



CWS/CMS PROBATION

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Why does Probation have to enter data into the CWS/CMS?

The federal requirement is for a single system that manages all child welfare services in each state. This system in California is the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS). This system meets Federal, State and County reporting and case management requirements including: Adoptions and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS), National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), and Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSR).

Why can't Probation Departments construct a data interface with the CWS/CMS?

Current direction from the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) regarding enforcement of the single-system rule does not permit the import of data into the CWS/CMS database. Data entry must be directly into the SACWIS system. One-direction downloads from the CWS/CMS are permitted.