



Federal Updates: New SACWIS Program Instructions



Agenda: Review 2010 SACWIS Program Instructions

- **National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Reporting and SACWIS**
- **Conducting Pilots and SACWIS**



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NYTD Reporting and SACWIS



NYTD Reporting and SACWIS: Key Point

- **NYTD outcomes data may be collected outside of SACWIS *without affecting SACWIS compliance***



NYTD Reporting and SACWIS Case Management Data

- **NYTD case management data:**
 - Demographic data
 - Independent living services
- **SACWIS *must* collect and manage case management data for youth *in* foster care**
- **SACWIS *may* collect and manage case management for youth *not in* foster care**



NYTD Reporting and SACWIS Outcomes Data

- Outcomes data may be collected and managed *in* SACWIS for *all* youth
- Outcomes data may be collected and managed *outside of* SACWIS for *all* youth
- States may use multiple methods for collecting outcomes data – don't have to select just one.



NYTD Reporting and SACWIS Funding for Merging Data

- If *a//* NYTD data collection is done in SACWIS, preparing the NYTD report in SACWIS is a claimable IV-E cost
- If *any* NYTD data collection is done outside of SACWIS, merging the data is not a claimable IV-E cost
- This is a financial rule, not a SACWIS rule.



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NYTD Reporting and SACWIS Questions?



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Conducting Pilots and SACWIS



Conducting Pilots and SACWIS: Key Point

- ***With proper documentation, States may pilot new approaches, tools, and technologies without affecting SACWIS compliance.***



Conducting Pilots and SACWIS: What is a Pilot?

- **A time-limited demonstration and evaluation of a:**
 - child welfare business process,
 - tool or
 - information technology
- **that, if adopted and implemented, will affect SACWIS compliance.**
- **A pilot without an IT component may still affect SACWIS compliance!**



Conducting Pilots and SACWIS: What is a Pilot? - Examples

- **Child welfare business process:**
 - Alternative response procedures
- **Tool:**
 - Risk assessment tool
 - Developmental checklists for home visits
 - Case plan
- **Information technology:**
 - Browser-based resource management
 - Mobile devices for investigations



Conducting Pilots and SACWIS: What documentation is needed?

- **Business case**
- **Project plan**
- **Evaluations:**
 - **Process**
 - **Outcome**
- **Dissemination plan**



Conducting Pilots and SACWIS: Decision Point!

- **Implement:**
 - **Develop SACWIS compliant support**
- **Decommission**
 - **By agreed-on timeframes**



Conducting Pilots and SACWIS: Pilot Funding

- **Pilot IT costs are not eligible for SACWIS funding**
- **SACWIS IT support for full implementation may be eligible for SACWIS funding**



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Conducting Pilots and SACWIS Questions?



Where are the Program Instructions?

- **NYTD Reporting and SACWIS:**
 - ACYF-CB-PI-10-04, issued: April 2, 2010
 - Located at:
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2010/pi1004.pdf
- **Conducting Pilots and SACWIS:**
 - ACYF-CB-PI-10-05, issued April 8, 2010
 - Located at:
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2010/pi1005.pdf



Additional Reference NYTD Technical Bulletin #1

- **National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) File Structure:**
 - **Issued: February 19, 2010**
 - **Located at:**
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/systems/nytd/technical_bulletin1.pdf



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