Child Welfare Council Meeting

CWDS-CARES Update

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CWDS / Child Welfare Digital Services

Project Purpose

To provide Child Welfare Workers with the tools and capabilities they need to enhance their efficiency and effectiveness at providing for the safety, well-being, and permanency of children and youth who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

CARES Significant Milestones

- Completed the statewide implementation of CWS-CARES 2.1 in January
 - 4,748 loaded user accounts 2,995 registered users
 - CANS -a key strategy for the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM) and a
 pivotal aspect of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). CANS will help set and
 track progress towards behavior goals, supporting better placement matching
 and faster progress to safe permanency
 - Child Welfare History Snapshot a read-only view of case and referral history for clients in CWS/CMS (access temporarily limited)
 - Facility Search and Profile a thorough, at-a-glance read-only view that provides information about a facility or home on one page. This search feature retrieves children's residential facilities and county-approved homes data from CWS/CMS, the Licensing Information System (LIS), and the Field Automation System (FAS)

2018/19 Project Focus on Options for Accelerating

CWS-CARES Build Strategy

- Examine alternatives to custom development
 - Platforms that can be configured
 - Rapid application development tools
- Determine the feasibility of frequent deployments of CARES functions & features
 - Feasibility & cost of maintaining CWS-CMS utility for workers interacting with the new features of CWS-CARES
 - Workload and organization readiness impacts on workers

Project Focus on Options for Accelerating cont.

Product Strategy

- Develop the product blue print ("build plan") capturing:
 - Business Functions
 - User & Child Journey mapping
 - Domain modeling
 - Data mapping
 - Shared services
- Using the blue print, create the Product Roadmap

Courts Blueprint Contents

- Business Functions
 - Interfaces with Court systems
 - Processes for
 - Petitions
 - Hearings
 - Findings
 - Tracking Activities
- Journey Maps
 - Unique court requirements for user
 - Child experience considerations
- Opportunities
 - Portfolio view of caseload
 - System reminders

Continuing CARES Objectives

- Emphasizing the information value of data by:
 - Effectively managing data quality
 - Planning to save and utilize longitudinal data
 - Capturing feature value concepts & extending these to metrics
- Support and empower workers to more effectively achieve child welfare objectives
 - Enhance user efficiency through research & user centered design
 - Child/family centric views
 - Worker dashboard, alerts and mobile tools
- Support and optimize data exchange between and among those with shared interest in child welfare
 - Information essential to the integrated core practice model
 - Information essential to coordinating timely action

CANS Demonstration

