**Pre-Service Module: Introduction to Child Protective Services**

**Section 2:** **Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (****eWiSACWIS)**

**Section Learning Objectives**

By the end of Section 2: Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (eWiSACWIS), child welfare professionals will be able to:

* Learn about eWiSACWIS
* Learn what eWiSACWIS is and how it is used by CPS
* Learn where to find more information about this information collection system

**Section Themes and Key Points**

Below is a summary of the themes and key points covered in this section. This summary is intended to remind learners of the key learning points addressed and assist supervisors/ coaches in understanding what was covered in order for them to guide and support the application of learning for new child welfare professionals related to this section.

1. This section provides historical information about the integration of Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems (SACWIS), which Wisconsin refers to as eWiSACWIS.

* In 1994, federal law required states to collect and report case-level information on all children for whom the states’ agencies have child welfare responsibility.
* The federal government uses this data to shape policy, influence budgets and state allocations, and provide technical assistance. It is also used to determine a state’s level of compliance with the national standards on child safety, permanence, and well-being.
* The eWiSACWIS tool holds a complete, current, accurate, and unified case management history on all children and families served by the state or tribe’s title IV-B and title IV-E entities.
* Access to eWiSACWIS is only granted to appropriate child welfare agency staff and other authorized users.

1. This section outlines the benefits to having a statewide automated child welfare information system, which include reporting data at a national level and allowing a higher level of reimbursement from the federal government, reviewing information about family’s prior contacts with CPS, efficient record keeping, compliance and consistency, etc.

In addition, eWiSACWIS supports confidentiality. The sensitive nature of the information in eWiSACWIS demands a system that is secure and protects confidentiality. To help assure confidentiality, there is an audit trail that tracks the information individuals access in eWiSACWIS. Information necessary to do the job is the **only** information that should be accessed.

1. This section summarizes the information contained on the DCF website, “eWiSACWIS Knowledge Web”. This site provides answers to frequently asked questions, training materials, helpful videos, and “how to” and quick reference guides.

New information and upgrades including practice standards changes, and system enhancements/corrections are released quarterly and posted on the “eWiSACWIS Knowledge Web”.

1. This section provides information about additional eWiSACWIS-specific training available within the eWiSACWIS Web-Based Modules. The training modules introduce features and basic functionality within eWiSACWIS and serve as a resource.

Note: New primary child protective services access, initial assessment, and ongoing services professionals who are required to complete the WiLearn Program will be assigned eWiSACWIS web-based training modules as part of the WiLearn Program requirements. The eWiSACWIS web-based modules need to be completed within the first 6 months of employment.

**On-the-Job Application Activities**

Listed in this section is an optional transfer of training activity to support the learner in applying the knowledge acquired during the Introduction to CPS: eWiSACWIS Pre-Service Module to their CPS roles and responsibilities.

This activity is optional and is provided only to aid the child welfare professional and supervisor/coach in supporting transfer of learning from pre-service to the agency. The child welfare professional, with input from their supervisor/coach, may choose to complete this activity or substitute in other activities.

**Option 1: eWiSACWIS Knowledge Web**

* Follow the link here to the eWiSACWIS Knowledge Web homepage, which is on the Department of Children and Families website: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/knowledgeweb/training>.
* Click on the “Training and Resources” tab on the left side panel.
* Spend time exploring the various types of resources designed to assist eWiSACWIS users in daily application to familiarize yourself with available supports.
* Discuss how the knowledge web can be used in your daily work with your supervisor or coach.