



Data Sharing & Client Consent Form

Authorization for Release of Information

I understand that this agency, along with many others, participates in VESTA – a community software system. I know that VESTA collects information about many different people who get services and housing in the Greater Cincinnati area in order to understand more about who needs assistance or are homeless and to be able to report to the funders who pay for the programs. I know that data about myself and others in my household who receive services are maintained in VESTA by the agencies which serve me and display a VESTA USED HERE logo. I understand that I have a right to see my electronic record, ask for changes, and to have a copy of my record printed from any VESTA agency that has served me upon written request.

Client name	SSN	DOB
Dependent Children under 18:		

Only authorized staff from agencies that have provided me housing or services and who have signed a VESTA confidentiality agreement will be allowed to see, enter, or use information kept in VESTA.

Required Data Sharing

If at any point I need emergency assistance (food, financial assistance, clothing, etc.) from a community agency I understand that the assistance they provide me may be shared with other emergency assistance agencies. I understand that I have the right to refuse consent to share information in VESTA but that depending on the emergency assistance I need, it may be denied to me based on the agencies’ ability to coordinate the services through VESTA with other providers.

If at any point I’m homeless and seek street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, permanent housing or services from an agency using VESTA, I understand that the agency is required by the federal funders to enter my information into VESTA. The agencies using VESTA and providing homeless housing/services are also required to export all fields required by federal funders to another database. In Ohio it is sent to Clarity Human Services (a Homeless Management Information System - HMIS) administered by Strategies to End Homelessness, and in Kentucky it is sent to Service Point, administered by Kentucky Housing Corporation.

