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Re: Geographic Placement Resource System (GPRS)

PURPOSE

The Geographic Placement Resource System is available for agency staff with current eWiSACWIS access to improve placement matching, disaster preparedness, and targeted recruitment for out-of-home care placement resources.

BACKGROUND

The Geographic Placement Resource System uses information already entered into eWiSACWIS to generate visual displays of placement related information using mapping software. Data from eWiSACWIS is loaded nightly into the system to provide an updated resource for agency staff seeking to find appropriate placements for children, respond to disasters, and in the future, to target foster care recruitment efforts.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The Geographic Placement Resource System uses WAMS accounts to ensure only individuals with eWiSACWIS access are able to use the system.

The creation of GPRS includes a series of releases: the first two have occurred and included all of the placement resource information from eWiSACWIS and the ability to input child-specific criteria to search. An interim release occurred on September 16, 2013 to fix some minor issues from the first two releases. The contents of that release are attached below. The third release, scheduled for December 2013, will include child specific information that will be able to be used to match with available providers. The fourth release, scheduled for the first quarter of 2014, will focus on information from the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths tool (CANS) and targeted recruitment for foster care. Users will be notified of the releases through the eWiSACWIS Messages and Links on the eWiSACWIS desktop.

A demonstration of the GPRS system and the User's Guide are available to further explain how agency staff can use the system; the links to these resources are attached to this memo.

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MEMO WEB SITE: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/policy>

Links: Geographic Placement Resource System User's Guide
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/ewisacwis/gprs-guide.pdf>

Geographic Placement Resource System Demonstration, Webinar
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/training/gprs.mp4>