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Missing and Unknown Values

This month's newsletter is focusing on missing and unknown values in the DMHAS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW).

Whenever possible, we need to have a valid value in each of the data fields that your organization submits to DMHAS as part of its monthly data submission activities. [The values for each of the fields in our data set may be found online here.](#) We understand that during admission, some information may not be available. However, whenever possible, efforts should be made to update this information in the client record.

There are many unknown and missing values in these particular fields, which are all required by the federal government:

- **Marital Status**
- **Primary Referral Source**
- **Employment Status**
- **Highest Grade Completed**
- **Principal Source of Support**
- **Living Situation**
- **Number of Arrests in Last 30 Days**
- **Social Support Voluntary**
- **Social Support Family/Friend**

In addition to the fields listed above, we have missing data in these fields:

Language 1-3 – this information is important for us to provide appropriate service and comply with the Affordable Care Act.

Religion – while this is not a required field, it is also helpful for providing culturally sensitive service.

You can run the *Unknown Values* report in the EDW **Data Quality** folder to get information on which records need updating.

Still have Questions? Please contact:

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