

Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare System (MiSACWIS) Implementation

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Sec. 1903. (1) The department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office by November 1 of the current fiscal year an implementation plan regarding the appropriation in part 1 to implement the MiSACWIS. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, efforts to bring the system in compliance with the settlement and other federal guidelines set forth by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.



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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare System (MiSACWIS) and children's services data warehouse teams, collaborate to ensure the relevant data elements are captured to comply with the Implementation, Sustainability and Exit Plan (ISEP) which replaced the Modified Settlement Agreement. Improvements continue to be made to the MiSACWIS system in order to address compliance with ISEP measures including: adding due date reminders, improving system usability, development of reports and refining data tracking processes.

The MiSACWIS program division continues to work closely with the Division of Continuous Quality Improvement (DCQI) and the data warehouse to capture the required elements for the AFCARS (Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System), NCANDS (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System) and NYTD (National Youth in Transition Database) federal reports. The MiSACWIS federal report team continues to review and validate requirements to ensure data quality and reporting are accurate for compliance with federal reporting requirements.

Several enhancements have been made within the MiSACWIS application to enhance the system and ensure data is collected for these federal reporting requirements. The data warehouse team continues enhancement endeavors for federal monthly reporting. A Missing Value and Outliers report is also available to assist field workers with identifying data elements that are incomplete.

Improvements made to capture AFCARS data:

- A change was made to require a diagnosis begin date when entering a diagnosis.
- When identifying a permanency goal plan of guardianship, a system enhancement was made to require a user to enter data to specify if the guardian is a related or unrelated guardian.
- More relationship values were added to accurately report relationships within an adoption.

Improvements made to capture NCANDS data:

- Additional information has been added to support collecting human trafficking details within an intake and investigation.
- Changes were made to document information related to the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) for infants. Specific information regarding infants born and identified as being affected by substance abuse, withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, or all the above, is now captured in the system.

Improvements made to capture NYTD data:

- An automated process was modified to validate if a child's placement is eligible to be included as part of the NYTD survey.

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- The logic was updated to report on the NYTD baseline population of 17-year-old youth. Youth that were in a living arrangement of court treatment facility were removed and youth that were in a living arrangement of adoptive placement were included.