Social Services Random Moment Time Study (SS RMTS) Staff Roster Instructions (effective 01.01.2024)

Background

The Department of Children & Families (DCF) has designed the Social Services Random Moment Time Study (SS RMTS) sampling process to facilitate allocation of employee time and costs eligible for federal reimbursement related to performing foster care/placement and foster care/placement prevention activities eligible for federal reimbursement under title XIX and title IV-E.

The RMTS is a federally approved method used to determine proportions of employee time that is devoted to the title IV-E Program. The RMTS uses a monthly random moment time study sampling process to identify the amount of time an employee spends on job activities throughout the workday.

Staff Required to be Included on the RMTS Staff Roster

An employee must be included on the RMTS Staff Roster if his or her regularly assigned job duties include any direct child welfare casework or other title IV-E claimable activities. The RMTS observations will determine whether the employee is performing a title IV-E claimable activity. The following procedures will assist your agency in correctly establishing your agency's RMTS Staff Roster.

There are two requirements for inclusion on the RMTS Staff Roster (Please refer to Appendix A for RMTS Staff Roster Definitions):

- 1. Target Group- Employees who **provide direct case management and related services** for the following Target Groups, or any combination, must be included on an agency's RMTS Staff Roster:
 - Child Protective Services
 - Child Welfare
 - Youth Justice
- 2. Job Function- The scope of direct case management and related services is defined as employees who's regularly assigned job duties include one or more of the following:
 - Access/Intake Worker
 - Case Aides who directly assist one or more child welfare case worker
 - Case Manager/Case Worker
 - Initial Assessment/Investigator

• Provider Licensing (Foster Home Coordinators, Recruiters, and Licensing specialists)

Individual employees may serve a mixed caseload of children, adults, and families that are receiving different types of human services from the agency. **These employees must be included** on the RMTS Staff Roster if their regularly assigned duties include child welfare activities, even if they are not dedicated full-time to child welfare.

In addition, agency employees on the RMTS Staff Roster must have one of the following employment statuses:

- Permanent county employees funded entirely or partially by county funds
- LTE employees and paid interns who meet any of the previous job descriptions
- Contracted employees that perform one or more of the previously listed Title IV-E reimbursable on behalf of county agencies (E.g., Foster Care Provider Licensing/ Recruitment Specialists)

WiLearn Staff

WiLearn is a training program for all new child protective services (CPS) professionals in Wisconsin and will be required for all new employees whose primary job functions include Access, Initial Assessment, Ongoing Services, or a mixture of those practice areas. Workers who are enrolled in WiLearn should be added to your agency's RMTS Staff Roster when they start employment.

New staff entered on the RMTS Staff Roster are not sampled the first month that they are added to the roster as samples have already been generated for the month. Additionally, workers who are enrolled in WiLearn will not be sampled until the employee has either completed WiLearn or has been disenrolled from the program.

Staff Potentially Included on the RMTS Staff Roster

Depending on your agency's organizational structure and job duties, employees from the following units may also meet the criteria for inclusion on the RMTS Staff Roster:

- Children's Mental Health (CMH)
- Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS)
- Birth-to-Three
- Crisis Care
- Juvenile Diversion

Employees from these units may perform multiple program functions, such as child welfare case management in addition to CMH or CLTS services. In these situations, **if an employee's regularly assigned job duties include core child welfare services, that employee must also be included on the RMTS** Staff Roster. Inclusion of multi-program employees on the RMTS Staff Roster does not limit the ability of the agency to use those employees for other program functions.

Staff Excluded from the RMTS Staff Roster

The RMTS Staff Roster **must not** include an employee whose work is unrelated to direct case management and related child welfare services **regardless of the employee's job title**. This includes employees whose assigned work duties are:

- Adult Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Services
- Adult Protective Services
- Adult Mental Health Service units that do not provide case management services for children
- Aging & Disability Services
- Child Support administration
- Economic Support Services
- Community Treatment and Support Services
- Shelter Care
- Employees whose costs are directly charged to clients or other programs
- Employees who are 100% federally funded
 - A worker should be excluded from the RMTS Staff Roster if their position is 100% federally funded, even if they meet both job function and target group requirements as their costs cannot be claimed through title IV-E federal reimbursement.
 - If a worker is partially funded through a mix of federal funding and state/county funding, that worker should be added to the RMTS Staff Roster and is eligible to be sampled.

An employee whose assigned job duty does not include child welfare activities but performs child welfare activities on a **sporadic or weekend basis** is also excluded from the roster. Examples include being on call for after hours and weekends, providing emergency services, and temporarily covering for child welfare staff absences. **These employees must be excluded** from the RMTS Staff Roster.

