WDTIP Bulletin

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Project Updates

Development of the Welfare Data Tracking Implementation Project (WDTIP) system is in full swing. The WDTIP Implementation Team has determined the project's approach to system implementation and will now begin work on the detailed implementation plan. System implementation will be a partnership between projects and counties. Since we are on the fast track here and are excited about making this system available to you, we want to keep you up to date with relevant implementation news.

The WDTIP Application and Conversion Teams are currently developing the system design specifications and the system database architecture. The Application Team is "mocking-up" screens, documenting business logic, and determining screen navigation. The Conversion Team is developing the detailed conversion specifications, including the External Developer's Guide and the standard file format through which data will be loaded into the database. In short, we are developing a streamlined, navigationally friendly system that captures time-clock data directly from counties. Non-mandatory data elements, such as an individual's demographic information, will be loaded from the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS), which will eliminate some work on the county end.

The system will also have limited on-line update capability for those data elements that most counties do not retain in automated systems. Counties will be able to add and update information manually that pertains to Diversion, Child Support reimbursement, Supportive Services Only, and Non-California Program Participation. This is new functionality and will provide the counties greater system flexibility.

Events

Joint Application Design Session (JAD)

The WDTIP Implementation and Application Teams held a JAD session August 3-5, 1999, involving project stakeholders, system design specialists and welfare business experts. This collaborative effort between State, County and Project staff has resulted in the design of the logical and physical structure of the WDTIP system. This group also voted to rename the system from Pre-SAWS to Tracking Recipients Across California (TRAC). The *project* name remains WDTIP.

Regional Meetings

Regional meetings will be scheduled for October 1999. The purpose of these sessions is to review the WDTIP implementation schedule, discuss training approaches, introduce the new system and provide relevant documentation. Look for more information regarding these one-day meetings to be forwarded to the WDTIP contact in your county.

System Updates

The seven screens currently available in Pre-SAWS have increased in number and have been modified and enhanced to display time clock information to the end-user. The information regarding the TANF 60-month, CalWORKs 60-month and Welfare-to-Work 18/24-month clocks will be presented to the end-user in a proposed 21-screen system with additional flexibility in navigation.

The table below lists the Screen ID, Screen Name and Screen Description of the proposed WDTIP screens that were developed in cooperation with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), county and consortia representatives during the August JAD session.

Screen ID	SCREEN NAME	SCREEN DESCRIPTION
TRAC	**WDTIP MAIN MENU**	Displays the screen names that can be accessed from the WDTIP Main Menu.
IINQ	**INDIVIDUAL INQUIRY**	Performs statewide search to obtain a list of potential Individual (s) known to the Statewide Client Index (SCI).
ISUM	**INDIVIDUALRESPONSE SUMMARY**	Displays the results of individual inquiry search. Displays demographic and vital statistical information on an individual(s) that meet the search criteria.
IDET	**INDIVIDUAL DETAIL**	Displays individual demographic, vital statistic, TANF, CalWORKs and Welfare-to-Work time clock details regarding an individual known to welfare.
ALID	**ALTERNATE IDENTITY**	Displays existing, alternate demographic and vital statistic data known to an individual.
CSUM	**COUNTY SUMMARY**	Displays a listing of all county welfare departments to which an individual has been known and whether or not that county's time clock data has been converted to TRAC.
PSUM	**PROGRAM SUMMARY**	Displays a listing of an individual's welfare program involvement within a specific county welfare department.
PDET	**PROGRAM DETAIL**	Displays individual program involvement details and TANF, CalWORKs and Welfare-to-Work 18/24 time clock months expired.
TSUM	**TIME CLOCKS SUMMARY**	Displays a listing of an individual's TANF, CalWORKs and Welfare-To-Work 18/24-time clock months expired.
DSUM	**DIVERSION SUMMARY**	Displays a summary of all diversion payments to an individual, including the start month, end month and county of record.

Screen ID	SCREEN NAME	SCREEN DESCRIPTION
DDET	DIVERSION DETAIL	Displays detailed information about specific diversion payments for an individual including diversion payment amount, payment date and diversion reason.
ESUM	EXCEPTION SUMMARY	Displays a summary of all time clock-related exceptions for an individual.
EDET	EXCEPTION DETAIL	Displays detailed information about a specific exception instance for an individual including exception type, exception reason and the effect on the related time clocks.
TCAL	TANF 60-MONTH CALENDAR	Displays a calendar summarizing the status of an individual's Temporary Aid to Needy Families 60-month time clock, including the start date and number of months used.
CCAL	CALWORKs 60-MONTH CALENDAR	Displays a calendar summarizing the status of an individual's CalWORKs 60-month time clock including the start date and number of months used.
WCAL	WTW 18/24-MONTH CALENDAR	Displays a calendar summarizing the status of an individual's Welfare-to-Work 18/24-month time clock, including the start date and number of months used.
UNCP	NON-CAL PARTICIPATION UPDATE	Allows designated county end users on-line access to add, modify or delete Non-California Program Participation information.
UDIV	DIVERSION UPDATE	Allows designated county end users on-line access to add, modify or delete Diversion payment information.
UCSR	CHILD SUPPORT REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE	Allows designated county end users on-line access to add, modify, or delete information regarding the collection of Child Support that reimburses the assistance payments made to an individual.
USSO	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES UPDATE	Allows designated county end-users on-line access to add, modify, or delete information regarding the receipt of supportive services only payments by an individual.

These screens are in the design phase but will be finalized by August 31, 1999.

Communications

The minutes from the August 3-5, 1999 JAD session were posted to the WDTIP Website and copies were forwarded to all attendees and county contacts.

The *WDTIP Implementation Questionnaire* was sent to all 58 county contacts on August 19, 1999. The objective of the questionnaire is to obtain your county's position and feedback regarding the WDTIP system training and system implementation. Thank you to those counties who have already responded. If you have not received your copy, please contact Lorrie Taylor, WDTIP Communication Lead, at (916) 229-3380 or e-mail Lorrie at ltaylor1@hwdcsaws.cahwnet.gov.

A reminder, the WDTIP website address is www.wdtip.cahwnet.gov and is updated monthly. Your comments have been invaluable. There is a link on the website to allow you to e-mail specific individuals on the WDTIP. We encourage you to do so.

If you prefer to contact our office by phone, we are available, 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday. The WDTIP toll free number is (877) 365-7378. Our fax number is (916) 229-3170. Additional phone numbers and e-mail addresses for the WDTIP contacts are located on the WDTIP Website.

Other

The objective of the WDTIP is to provide you with a bulletin that keeps you apprised of the project events or decisions that will directly or indirectly impact you and provide you with technical information about system changes, corrections, functionality or enhancements. If you have additional ideas concerning functional items you would like to see included in the monthly bulletin, please provide your feedback to Lorrie Taylor at (916) 229-3380 or e-mail Lorrie at ltaylor1@hwdcsaws.cahwnet.gov.