Recording a Living Arrangement

The process of recording a Child Legal Status in SACWIS is being replaced with a new and more appropriate business rule-based process. This new functionality is called recording a Living Arrangement.

While the concept remains basically the same, SACWIS’s functionality has been modified to capture a different type of data as well as to better incorporate policy’s business rule terminology. This functionality also eliminates the need to complete an initial removal record and then create a placement record.

Important:

- SACWIS users are strongly encouraged to use this new record a Living Arrangement functionality. While the timeline to integrate this functionality can be made at your agency’s discretion, please be aware that if you do not end date the child legal status record, it will now require that you navigate to two separate screens to view the data.

- In Build 1.117 (currently scheduled for Feb 2012), a data fix will automatically be run to close all open Child Legal Status records on closed cases in SACWIS.

- To complete the process of recording case services (paid and unpaid) for the caretakers/caregivers of the Living Arrangement, you will need to add case services for the caregivers/caretakers and/or case members. For additional information on how to do this, refer to the Managing Case Services Knowledge Base Article.

- At the end of this Knowledge Base Article there is a Generating Reports section discussing how to run related Children in Living Arrangement reports that can then be attached to a case plan (if needed) or submitted if requested by the court.
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Complete the following steps to record a living arrangement:

1. From the SACWIS **Home** screen, click the **Case** tab.
2. Click the **Workload** tab.
3. Select the appropriate **Case ID** link.

**Note:** If you know the **Case ID** number, you can also use the **Search** link at the top of the **Home** screen and navigate to the **Case Overview** screen.

4. On the **Case Overview** screen, click the **Living Arrangement** link in the **Navigation** menu.

The **Living Arrangement Record** screen appears.
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5. In the **Child Name** field (required), select the appropriate child.

**Note:** The **Child Name** field displays all case members (active and inactive).

6. Click the **Add Living Arrangement** button.

The **Living Arrangement Information** screen appears displaying the selected child’s name as read only.

7. In the **Begin Date** field, enter the appropriate date.

**Note:** This field can be back-dated, but not future dated. The system uses the begin date for validation purposes as explained later.

8. In the **Living Arrangement Type** field, select the appropriate type from the drop-down list. If needed, refer to the additional information below.
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Important Information about the Living Arrangement Type Field

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- The selection made in the Living Arrangement Type field determines what information appears in the Caretaker Information section of this screen (i.e. person based or provider based).

- If any of the three Person Based values are selected, the Caretaker Information grid appears displaying a Relationship to Child field and a Role field for each caretaker. These two fields are discussed in more detail below. If Provider Based values are selected, these fields will not appear.

- Only one current Living Arrangement record can exist at a time per child. A child can have multiple living arrangements, but the dates cannot overlap.

- If the selected caretaker (any role) is an active provider member of an active (status) home provider, upon saving a Living Arrangement record, the following notification will be sent to all assigned workers, the provider, and their supervisors stating:

  <Person First Name and Last Name; Person ID> associated to <Provider ID(s)> has been identified as a Living Arrangement Caretaker for <Child First Name and Last Name; Person ID>. Please add this child as a member of this provider.
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Important Information about Selecting the Child of a Minor Parent

- If the Child of Minor Parent value is selected from the person-based values, then the values of Mother Holds Custody, Father Holds Custody, or Both Mother and Father Hold Custody can only be selected in the Who Holds Legal Responsibility field (discussed below) and validated upon save.

- If the Child of Minor Parent value is selected and the Caretaker is in a placement setting as of the Living Arrangement begin date, the address displayed will be the provider’s primary address associated with the current placement setting (as of the system date or as of the Living Arrangement end date, if ended).

- When the child of a minor parent is in two cases, the Living Arrangement record should be added on the parent’s case in which the child is an active member.

- If the Child of Minor Parent value is selected, upon save, the system validates that at least one caretaker has been selected and that the child is in a placement setting as of the Living Arrangement begin date.

- For additional information on child of minor parent (living arrangement type), refer to the Generating Payments and Medicaid for the Child of a Minor Parent Knowledge Base Article.
9. In the **Who Holds Legal Responsibility** field, select the appropriate value.

10. In the select box field (next to the **Add** and **Remove** buttons), click the appropriate name(s).

**Note:** The select box field contains the names of all active and inactive case members.

11. Click the **Add >** button. The selection moves to the field on the right.
12. If you added an incorrect person, click the name to highlight it.
13. Click the **< Remove** button. The name moves back to the select box field.

**Important:**

- You will only select one name, unless the value chosen in the **Who Holds Legal Responsibility** field is **Both Mother and Father Hold Custody**. In those cases, the system requires that two names be selected from the select box field.
- If the name that you’re looking for does not display, navigate to the **Members** tab and verify that the person is a case member.
14. In the **Caretaker Information** section, select the caretaker name from the drop-down list field.

15. Click the **Add Caretaker** button. The person’s name and address appear in the **Caretaker Information** grid.

16. If the person’s name is not displayed in the drop-down list, do one of two things:
   - Navigate to the **Members** tab and add the person as a case member or associated case member.
   - On this screen, click the **Person Search** button to locate the person. Once selected, the person’s name and address appear in the **Caretaker Information** grid.

