What's New at HHSi2

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Giving Thanks

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, HHSi2 wants to express our sincere gratitude to our partner agencies. Despite the challenges that 2020 has presented, we have made great progress towards improving data interoperability and quality. **THANK YOU** for your continued participation and support of HHSi2's efforts!

Core Concept

The **Illinois Shared Interoperability Platform (ISIP)** is the cornerstone project for HHSi2. ISIP will be a shared environment where state HHS agencies can access a more complete record of a citizen's benefits and services history.

Welcome to Our Inaugural Issue!

We are very excited to present our first issue of *What's New at HHSi2*! This monthly newsletter will provide updates on the ISIP project, highlight partner agency efforts, discuss best practices, and provide other relevant project information. **We value your input and feedback.** If you have ideas for future newsletter editions, please contact us at HHSi2@illinois.gov.

HHSi2 News & Notes

HHSi2 is in Phase 2 of implementing ISIP, the project at the heart of our program. This platform will provide a more consistent and comprehensive view of the benefits and services an individual and their respective family/household receive across state health and human services agencies, including the Departments of Healthcare & Family Services, Human Services, Children & Family Services, Public Health and the Department on Aging.

By integrating data from disparate sources, ISIP will support these agencies' efforts to securely access a wider range of data, deliver more collaborative and coordinated services, prevent fraud, improve productivity and support more evidence-based decision making.

"Data sharing is a fundamental instrument of collaboration, which can lead to a more effective and efficient organization." – Office of the Chief Technology Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "The State of Data Sharing at the US Department of Health and Human Services" – September 2018

Stakeholder Spotlight: David Nika (DoIT-DCFS)

David Nika, Associate Deputy Director for Data Management for DoIT-DCFS, has been working on the ISIP project with the HHSi2 team, particularly on Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) data warehouse integration and technical requirements to support DCFS' use case. When asked why this project is important to DCFS, David said, "Identifying the members of a youth's family and having the latest information about them is critical to ensuring their safety and well-being. ISIP will also enable the agencies to share data with one another, which can be important in ensuring the safety of DCFS Investigators entering an uncertain environment. ISIP's data quality and matching capabilities will also be crucial to the department's data cleansing efforts, which can benefit multiple divisions as well as the families and children that we serve."