

Deployment Communication Ohio SACWIS & Ohio RTIS Release 4.35

Who will this impact?

Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs), Private Child Placing Agencies, Private Non-Custodial Agencies, and Title IV-E Juvenile Courts

What problem are we trying to solve?

The Ohio Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) & Ohio Residential Treatment Information System (RTIS) 4.35 Release contains the below enhancements implemented to realize the following key project initiatives: Bridges Financial Redesign, Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Information Technology (IT) System Interface, enhancements to create Child Match posts by completing an Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) in Ohio SACWIS, and some minor enhancements as well as production defects fixes.

What can you expect?

The following changes have been made within Ohio SACWIS:

Intake Module:

- CANS assessments received from the CANS IT System will be displayed in a new left hand navigation option under Person Profile. This page also allows users to request CANS assessments for a child in PCSA custody.
- To align with Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 36 rule revisions, the following updates were made:
 - Action Item due dates were changed from 45 to 60 days for the Family Assessment, Ongoing Case Assessment/Investigation (A/I), Specialized A/I, and Case Disposition.
 - The following types have been removed from the Justification/Waiver, as these are no longer in rule:
 - Extend completion of Report Disposition
 - Extend completion of Safety Assessment
 - Extend completion of Ongoing Case Assessment and Investigation
 - Extend completion of Family Assessment
 - Extend completion of Specialized Assessment/Investigation
 - Extend signature of parent/guardian/custodian on Safety Plan (maximum five (5) working days extension)

Case Module:

 Ohio SACWIS will have an Interface with the CANS IT System to allow PCSAs and Title IV-E Juvenile Courts to view CANS Assessments for children and youth in custody.

- Access to import and view CANS Assessments is on the left-hand navigation on the Person record.
- Occur in real-time allowing the user to see the CANS Assessments for youth in the custody of the Title IV-E agency.
- Ability to update Person Characteristics directly from within the CANS Assessment.
- Ability to link the CANS Assessment to a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) Placement to document which CANS Assessment was used for the QRTP requirements.
- When a CANS Assessment is converted into a QRTP Record, agencies must continue to document the placement recommendation and complete the QRTP record in order for the record to be used in the youth's Reimbursability. To facilitate the completion of the QRTP record, Action Items, Case Alerts, and Notifications have been created.
- Ability to generate the CANS Assessment report directly from Ohio SACWIS
 after the assessment has been imported.
- On the Family Case Plan, the subsequent Director's Signature for approval of QRTP placements will no longer be require.
- Updates were made to the ICCA as a part of the Child Match ICCA Integration Phase. Changes Include:
 - A new Potential Matches tab that will replace the Substitute Care Info Tab for ICCAs that are published to Child Match.
 - Additional of a new question on the Need for Child Location tab to identify if the ICCA will be published to Child Match or if a Provider is already identified. This will dynamically display additional questions if the ICCA will be used for Child Match.
 - Label changes throughout for questions used for Child Match for Personally Identifiable Information to not be included in those narrative boxes.
 - Some questions have been updated to provide more insight as to what information should be included.
 - ICCAs can now be started (and published to Child Match) prior to the agency receiving custody.
- A new Action Item has also been created to let users know when a Recommending Agency has Indicated Interest on a Child Match Posting created by an ICCA.
- For Bridges cases, when a new custody episode is started, the system will automatically create an "In-Progress" Bridges Ongoing Eligibility record.

Provider Module:

- An issue was resolved for private agency users where the view link was not displaying on the 'Linked Inquiries' screen within the provider record.
- An issue was resolved that was preventing updating a Person record when an inprogress Home Study existed for Out-of-State provider records.

Reporting Module:

- AFCARS Exception report has been taken offline. The report link is still accessible and can be used to access any historical reports that were saved. The AFCARS 2020 Exception Report is the current version of the report.
- A new Admin report has been developed for Bridges Financial Workload. Along with updates to the Invoicing reports, previously known as the Prevention Services Invoice Reports.

Finance Module:

- Bridges will have its own invoicing functionality to allow for the submission of Invoice Line Items for reimbursement for each Young Adult.
- This functionality will create Invoicing Workload items automatically at the start of Bridges Care and Placement.
- Each invoice can contain several line items and each line item is checked against previous and pending line items and payments to help prevent duplication or over/under payment.
- If a line item or invoice amount goes over a set payment limit (ceiling) it will automatically be sent to the state team for approval.

How can you prepare?

Knowledge base articles are available to assist with navigating new functionality being deployed in this build:

- Bridges Financial Redesign
- Viewing a CANS Assessment
- ICCA / Child Match Integration

Deployment Details

Release 4.35 is currently scheduled for deployment on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

If you have additional questions pertaining to this Deployment Communication, please visit the Customer Care Center for assistance.