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Diversionary Work Program

- Minnesota Department of Human Services
 - Developed DWP Based on Legislative Action.
 - Allowed County Flexibility in Program Design.
- Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department
 - Designed and implemented DWP in July 2004





Hennepin County

- Largest County in Minnesota
 - Approximately 1/3 of State Caseload
 - Diverse clientele
- County Administered
 - County Administers Income Maintenance
 - Hennepin Contracts Out Most Employment Services





DWP - Program Purpose

 Diversion From Traditional TANF cash assistance program (MFIP)

Work-focused

 Meet employment goals quickly – short term and intensive





The Program Components

- Families can participate in DWP for only four months in a 12-month period
- The four months of eligibility are consecutive
- The months do <u>not</u> count toward the 60month lifetime limit





Work-first focus

All adults in a family are considered jobseekers and will focus on getting immediate employment

- Before families receive any benefits, jobseeker must develop an employment plan with a job counselor.
- The employment plan is highly work-focused.
- Counselors will help job seekers identify and address their employment skills, strengths and barriers.
- If a jobseeker does not comply with employment services or child support enforcement efforts, the family will be disqualified (100% sanction).
- Disqualified families can return to DWP only after complying with all program requirements.





Job Supports

Families may receive cash benefits based on need. They will also get needed services, such as child care and transportation, to move quickly to work

- The amount of cash benefit is limited and is based on the number of people in the family, housing and utility costs and countable income; housing and utility costs will be paid to the vendor.
- Job seekers may be eligible for other supports, such as Food Support, child care and health care.
- Once a jobseeker begins working, active DWP cash benefits remain unchanged during the fourmonth DWP period.





Exceptions

Some families are excluded from DWP. The law includes these exceptions to the program

- Families with a parent who received MFIP in the past 12 months
- Families with a parent who received DWP in the past 12 months
- Child only cases
- A minor parent without a high school diploma or GED
- An 18- or 19-year-old teen parent without a high school diploma or GED who chooses the education plan option
- A single-parent family with a child under 12 months of age.





Families not likely to benefit from DWP

Some DWP jobseekers may be unlikely to benefit from the program, and their cases is converted to MFIP. Jobseekers are considered unlikely to benefit from DWP if:

- A qualified professional has determined that they are unable to obtain or retain employment due to an illness, injury or incapacity that is expected to last at least 30 days.
- They are required in the home to care for an ill, injured or incapacitated family member, relative in the home or foster child for more than 30 days
- A qualified professional has determined that they must be in the home to care for a child meeting special medical criteria.
- They have applied for Supplemental Security Income or Retirement Social Security Disability Income.
- Families with a caregiver age 60 or older
- Families with a non-citizen who has been in the US 12 months or less.





Business Partners of the Diversionary Work Program

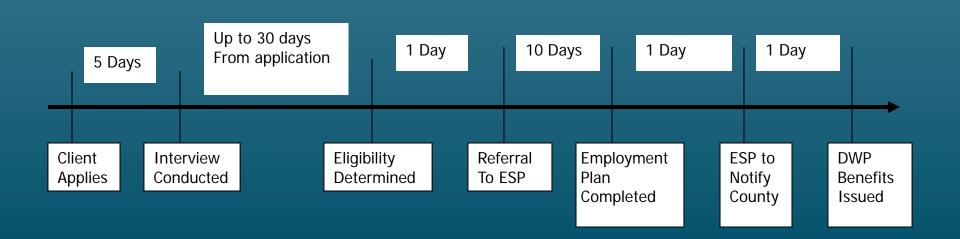
- Partners
 - Child Support
 - Child Care
 - Employment Services
 - Income Maintenance

Challenge: Mandated timelines





Timeline







Local Design

- Specialized Work Units
- Increased Service Integration
- Enhanced Technological Support
 - WorkForce 1
 - Lotus Notes based notification system
 - ECF





Client Outcomes

AFTER FOUR MONTHS:

- 27.2% of DWP recipients are INELIGIBLE for continued cash assistance due to their INCOME.
- 42.5% of DWP clients do <u>not</u> go onto MFIP in the month following the end of DWP.







Brief Overview

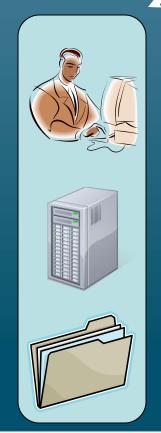




Challenges













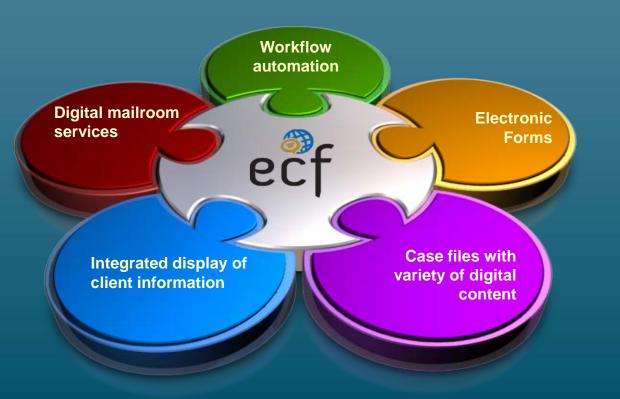


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ECF is...



