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Subject: SACWIS Update

National Youth in Transition Database “NYTD” Federal Reporting Requirements: The SACWIS Project Team continues to make progress to ensure independent living services can be captured in SACWIS. As discussed in the June Statewide User Group Meeting, review of statewide data reveal counties are not routinely entering independent living services as required by OAC 5101:2-42-19.2 and OAC 5101:2-33-70 and NYTD rule 5101:2-42-19. ***Failure to enter independent living services in SACWIS will result in financial penalties and a loss of Chafee Foster Care funds.*** The team is also working to ensure the youth outcome survey is deployed in September. Additional information revealing the url address will be provided. Policy staff are tentatively planning additional NYTD review/training for August 17th (please set aside the date). The NYTD reporting period begins in October 2010 and data are submitted to the federal government every six months thereafter. Please work with your staff to ensure required independent living data are entered into SACWIS. Thank you for your support with this critical effort.

Financial Roll Out Progress: Congratulations to the 37 additional counties (totaling 56 statewide) who are now “live” in Medicaid and Adoption Assistance modules. Initial county feedback has been very positive and encouraging. I am so proud of the SACWIS Project Team and the county staff for this continued good work! Wave 3 counties (Allen, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Crawford, Defiance, Huron, Knox, Miami, Morgan, Preble, Richland, Stark, Union and Warren) are expected to process payments in August and Wave 4 counties (Adams, Belmont, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Greene, Guernsey, Henry, Holmes, Jefferson, Lawrence, Logan, Monroe, Ottawa, Pickaway, Pike and Ross) are expected to process payments in October. Thanks again to all who are reviewing and correcting data to ensure roll out efforts go smoothly!

Development progress also continues in each successive build and is going extremely well. We anticipate build 1.98 (due to be released in July) will include critical enhancements to the 4280 and 4281 financial reports that counties have been anxiously awaiting. Long awaited changes to ease the payment adjustment process are expected to be released in September. Thank you again

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to all of the state, vendor and county staff who are working each month on testing activities to ensure this work is responsive to county needs.

A draft Phase 2 Foster Care Maintenance Roll Out schedule is also currently under review. While not formalized/approved at this time, we tentatively expect county wave assignments to remain the same as Phase 1 with the first wave processing “own home” foster care payments in March 2011. We are currently targeting the completion of Phase 2 for December 2011 (approximately 5 months ahead of the original target) assuming no major barriers/unexpected problems. SACWIS Lead Staff will be contacting counties to complete preliminary readiness paperwork during late summer months. Thanks again to everyone who is collaborating to complete this critical milestone!

Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children “ICPC” Enhancements: Discussed in February 2010, Joint Application Design sessions with county staff are expected (barring testing issues/barriers etc.) to be released into production with build release 1.98 (currently targeted for July 22nd). Thank you again to the many counties who participated in these sessions and to the state SACWIS Project Team for completing the work. We expect this new functionality will be reviewed at the next Statewide User Group Meeting (scheduled for September 17th).

Data Fix Project / Updating County Editing – Streamlining Person Search, Data Duplication, Screening and Intake Functionality: While work is being subdivided into two phases and we are reviewing cost estimates, state staff have already begun working on the most immediate and straightforward modifications suggested in the May Intake / Screening JAD sessions. Changes to display and defaults for the reporter tab, intake participants, case participants and case category are already being worked on and will be released in the next two builds. Longer term changes (case merge, additional flexibility within the 24 hour period to unlink intakes, modifications to correct current delete functionality for “pending” or “research” information and standardization/merge for non ODJFS providers) are still under review and will likely require additional JAD sessions. As noted in ongoing project discussions, this work will be completed as funding is available. Again, we greatly appreciate the feedback from the 22 counties who participated in this work.

Monthly Visitation: While two visitation reports are available in the BIC testing folder and were reviewed at the last Statewide User Group Meeting, project team staff are working to increase access and refresh frequency of these reports. Stay tuned, we hope to have an update by late July. We appreciate the steadfast efforts of all counties to improve data integrity to ensure visits are accurately captured in SACWIS. ***Ohio’s FFY 2010 target goal is 80% and we are close, but not there yet. Please continue to work with staff to ensure counties do not experience losses in Title IV-B revenue if target goals are not met.***

APDU Submission Extension: Ohio received ACF approval to formally submit the FFY 2011 APDU on September 30th, 2010. We are focusing on budget and schedule estimates for current priorities (Alternative Response, Data Fix Project, Financial Roll Out and the Environment

Upgrade). Many of you also provided feedback on other high level priorities in the event additional funding becomes available: 1) improving custody/court module; 2) increasing report resources/availability/accuracy; 3) improving case plan/services/reviews. There were several other priorities of lesser importance also identified: activity log changes, system standardization and the CRIS-E interface. Ohio is now required to include detailed language in the APDU of all grant/pilot projects that involve data sharing and potential SACWIS compliance issues in terms of the actual grant implementation. We are currently including information to describe: Alternative Response/Differential Response, Kinship Navigator, ProtectOhio, IV-E courts, Results Oriented Management (ROM). It is important to remember ACF has authority approval in some aspects of these efforts and we appreciate your efforts to involve state staff early when grant/pilot projects are considered. Thanks to staff who continue to work on these projects.

Upcoming Meetings/Events: SACWIS Statewide User Group Meeting on September 17, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 4020 E. Fifth Avenue, Columbus. Video conferencing will be available. By September 10th, please advise Gaye Crawford, gaye.crawford@jfs.ohio.gov, who and at which location your staff will be attending.