

eWiSACWIS 3.9 Highlights

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<u>Topic</u>	<u>Incident Number and Description</u>
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (10390) The Prior Involvement tab on the Access Report page will be modified. The Report ID column was removed and the Report Name and Case ID were consolidated to the Case Name, which includes the case ID number. The View column was removed and now the Report Type will list the county that did the screening and will include a hyperlink to the access report. The Assessment Finding was also changed to a hyperlink that will take workers to the Assessment. Workers will be able to filter involvement by access report participant and can sort columns on the tab.
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (26878) Traditional child protective services focus on investigations of possible maltreatment to determine if children have been or are at risk of being harmed, and are generally governed by legal requirements. Alternative responses allow child welfare agencies to intervene with families in more supportive ways, often by focusing on assessing families' strengths and needs and providing services. In states that offer alternative responses, they are generally provided in cases of lower risk. Investigations are still conducted for allegations of severe physical abuse and neglect and for sexual abuse. Beginning in July 2010, Wisconsin will pilot Alternative Response in 5 of its 72 counties. Changes have been made to eWiSACWIS to the Access Report (screening decisions) and Assessment to accommodate Alternative Response.
ICWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (27178) Large changes to the system will be made to accommodate the newly codified Indian Child Welfare Act and to make navigating the different documents easier for users. A change will be made to the Access Report page. The "Information that the child(ren) may have American Indian heritage, including names of tribe(s) if known" will now fill to 'Yes' if the participant has American Indian as his or her race on the Person Management page. A link to the ICWA contacts will also be added. <p>On the Assessment, a Create/View ICWA Record link will be added to allow workers to create or edit a child's ICWA record right from the Assessment page. This will be helpful as the worker will be able to create the Screening for Child's Status as Indian right from the Assessment. Also, a reminder pop-up will be added to remind workers to create the Screening if it has not been created before the Assessment is sent for initial or final approval.</p> <p>Changes will also be made to Person Management. Clan will be added (not required) as well as Status (required) and Tribal Membership # (not required). The Status options will be eligible for membership - not a member, member, not eligible for membership, and pending. A second field for Indian Tribe 2 will also be added and will include Status and Clan as well.</p> <p>A new ICWA Record page will be added. This page will house all of the ICWA documents including the Screening for Child's Status as Indian, Request for Confirmation of Child's Indian Status, Child's Biological Family History, Voluntary Placement Agreement - Indian Child, and Notice of Involuntary Custody Proceedings of an Indian Child. All of the information will be filled out on the different tabs of the ICWA Record and will pre-fill to templates. A hyperlink to the Wisconsin ICWA Contacts as well as the National ICWA Contacts will also be added to the page. Copy over will be available for each individual document or the entire page.</p> <p>A change will also be made to the Out of Home Placement page. If the child is documented as an American Indian on Person Management, the ICWA tab will be added to the Out of Home Placement page. Users will now document placement preferences on this tab rather than on the Out of Home Safety Plan.</p>
Legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (27571) This enhancement adds a new template for notice to the courts for a licensing decision (Relative Caregiver Licensing Decision). This template is used when a home is not licensed (for various reasons) and the agency is requesting the placement of the child to continue. This template will be created from Legal and will pre-fill licensing information from the provider based on the child's open Out of Home Placement.