

What's New at HHSi2

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HHSi2 & State Data Practice Collaborating to Create a Culture of Data

The Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) is a key HHSi2 partner agency. While other agencies own the data and employ the subject matter experts at the heart of our mission, DoIT possesses the technical resources and tools necessary to operate and maintain HHSi2's Illinois Shared Interoperability Platform (ISIP). ISIP brings data together to create a holistic, shared view of information on a person, their relationships, and their interactions over time with Illinois' health and human services programs. DoIT provides critical services through the Divisions of Security, Infrastructure, Networking and Applications. These groups enable HHSi2 and other agencies to access data and provide services to the public in a safe, reliable way.

While these are well-established and well-known technology functions, DoIT's newest division – the **State Data Practice (SDP)** – is also vital to improving outcomes for all Illinoisans. The State possesses an enormous amount of information on the benefits and services provided to individuals, and SDP is working to establish a “culture of data” in which that information is at the forefront of policy decisions. The foundation of this culture shift is highly organized, secure data that is well-understood at all levels of government. Building on that foundation will allow the State to move forward with more advanced practices like data analytics and toward data-driven policies that can improve the lives of Illinois residents.

To that end, HHSi2 is partnering with SDP on the implementation of an enterprise-wide Data Governance platform, which is foundational to ISIP's success. This includes the implementation of Informatica's Enterprise Data Catalog and Axon Data Governance tools, which will establish a robust catalog of business terms, metadata, and relationship hierarchies within and across systems. It will also enable the creation of clear guidelines for data access, privacy and quality. HHSi2 is proud to be a part of this important work!

Core Concept

The State of Illinois is building a **Data Culture**, in which data drives policy decisions. This can only succeed if the data itself is reliable, accessible, and secure.



Spotlight on... Dessa Gypalo, Chief Data Officer – State of Illinois

“Building a strong foundation of data – including practices such as data governance and master data management – allows for more precise analysis and better understanding of policy impact in the long term. DoIT and the State Data Practice are thrilled to partner with HHSi2 to create a culture of data with a focus on building those data foundations.”

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