In addition, agency management and support staff who are included in your agency's Administrative Management Support and Overhead (AMSO) costs are also excluded from the RMTS Staff Roster. Some examples of agency employees that should be excluded from the RMTS Staff Roster include:

- Administrative assistants, information technology, and other support staff
- Division managers and directors
- Fiscal staff, including provider payment coordinators located within the fiscal unit
- Legal services staff
- Supervisors other than Child Placing Agency supervisors who also carry a child welfare caseload

If you have questions about the RMTS Staff Roster preparation or submission requirements, please contact the DCF RMTS coordinator at <u>DCFRMTS@wisconsin.gov</u>

RMTS Staff Roster Certification

Liaisons for counties, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services and participating child placing agencies are required to certify their roster every **month** to ensure proper sampling.

Liaisons will receive email reminders to update their roster. The first reminder is sent the first business day of the month. At that time, liaisons are required to certify that the roster has been updated and is accurate by selecting the roster verification button. If rosters are not certified by the 8th business day of the month, liaisons are sent a second reminder email which indicates that their roster must be certified.

Changes to the RMTS Staff Roster include removing employees who no longer meet criteria for inclusion in the time study, updating information for employees, e.g., telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc., and adding new hires and replacements. Specific information is required for adding or changing employee information. Definitions of key terms are provided in Appendix A. Liaisons will update and verify their roster using the steps below.

1. Login Creation

All employees, supervisors and liaisons must have a WIEXT ID to gain access to the e-polling system. If an individual does not have a WIEXT ID, one must be created by going to <u>https://accounts.dwd.wisconsin.gov/</u>

Once an individual has entered this site, the following information will be required to create a WIEXT ID:

- First and last name
- Work email address (User names must be tied to current work email address)
- User Name-Many use the convention of FirstnameLastname i.e., JohnSmith for their user names; however, user names must be 5-20 characters long and may not contain any special characters)

- Password (Passwords must be 7-20 characters long, must have letters and either numbers or special characters, is case sensitive; and may not contain the user's name)
- Security question and security answer
- Verification number

If any employee already has a WIEXT ID from a previous agency, they must update their DWD profile with their current work email address by going to: https://accounts.dwd.wisconsin.gov/en/Login

Once an individual has created a WIEXT ID, this information must be sent to the agency liaison in order to be added to the applicable staff roster.

2. Accessing the System

For new agencies, the RMTS Administrator must add the liaisons to the staff roster. Once the liaison has been added to the staff roster, he or she may gain access to the system by using his or her WIEXT ID and password to log into the RMTS e-Polling system: https://rms.dcf.wisconsin.gov/Login/Login

Forgotten user name and/or password may be recovered at: <u>https://accounts.dwd.wisconsin.gov/en/Recovery/Password</u>

Employees may also call DCF's Service Desk at: 608-264-6323 (Madison), 414-264-6323 (Milwaukee) or 855-264-6323 (Toll-free) for assistance with login issues.

3. Updating Rosters

Only RMTS administrators, agency liaisons, and supervisors may update an agency's roster. Once logged into the RMTS e-polling system, RMTS administrators, liaisons, and supervisors may select their applicable "Supervised Business Units." All supervisors, liaisons, and employees will be displayed under that specific Business Unit.

4. Additions to Roster

Only RMTS administrators and liaisons may make additions to a roster. Required information for employees includes:

- Name
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Work Schedule (Select the schedule that most closely describes the employee's schedule)
- WIEXT ID (Staff create their own user name)

- eWiSACWIS Person ID
 - The Person ID is now a required field within the RMTS system; this eWiSACWIS system-generated identification number contains at least five characters and is displayed on the employee's Person Management page in eWiSACWIS.
 - Please consult an appropriate agency employee to obtain the Person ID for a given employee if you do not have access to eWiSACWIS or this eWiSACWIS information.
 - If you have an employee who is subject to the RMTS requirements but does not have a Person ID, please see below for instructions:
 - The employee is employed by a private child placing agency and does not have an eWiSACWIS Person ID. In this instance, please enter CPA1234
 - The employee is employed by a county agency as a Case Aide and does not have an eWiSACWIS Person ID. In this instance, please enter CA12345
 - You have verified that the employee does not have an eWiSACWIS Person ID and none of the situations above apply. In this instance, please enter CW12345.
- Supervisor Name
- Business Unit Start Date
- Full Time Employee Percentage
- Job Function (Select all Job Functions that apply)
- Job Function Percentages (Note: If Job Function percentages do not add up to 100%, the remaining balance will be assigned to the "other" Job Function category).
- Target Groups (Select all Target Groups served)
- Target Group Percentages (Note: If Target Group percentages do not add up to 100%, the remaining balance will be assigned to an "other" Target Group category)
- Comments (Enter extended leave start/end times or other information)
- Excluded from monthly sampling? (This is Read-only, system-generated field to designate those employees enrolled in WiLearn and excluded from monthly sampling).