![Image of Caretaker Information grid]

The **Caretaker Information** grid populates.

**Note:**
- There is no limit to how many people can be added to the **Caretaker Information** section, but you must select at least one person role as **Caretaker**.
- Additional people in the household can be added to the **Caretaker Information** grid at your agency’s discretion.
- The drop-down list contains the names of all active and inactive case members, as well as the associated case members.
- As mentioned previously, if you selected any of the three the **Person Based** values shown in the **Living Arrangement Type Chart**, the **Caretaker Information** grid appears displaying a **Relationship to Child** field and a **Role** field. If a **Provider Based** value was selected, neither field appears.
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For each person-based caretaker listed in the Caretaker Information section:

17. Select the appropriate relationship in the Relationship to Child field (required).
18. In the Role field, select the appropriate role.

**Important:** At least one value in the Role column must be Caretaker to save record.

Example of person-based Caretaker Information section:

![Person-based Caretaker Information]

This example shows a provider-based Caretaker Information section where no Relationship to Child field or Role field appears. Remember, when a provider-based living arrangement is selected, at least one provider must be chosen to save record.

![Provider-based Caretaker Information]
Whether person-based or provider-based living arrangement type was selected:

19. In the **Comments** field, enter any relevant comments.

20. **Prior to saving the record**, if an incorrect provider or person was added, click the **Unlink** hyperlink in the row to remove that provider or person.

21. Repeat the steps above to add the correct provider or person.

22. When complete, click the **Save** button at the bottom of the screen.

The **Living Arrangement History** screen appears.
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After clicking the Save button, the Living Arrangement record is “frozen” and cannot be modified, except for the Comments field, End Date field, End Reason field, as well as the Created in Error check box which are discussed later in this document. Once end-dated, the Comments field also becomes frozen.

If there are any changes to the Living Arrangement record (such as the caretaker has changed, the child is no longer in that living arrangement, or the information is simply incorrect), you can either end date the record and include the end reason, or mark the record as Created in Error.

If you enter a new record, you can use the Copy link (discussed below) or follow the steps above to select the child’s name in the Child Name field (Living Arrangement Records screen).

Living Arrangement Error Messages

When data on the Living Arrangement Information screen is saved, SACWIS validates that the information is accurate and (if needed) provides instructions on what needs to be corrected to save the record. The following are error messages that could appear:

A) The Child has a current Living Arrangement. You must end date the current Living Arrangement before adding a subsequent Living Arrangement record.

This message appears when a current Living Arrangement Record exists for a child and you attempt to create a new Living Arrangement Record where the new Living Arrangement record’s begin date starts after the begin date of the current Living Arrangement record.

B) The Living Arrangement begin date or end date cannot overlap a custody episode record.

This message appears when a Living Arrangement record time period overlaps a custody episode record for the child.

C) The Living Arrangement begin date or end date cannot overlap a placement record.

This message appears when the child has a current open Placement Record, so you cannot create a Living Arrangement.
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D) The Living Arrangement begin date or end date cannot overlap an initial removal record.
This message appears when the child has a current open Initial Removal Record, so you cannot create a Living Arrangement.

E) The Living Arrangement begin date or end date cannot overlap a Child Legal Status record.
This message appears when the child has a current open Child Legal Status Record, so you cannot create a Living Arrangement.

F) The child must be an active case member as of the Living Arrangement begin date.
This message appears to show the child was active case member at the time of the begin date, so you cannot create a Living Arrangement.

G) The selected members in the Who Holds Legal Responsibility must be an active case member(s) as of the Living Arrangement begin date.
This message appears to show the selected members in the Who Holds Legal Responsibility field were active case members at the time of the begin date, so you cannot create a Living Arrangement.

H) The Living Arrangement begin date or end date cannot overlap a custody episode record.
This message appears to show that the child has an active custody record at the time of the begin date, so you cannot create a Living Arrangement.
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End Dating a Record
If any Living Arrangement information changed after a record has been saved, you will need to do one of the following:

- Enter the end date as well as an end reason, or
- Click the Created in Error check box to create a new Living Arrangement record.

Important Information When End Dating a Living Arrangement:

- A Living Arrangement should be end dated when it is no longer valid.
- If the child is only active in one case, then a Living Arrangement must be closed in order to close the case.
- A Living Arrangement record can only be marked as Created in Error if that living arrangement falls within the most recent case episode.
- After end dating the Living Arrangement, the End Date field and End Reason field are frozen. However, the Created in Error field and the Comments field remain enabled.
- If an end date is entered, an end reason is required. Likewise, if an end reason is entered, the end date is required.
- If the end date is removed, the system will remove the end reason.

To end date a record, complete the following steps:

1. Navigate to the Living Arrangement Records screen using the steps above.
2. Click the Edit link in the appropriate row.

