



# Case Types in eWiSACWIS

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Case Type Automation  
Enhancement – Coming  
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# Case Type Issue

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- Case types in eWiSACWIS are stored historically, and are the most readily available data element to distinguish what services a family is receiving.
- There is not consistent use statewide of the current case types, so the value of this as a data element in reports is currently limited.



# Why are Case Types Relevant?

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- There are three significant reasons why the case type value in eWiSACWIS is relevant:
  - Reporting
  - Program Practice
  - Fiscal



# Case Types in Reporting

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- Impacts state and local ability to count cases and evaluate caseload activity within a county
- Used to analyze performance and service trends across counties
- Accurately measure state performance on federal outcome measures and performance improvement areas



# Case Types in Practice

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- Impact state and local ability to support implementation of program policy requirements and practice guidelines that are associated with certain types of cases at different points in the case process.
- Impacts state and county ability to understand and manage workload issues and selection of cases for State and Federal reviews.



# Case Types - Fiscal Impact

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- Case types impact the ability of the State and counties to evaluate child welfare expenditures and consider changes in funding processes.
- Case type values and the accuracy and reliability of this data would be critical to implement the WCHSA recommendation for the Visions model of case rate funding.
- Case type values could also be important for claiming Title IV-E and Medicaid Targeted Case Management revenue and ensuring compliance with Federal fiscal requirements.



# Discussion Points

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- The state and counties need the ability to identify when program policy requirements and practice guidelines apply to specific types of cases. The current case type values and inconsistent use makes it difficult to determine the flow of cases through the CPS case process.
- Case work within the CPS case process can be used to determine whether cases are in the assessment or ongoing services phases.



# What can be done?

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- Update the current case type definitions that are available on the Knowledge Web
- Provide training and technical assistance to promote accurate use of the case type values
- Use the existing Case List Summary Report (SM04a02) as a tool to review current case type values and counts
- Modify existing case type values to eliminate unnecessary values and add more detailed values as appropriate
- Convert old values to new values, automate as much of this as possible



# eWiSACWIS Enhancements

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- Make changes to the case type values, including conversion of existing case types
- Automate the case type selection using Access Reports, Initial Assessment disposition, and Out of Home Placement Ending reasons.
- Limit the available selections at certain stages throughout the life of the case to only pertinent values



# Current Case Types

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- Adoption – ICAMA
- Adoptive Home
- CPS Family
- CPS Family/Juv. Justice
- CPS-DCFS Lic/Cert Provider
- CPS-Other
- Child Welfare
- Courtesy Interview
- Family Support
- Guardianship
- ICPC
- Intra-State
- Juvenile Justice
- Kinship Care
- Pre-Adoptive Child
- Stepparent Adoption
- Subsidized Guardianship



# New Case Types

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- Adoption – ICAMA
- Adoptive Home
- Child Welfare
- Child Welfare & JJ
- CPS Family – Initial Assessment
- CPS Family – Ongoing
- CPS Family & JJ – Initial Assessment
- CPS Family & JJ - Ongoing
- CPS – Licensed / Certified Provider
- DHFS Guardianship – County Custody
- ICPC
- Juvenile Justice
- Pre-Adoptive Child
- Subsidized Guardianship
- Voluntary Kinship Care



# What Will Happen to the Old Types?

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- Courtesy Interview, Family Support, some Guardianship, and Stepparent Adoption will be converted to “Child Welfare”
- CPS Family, CPS – Other, and CPS – Secondary Caregiver will be converted to either CPS Family - IA or CPS Family – Ongoing
- CPS Family/Juvenile Justice will be converted to either CPS Family/JJ – IA or CPS Family/JJ - Ongoing



# How Will Automation Work?

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- Screened In Access Reports will drive case type for most cases
  - CPS Report generally will become CPS Family – Initial Assessment
  - Child Welfare Service Report will become Child Welfare
  - Kinship Service Reports will become Voluntary Kinship



# More Automation

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- Initial Assessment disposition
  - Most dispositions under Case Opened will make the case type CPS Family – Ongoing
  - Case Opened – Non CPS Services will change the case type to Child Welfare
- Placement Ending
  - When an out of home placement on a Pre Adoptive case is ended 'Transfer to \_\_\_\_\_ County', it will become 'DHFS Guardianship – County Custody'

# Questions?

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