If all of the required information is not available, the administrator or liaison may add the employee by checking the "placeholder" box at the top of the record, then enter the employee's name, work schedule, Job Function, Job Function Percentages, Target Group, and Target Group Percentages. Once the missing information becomes available, the liaison may re-enter the RMTS system and enter the missing data, making sure to uncheck the "placeholder" box once completed.



5. Editing an Employee's Information

RMTS administrators, liaisons and supervisors may edit general information in an employee's record. A specific employee record is edited by selecting the "edit" button for that employee. Information that may be edited includes name, email address, phone number, supervisor name, Job Function, Job Function Percentage, Target Group, Target Group Percentage, and work schedule.

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The first screen will list the employee's profile information. To edit this record, select the blue "edit" button. Information that may be edited include:

- Employee Name
- WIEXT ID
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Work Schedule
- FTE Percentage
- Supervisor
- Person ID
- Job Function
- Job Function Percentage
- Target Group
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- Comment Section
- Excluded from monthly sampling? (This is Read-only, system-generated field to designate those employees enrolled in WiLearn and excluded from monthly sampling.)

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Edit Employee History Role

To update an employee role history, select the blue "View Business Unit Role Change Details" button. The employee's role history will be displayed showing all previous and current roles within the business unit. To edit this history, select the "edit" button.

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- Business Unit Role End Date (Note: You may not edit the end date for the current role, but you may edit any prior Business Unit Role.

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- Delete Business Unit Role by selecting the red "delete" button next to the applicable Business Unit Role, then select the "save" button
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Change in Job Function/ Target Group

In order to update/change the Target Group or Job Function of an employee, an end date for the current Target Group/Job Function in the RMTS system is required.

To change an individual's Job Function or Target Group, select the "Edit Job Function/Target Group" button

- Enter the effective date for the requested changes
- Select the applicable Job Functions

- Enter the corresponding Job Function Percentage
- Select the applicable Target Groups
- Enter the corresponding Target Group Percentage
- Select the "save changes" button

Example:

John Smith started with ALPHA agency on 08/01/2002 as an Initial Assessment employee, serving Child Welfare (CW), Child Protective Services (CPS), and Youth Justice (YJ) Target Groups.

Initial Job Position for John Smith:

- Start Date: 11/01/2019
- Job Function: Initial Assessment/Investigator is selected
- Target Group: Child Welfare (CW), Child Protective Services (CPS), and Youth Justice (YJ) are selected

Change in Job Position for John Smith:

- On 12/01/2019 he continued his employment with ALPHA County, but his Target Group now consisted of only CPS and CW and he still has a Job Function of Initial Assessment
- Start Date: 08/01/2002 (This field is unchanged since this is the date that he started with the agency)
- Effective Date: 08/01/2014 (The date that he started his new position)
- Job Function: Initial Assessment is selected
- Target Groups: Child Protective Services (CPS) and Child Welfare (CW) are selected

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6. Removing an Individual from the Roster

• Liaisons will select the "Delete" button next to the applicable employee's name



- Information required for deletion includes the following:
 - Select reason for removal of individual
 - Record the end date for this removal
 - Enter comments in the "Delete Comment" Field

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• Once an employee is deleted from the "active" roster, they will appear on the "inactive" portion of the roster

Removal of a Supervisor:

- Only liaisons can delete a supervisor from an agency roster
- Liaisons will select the "Delete" button next to the applicable supervisor name Information required for deletion include the following:
 - Select name of new supervisor that the applicable employee should be assigned to
 - Enter comments in the "Delete Comment" field

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Removal of a Liaison:

Only the RMTS Administrator may delete a liaison from a roster. In order to remove a liaison from a roster, please email <u>DCFRMTS@wisconsin.gov</u> with the following information:

- Name of liaison to be removed from roster
- Name and email address of the replacement liaison

If a supervisor clicks on the delete button, they will receive a message to email the appropriate liaison for the agency to have that supervisor/ employee removed from the roster.