The Living Arrangement Information screen appears.
3. In the **End Date** field, enter the appropriate date.
4. In the **End Reason** field, select the reason the Living Arrangement is being ended from the drop-down list.
5. Click the **Save** button

Then, you can do one of the following things:

- Enter a new living arrangement record using the **Copy** link as discussed below.
- Select the child’s name and click **Add Living Arrangement** button on the **Living Arrangement Information** screen (also called the **Living Arrangement History** screen) as previously discussed.
- Or, if no new living arrangement information exists, don’t add a living arrangement.
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Copying a Living Arrangement Record

A **Copy** link is available for all living arrangements, including those marked as **Created in Error**.

1. Navigate to the **Living Arrangement Records** screen using the steps above.
2. Click the **Copy** link in the appropriate row.

The **Living Arrangement Information** screen appears displaying the copied information from the selected record.

If Living Arrangement type is going to change (be modified), you must first unlink the caretaker information. Additionally, the **Living Arrangement Type** field is grayed out (disabled) until you have unlinked the caretaker(s).

3. To unlink the caretaker, click the **Unlink** hyperlink in the appropriate row.

A message appears asking if you want to unlink the caretaker record.
4. Click the **OK** button.

The caretaker information is removed.

5. Complete the fields as discussed in the steps above.

6. When complete, click the **Save** button.

**Inserting a Living Arrangement Record Between Existing Dates**

For historical tracking purposes, you can enter a Living Arrangement record that falls in between two other already existing Living Arrangement records, including custody episodes, as shown here:

To do so, complete the following steps:

1. Navigate to the **Living Arrangement Records** screen using the steps above.
2. Click the **Edit** link or **Copy** link in the appropriate row.

The **Living Arrangement Information** screen appears.
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3. In the **End Date** field (**Living Arrangement Information** screen), enter the date for the time frame in which you’re trying to record (insert) the historical living arrangement.

**Example:**

Existing Living Arrangement / Custody Episode Record #1: Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Jan 15<sup>th</sup>
Existing Living Arrangement / Custody Episode Record #2: Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
New Living Arrangement Record (to be added): Jan 15<sup>th</sup> to Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

In this example, you would edit or copy record #1. Record the entire living arrangement information as discussed above, including the end date and end reason, and then save the record. If the end date and end reason is not entered, upon save you will receive one of the error messages discussed above.

4. In the **End Reason** field, select the reason the Living Arrangement is being ended from the drop-down list.

5. Click the **Save** button

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![Living Arrangement Information screen](image)
Viewing and Editing Historical Records (Child Legal Statuses)

Although the Child Legal Status functionality has been replaced in SACWIS, you can still view all historical records, as well as end date any open records. However, the screen location to view the historical records has changed.

1. To view historical Child Legal Status records, navigate to the Living Arrangement link in the Navigation menu using the steps above.
2. Click the Child Legal Status tab.
3. To update the record (end date or mark as Created in Error), click the Edit link in the appropriate row.

The Child Legal Status Details screen appears.

4. View or update the fields, as needed.
5. When complete, click the Save or Cancel button.
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Security Business Rules in SACWIS

For Living Arrangement:

- Both court workers and placement workers can update records that were created by their logged in agency.
- Court workers and placement workers of the case-owning agency can create Living Arrangement records, along with all assigned workers to the case who have a role of court worker and/or placement worker.
- All workers will be able to view the Living Arrangements screens.

For Child Legal Status:

- Both court workers and placement workers can update records across agency ownership.
- All workers will be able to view the Child Legal Status screens.
Generating Reports

Section 10 of the Person Overview Report

The Section 10: Living Arrangement History of the Person Overview Report can be printed separately and submitted as an addendum to the JFS 01444 Case Plan when the court wants to view the child’s living arrangement. This is a child specific report that is generated from the Forms/Notices navigation menu link in SACWIS.

To submit agency-wide living arrangement information, a Children in Living Arrangement report can also be generated for the court as discussed in the next sub-section. To run Section 10 of the Person Overview Report which includes the living arrangement history, complete the following steps:

1. From the SACWIS Home screen, click the Case tab.
2. Click the Workload tab.
3. Select the appropriate Case ID link.

Note: If you know the Case ID number, you can also use the Search link at the top of the Home screen and navigate to the Case Overview screen.

5. In the Forms / Notices field, select Person Overview.
6. Click the Select button.

The Person Overview screen appears.
7. In the Person field, select the appropriate name.
8. Click the Section 10: Living Arrangement History check box.
9. Click the Generate Report button.

The Section 10: Living Arrangement History report appears.
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Generating a Children in Living Arrangement Report

The Children in Living Arrangement report provides agency-wide information. To run the report, complete the following steps:

1. From the SACWIS Home screen, click the Administration tab.
2. Click the Reports tab. The Report Filter Criteria screen appears.
3. In the Living Arrangement Report row, click the Report link on the right.

The Report Details screen appears.

4. Select the PDF or Excel radio button.
5. Click the Generate Report button.

The Living Arrangement Report screen appears.
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6. In the **Agency** field, select the appropriate agency.
7. In the **Begin Date** field, enter the appropriate date.
8. Click the **Generate Report** button.

The **Children in a Living Arrangement Report** appears as shown below.

9. To save the report, click the **Save** button

**Note:**
- In the near future, a report titled **Living Arrangement Person** will also become available.
- If you have additional questions, contact the SACWIS Help Desk.