- An Enterprise Content Management (ECM) system
 - Files
 - Forms
 - Process
- A shared platform for integrating services across HSPHD

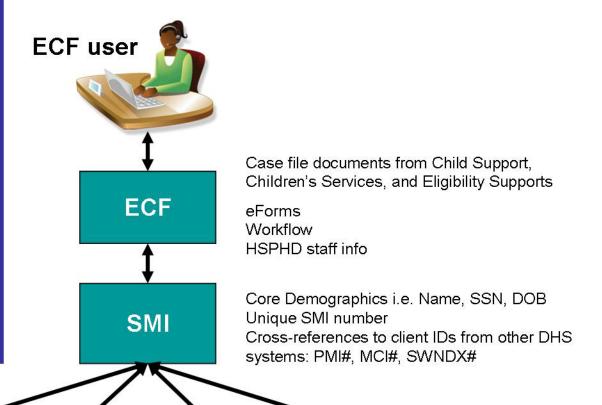




ECF Information Structure as of May 2010

ECF manages client documents *and* links to live data from multiple sources.

Note: users only have access to information they have been authorized to see by owners of the information sources



MMIS (Health Care)

Program type Coverage dates Waiver type Assigned Health Plan Address

MAXIS

(Public Assistance)

Case numbers
Case members
Program status
Assigned worker/team
Address

PRISM

(Child Support)

Case numbers
Case members
Case status
Assigned worker
Address

SSIS

(Child Social Services)

Case (Workgroup) numbers Case members Case status Assigned worker Address





Person Folder For: Andersen, Virginia (Get Notifications for this Person) SMI Number: 2822392

Signed in to STAGING as Chris Lancrete

Work Items

Case/Person Search

End Date

05/05/2005

End Date

My Profile

Primary Worker

Anderson Walter

Primary Worker

Administration

? Help

Worker Phone

Worker

999-123-0000

Sign Out

Data

SSIS

Data

Source

Person Demographics	Cases	Person Documents	Person Work Items	Sent Documents	History

Add Case Document EClear All ESelect All Expand All Collapse All

	Program	Case ID	Status	Begin Date
	Child Protective Services	208824025	INACTIVE	05/01/2005

Case ID

Status

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Child Protective Services	208926022	INACTIVE	12/03/2007	12/03/2007	Baker William E	999-123-0000	SSIS
Child Protective Services	208926192	ACTIVE	12/03/2007		RAZE SANDY		SSIS
Child Protective Services	208926224	ACTIVE	12/17/2007		REICHEL BRYAN		SSIS

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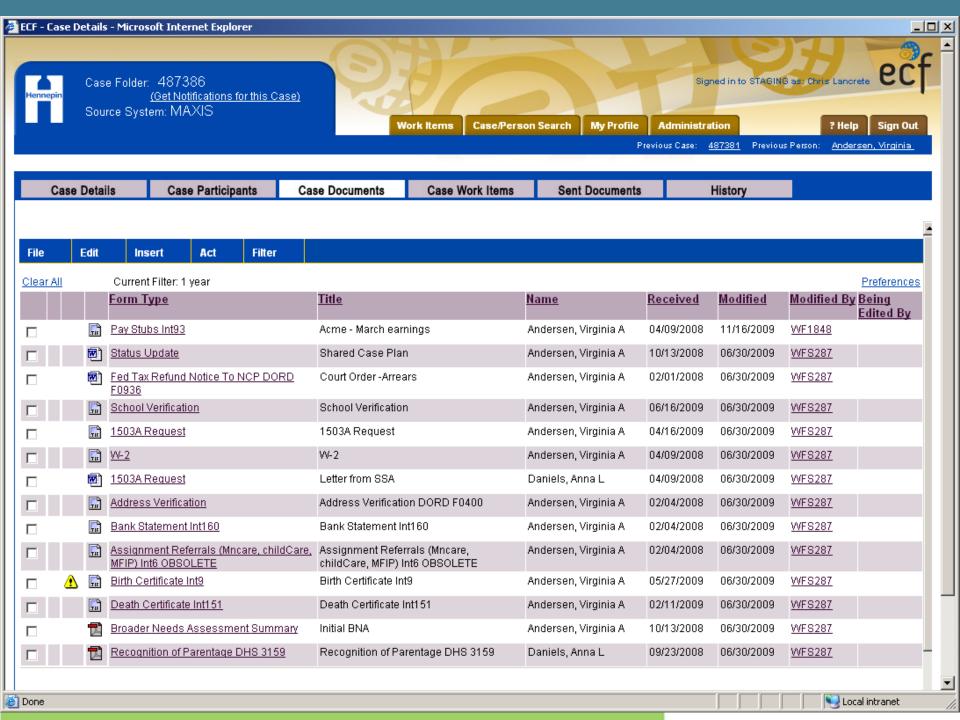
Begin Date

Financial Assistance

Program

Child Protection

						Phone	Source
Application	<u>442185</u>	Active			Chris Lancrete	612-919-7545	MAXIS
☐ Med Assist	442185	Active	01/01/08	Current	Chris Lancrete	612-919-7545	MAXIS



Thank You!

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