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Re: IA Detail Dashboard

#### **PURPOSE**

In accordance with s. 48.981(3)(c) Wisconsin Statutes, counties are required to initiate investigations of child maltreatment (Initial Assessments) in a timely manner and complete them within 60 days from the receipt of a screened-in child protective services report. During this investigation, caseworkers are to also document the outcome, safety findings, and demographic information of case participants. The new Initial Assessment (I.A.) – Detail dashboard has been developed to provide demographic and characteristic information regarding completed Initial Assessments.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Division of Safety and Permanence within the Department of Children and Families created the Child Protective Services (CPS) Data Warehouse at the end of 2014. This CPS Data Warehouse will form the basis of reports and dashboards that will assist counties in better managing their caseload as well as assist in understanding trends occurring within CPS. In designing the first products to come out of the CPS Data Warehouse, discussions were held with a group of county and state leaders to understand their CPS reporting and dashboard needs, and it was decided to create a new Initial Assessment dashboard to provide further details unavailable in the current Initial Assessment dashboard. All data from the CPS Data Warehouse is current as of the previous day.

#### **INFORMATION SUMMARY**

The Initial Assessment Detail Dashboard provides the viewer with information on completed I.A.s as it relates to the selected region's caseload, alleged victims, and alleged maltreaters. This dashboard is anticipated to be used by management to gain an understanding of the county's caseload. The dashboard can be accessed through eWiSACWIS. Certain state partners will be able to view any county or statewide data within this dashboard, and county CPS agencies will be able to view their specific county's information. The public will eventually be able to view this data statewide, by Balance of State, and by the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services.

Upon opening the dashboard, the user will see a flowchart that allows the user to select the I.A. population subset to view. The user may choose to review data on all completed initial assessments, or choose to view only traditional response data or alternative response data. Within traditional response data, the user may then navigate into safe or unsafe data, and also into substantiated or unsubstantiated data. Likewise, within the alternative response branch, the viewer may look further within services needed or services not

needed data. Also, a new functionality being introduced to the Initial Assessment Detail dashboard is the ability for the viewer to select the exact dates of the completed initial assessment data to view. All other dashboards provide information on only a month-by-month basis.

After selecting the I.A. population subset to view, the user may review the counts and percentages of the caseload, safety findings, allegation findings, and case disposition of the completed I.A.s within the selected time period. Viewers are also able to see total counts of both alleged victims and alleged maltreaters, by variables such as gender, age group, race, maltreatment type, and substantiation finding. Also available are charts that compare two alleged victim or alleged maltreater variables together, such as age group by gender. Finally, alleged maltreater relationships by abuse type are also available.

For further information regarding this dashboard, please review the webinar below that demonstrates how this dashboard functions: <https://connect.wisconsin.gov/p18b5egllcv/> (7 minutes).

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