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**Goal Setting**

Goals can provide clarity and motivation in order to complete next steps for a larger plan. Setting SMART Goals allows for these goal and check in conversations to flow easier while being focused on improvement.

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2. **Track in HMIS**
   
   Goal planning can be tracked by selecting the option on the Client Profile sub-menu.

   Either option from below can be selected in order to add one goal at a time or multiple at a time.

3. **Options in HMIS**
   
   When selecting a goal, you can:
   - Narrow focus on goals with the goal groups
   - Add tasks for the goal to be completed
   - Attach to an enrollment or a barrier
   - List a completion date
   - Include notes

4. **Follow Up**
   
   With goals in place, checking in on progress and completion can be helpful in the follow up process. Inside HMIS you can list:
   - Progress made
   - Case notes related to the goal
   - Services your agency provided for the goal

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**Steps of SMART Goals:**

- **Specific**
  What do you want to achieve?

- **Measurable**
  How will you know when progress is made or the goal is accomplished?

- **Achievable**
  How can this goal be accomplished? List 1-3 steps.

- **Relevant**
  Why is this goal important/is this goal helping achieve bigger goals?

- **Time-Bound**
  When do you want to achieve this goal?