Associates
- Using Mixed Data Submission Methods to Create Cumulative Reports Across Continua for Statewide Use, Dr. Rob Tripp, Carolina Homeless Information Network
- Building the Data Systems for the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Benefit Offset National Demonstration (BOND), Brian Sokol, Abt Associates
- How to Automate Your Work with AutoHotKey, Genelle Denzin, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio
- Rural Statistical Generation and Analysis, James Wheeler, Cumberland Regional Development Corp.
- Merging Statewide Data Systems, Ivan Handler, Chief Technology Officer at the Illinois Office of Health Information Technology