

DHS Child Welfare

KIDS – SACWIS System

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SACWIS

- In December 1993, the Department of Health and Human Services published the regulations for the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS)
- SACWIS is a comprehensive, automated case management system that meets the needs of users, including: caseworkers, supervisors, managers, administrative staff, and other providers to support child welfare practice.

SACWIS - CONTINUED

- In order to maintain compliance, states must meet the strict 90 requirements (51 functional requirements), regarding functionality, confidentiality, reporting requirements, interfaces, etc.
- As of August 2016, the final rule was issued regarding CCWIS (Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System) which will replace SACWIS in 2018.

SACWIS – CONTINUED

■ **How is a SACWIS funded?**

- SACWIS funding is available for development, implementation, and operational costs, as well as SACWIS user-training services and equipment costs for all staff to use.
- In exchange for the additional funding, the state is required to agree that the SACWIS is the sole case management automation tool used by all public and private social workers responsible for case management activities.

■ **How does SACWIS support other reporting and data systems?**

- By law, a SACWIS is required to support the following federal reports:
 - Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS)
 - National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)
 - National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)
- Mandatory that SACWIS has an automated, bidirectional interface with a state's title IV-A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), title IV-D (child support), and title XIX (Medicaid) systems Visit disclaimer page.

- SACWIS also is required to collect and manage the information necessary to facilitate the delivery of child welfare support services, including family support. States are also encouraged to incorporate other programs, such as the following:

Juvenile justice

Adult protective services

Family stabilization and child well-being

Mental Health

Medical Providers

SACWIS IN OKLAHOMA

The SACWIS in Oklahoma was named KIDS and went live in June 1995



- First SACWIS compliant state in the US
- Enhancements are made to the system through bi-monthly releases

CURRENT KIDS SYSTEM CAPACITY

- As of 10/1/16:
 - 3,540 current active users in system
 - 752 current users in EKIDS
 - Max usage was 1,500 users on 2/8/16 with an average daily peak usage up to 1,200 users
 - KIDS was initially designed to handle 550-600 users at any given time but is now set to max out at 2,000 users
- Due to the high usage, additional memory was needed
 - Upgrade project completed on 4/24/16 at a cost of approximately \$206,000.
 - Since April, 2016 – system has maxed out twice due to high usage and additional memory is needed

KIDS - PROGRAM/SYSTEM FUNCTIONS

Critical Functions of SACWIS include:

- INTAKE MANAGEMENT
- INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT
- INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- CASE REVIEW/EVALUATION
- MONITORING CASE PLAN SERVICES
- FACILITIES SUPPORT
- FOSTER / ADOPTIVE HOMES SUPPORT
- COURT PROCESSING
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- ADMINISTRATION
- REPORTING
- INTERFACES

USE OF SYSTEM/APPLICATION

- Within legal parameters, the State agency may allow non-State agency staff (e.g., service providers, courts, non-State agency staff who provide State agency services) to have access to and utilize the statewide application.
- As with any system access, Oklahoma takes all necessary precautions to comply with the safeguarding of data and confidentiality provisions. Use of the system for purposes other than those related to the IV-E or IV-B programs must comply with applicable State and Federal law.

EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS - EKIDS

- Contractors, Service Providers, Judges, District Attorneys and some other Agency Staff have inquiry-only access to EKIDS.
- A very limited number of slots are available granting access to EKIDS due to the capabilities of the system
- Access is limited by assigning Securities to staff which limits screen availability by staff type
- KIDS currently has the ability to assign securities ranging from Security 1 (Read Only Access) up to level 64 Security.

■ QUESTIONS?

