

Networking: Data Leads

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Overview

Community Data Leads frequently encounter complex challenges identifying data solutions and system configurations to support their Built for Zero (BFZ) work. By fostering open communication among data leads, communities can create a valuable peer network enabling them to learn from each other's experiences and effectively troubleshoot data quality issues.

Additional Details

Data Leads across the Built for Zero network have frequently highlighted the value of peer-to-peer learning in their work. To foster this collaboration, we aim to support communities in identifying and establishing meaningful pathways for connection.

In this breakout session, we will introduce a dedicated Data Leads Slack Channel where communities can engage, share insights, and exchange successful solutions to reporting challenges. We will provide suggestions for how Community Solutions Data Coaches can effectively moderate this channel. Ideas include creating a "Who's Who" of data leads and distributing quarterly newsletters that showcase innovative solutions developed by communities. Ultimately, this channel will serve as an ongoing opportunity for communities to connect, collaborate, and learn from one another.

This breakout will also provide an opportunity for data leads to connect on a personal level. We'll spend a portion of the time facilitating an activity that will allow data leads to have 1:1 conversations about their HMIS vendor, focus population, and areas that have been challenging and successful in their BFZ data work.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

We want data leads to know that other communities are facing similar challenges and some have implemented creative solutions. They'll leave the breakout with a network for peer learning at their fingertips. The goal is to put the power back in the communities hands to connect with other data leads and continue these conversations outside of the learning session.

Considerations for Equity

This venue for connection and collaboration shifts the power to communities to tap into the collective knowledge of the BFZ network and recognizes that community members are the experts in this work.

