
WDTIP Bulletin

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System Conversion

We have had several inquiries regarding the WDTIP data conversion process and have committed this month's edition of the WDTIP Bulletin primarily to providing information regarding conversion. The Project's status updates will return in the next edition of the WDTIP Bulletin.

The WDTIP system will collect time-on-aid information that is required to accurately calculate the Welfare to Work 18/24-month, CalWORKs 60-month, and TANF 60-month time clocks, display this information on 20 screens and provide counties with four monthly system report files. To do this, the system must capture time-on-aid information from county and consortia systems. There are eight automated source systems represented within the county and consortia systems. Three of them are consortia based systems: ISAWS, WCDS and LEADER. The remaining five are the independent county systems: Stanislaus, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside and Merced.

With data conversion, the WDTIP database is populated with historical and current county data necessary to calculate and display Federal and State time clock information. Most of the historical information necessary to calculate the three time clocks will be sent directly from the automated systems listed above.

The process for populating the WDTIP database requires several steps. First, MEDS-derived data, dating back to December 1996, will be taken from the existing SAWS Information System (SIS) database and loaded into the WDTIP database. Second, required historical data will be sent from the eight source systems via a standard file format. This data will be loaded into the WDTIP database, replacing any SIS data that exists within the same historical timeframe. For any county that cannot provide data back to December 1996, SIS data will be used to fill the historical data gap. Finally, some counties will input time clock related data that does not reside in their automated system via the four online update screens within the WDTIP system. Once the WDTIP database has been populated with historical county data, it must be continually updated to reflect changes that occur in the county systems. Each of the eight source systems will create and send an ongoing daily extract file to transfer updated county data to

the WDTIP system. Data relating to non-California program participation, diversion program participation, supportive services only payments and child support reimbursements may be updated either online or via the daily batch process, depending on the capabilities of each source system.

As noted above, the WDTIP database will initially be populated with historical data from the existing SIS database. A daily file from MEDS will be used to provide updated program information on an ongoing basis for non-converted counties. Once a county converts to the WDTIP system, ongoing updates will be sent via a daily extract file directly to WDTIP. These updates will be sent to WDTIP via ISAWS, WCDS and LEADER consortiums and the five independent county systems: Stanislaus, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside and Merced.

If you have questions regarding your county consortia's role in the WDTIP data conversion and ongoing update process, please follow your county's established procedures for contacting your consortia. For further details regarding data conversion or ongoing data loads, please contact the Project's Conversion Lead, Anna Leano at (916) 229-3374 or by e-mail aleano@hwdcaws.cahwnet.gov.

User Acceptance Testing

UAT was completed April 20, 2000. UAT Team members from the Ventura, Los Angeles, Yolo, San Joaquin, Riverside, San Bernardino, Stanislaus counties and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) participated in system user acceptance testing activities. The complete details of UAT will be provided in the next edition of the WDTIP Bulletin.

System Training

Just a reminder, the Project will be providing Train the Trainer sessions beginning May 3, 2000. WDTIP county contacts have been notified of the details regarding the WDTIP system training content, dates, times and locations. If you have specific questions regarding your county's training schedule, please contact Lorrie Taylor at (916) 229-3380.

Communications

The WDTIP website address is www.wdtip.cahwnet.gov and is updated monthly. If you prefer to contact our office by phone, we are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The WDTIP toll-free number is (877) 365-7378. Our fax number is (916) 229-4487. WDTIP staff phone numbers and e-mail addresses are posted on the WDTIP website in the *Contact* section.

Other

If you have ideas for functional items you would like to see included in the monthly WDTIP Bulletin, please contact Lorrie Taylor at (916) 229-3380 or by e-mail at *ltaylor1@hwdcaws.cahwnet.gov*.