Appendix A: RMTS Staff Roster Definitions

Employee Information

- **<u>Business Unit</u>** -The agency that the employee works for
- <u>Business Unit Start Date</u> The employee's start date in his or her current agency and current position as an employee working with one or more of the eligible Target Groups (Child Protective Services, Child Welfare, Youth Justice)
- <u>Business Unit End Date</u> -The employee's end date in his or her most recent agency and most recent position as an employee working with one or more of the eligible Target Groups (Child Protective Services, Child Welfare, Youth Justice)
- <u>Excluded from Sampling</u> Employees that are enrolled in WiLearn and are excluded from sampling.
- <u>**Target Group/Job Function Start Date</u>** The employee's start date in his or her current Target Group and current Job Function within his or her current Business Unit</u>
- <u>Target Group/Job Function End Date</u> The employee's end date in his or her Target Group and Job Function within his or her most recent Business Unit
- **WIEXT ID** The ID that is used to login to the RMTS system
- <u>eWiSACWIS Person ID</u> A unique Worker ID that is assigned specifically to one worker in eWiSACWIS. This ID can be five to eight digits long. (Note: A default ID can be used under certain and specific circumstances; See Additions to Roster for more details)

Target Groups

- <u>**Target Group-**</u>The group of people that each employee works with in his or her regularly assigned job duties
- <u>Child Protective Services-</u> The set of services provided to children and families that are designed to promote and manage the safety of children who have been maltreated or who are at risk of maltreatment, to ameliorate the effects of maltreatment, and to alter the conditions that create the risk of child maltreatment in families
- <u>Child Welfare-</u> The set of services provided to families when there are no CPS issues. These typically include stepparent adoption, home study, kinship, pre-adoption services, and agency intervention service-related provisions, which are aimed at supporting at-risk families so they can remain intact.

• <u>Youth Justice-</u>The set of services provided to persons who are served in programs directed at the prevention of delinquency and/or the assessment or supervision of youth referred to court intake due to allegation of delinquency, found to be delinquent as defined under Wisconsin statutes, or juveniles who are alleged to be in need of protection or services.

Job Functions

<u>Job Function</u> - The role that each employee has in his or her regularly assigned job duties

- <u>Access/Intake Worker</u> An employee, who receives, analyzes and documents reports of alleged maltreatment. This involves identifying families that the CPS system must respond to, determine urgency of the response time and initiate an assessment of child safety and family strengths. It could also involve conducting intakes under Chapter 938. Custody intake workers (Access) are responsible for making the immediate decision to release or hold and place a child or juvenile. Court intake (Referral) involves the longer process that causes a case to be referred to the District Attorney for consideration and the possible filing of a delinquency petition. In many counties, both of these functions may be performed by the same person or group of people.
- <u>Case Aide</u> An employee who can assist the case manager in handling a case or who can assist the family on a particular case, however the case aide does not carry their own caseload
- <u>Case Manager/Case Worker</u> An employee who actively encourages and support families to change behaviors and conditions that create threats to safety and risk of harm to children, or who works with youth and families as part of a dispositional order under Chapter 938. As part of case management, the ongoing CPS case worker evaluates case progress and change through developing and monitoring case plans that target behaviors and conditions that need to change to maintain a child safely in their home. Youth Justice case managers/case workers also perform case management functions.
- <u>Initial Assessment/Investigator</u> An employee who conducts a comprehensive assessment that assesses and analyzes active danger threats to children, when and how to take action to address the threats to safety and determine if maltreatment occurred and if Ongoing Services are needed. The Initial Assessment process includes engaging families in providing protective services for their children and identifying and engaging other services for families.
- <u>**Provider Licensing</u>** An employee who recruits, screens, and licenses individuals who are interested in becoming foster parents. In addition, a Provider Licensing employee works with placement workers to match children with available foster parents, as well as developing foster homes to meet the needs of a specifically identified child in need of placement. A Provider Licensing employee also monitors licensees for compliance with regulations and provides support to retain foster families.</u>

WiLearn Terminology

- <u>Excluded from Sampling</u> If this field is marked as yes, it means that the employee is not being sampled in order to comply with title IV-E claiming requirements. Once the employee has completed the WiLearn new worker training program, the employee will be eligible to be sampled.
- **<u>NWT Participant</u>** An indicator of whether the employee has been a participant in the WiLearn new worker training program
- <u>**Time in NWT Program</u>** The amount of time that a worker has been a participant in the WiLearn new worker training program</u>
- <u>PDS Start Date</u> The start date of the worker that comes straight from the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System, also known as PDS Online

General Terminology

- <u>**Regularly Assigned Job Duties-**</u> The duties that each employee performs on a regular, consistent basis in his or her capacity as a member of the child welfare workforce
- <u>Reason for Removal from RMTS Staff Roster-</u>The reason that an employee is being removed from the RMTS staff roster. These include the following:
 - <u>Change in Job Function</u> An employee has new Job Functions/Roles that do not fit within the structure and requirements of the RMTS Staff Roster
 - **<u>Promoted</u>** An employee is promoted to a position such as child welfare supervisor that does not warrant inclusion on the RMTS Staff Roster
 - **<u>Resigned</u>** An employee leaves the Business Unit with unknown future plans or employment in another line of work
 - <u>**Retired</u>** An employee leaves the Business Unit due to retirement</u>
 - <u>**Terminated</u>** An employee is fired from the Business Unit</u>