

The SACWIS Spotlight: Recent Enhancements and Changes

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In February, time saving enhancements were added to SACWIS within the *Person Area*. As you know, the *Person Area* affects nearly every function within SACWIS so this was a complicated and extensive project.

One of the most exciting improvements to the *Person Area* in SACWIS is the enhancement to *Person Characteristics* and *Person Medical* tabs. Here are a few examples of these enhancements:

- If users navigate to the *Medical Link* and then to the *Treatment Tab*, they can link a *Characteristic* to a *Treatment Record*.
- If a diagnosis is given to a child after seeing a doctor, the diagnosis can be linked to the actual doctor visit and added from the *Treatment Record* screen.
- *Characteristics* are easily searchable and can be entered within the *Characteristics Tab* within the *Person Profile* link. The *Characteristics* have been separated into four categories:
 - Developmental/Intellectual
 - Medical
 - Mental Health/Substance Abuse
 - Prenatal/Birth

Users will benefit from the most recent medication enhancements, as well. If users navigate to the *Medical Tab* and then to *Medication*, they can easily enter medications. The SACWIS team has identified the most common entered medications and displayed those in a dropdown menu for easy selection. If the medication is not listed within the dropdown menu, select “other” and enter the medication into the *Medication Name Field*. The new *Psychotropic Medication* checkbox is also found on this page and is an extremely useful tool for medication monitoring and data reporting.

Changes have been made within the *Education Tab*. Users can search for a school’s address and copy this information to the *Academic Evaluation Records*. In addition, there have been updates within the *Special Education Tab* to coincide with changes in education practice.

As a result of our Federal SACWIS Review, data reporting for the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was greatly improved. ICWA remains in the same area under *Person Demographics*. When users select *Add ICWA Details*, they can add a single or multiple *ICWA Records* to the *Person Record*. Within the *ICWA Record*, users can link to a tribe. Alternatively, users can identify if the person denied tribal affiliation. Information from the *ICWA Record* is used to populate the child’s *Tribal Inquiry and Notification Letter*, which can be found in the *Forms/Notices* section within the *Case Tab*. This letter can be sent to a tribe

during a child custody situation. The letter generated can also return information from the parents' *ICWA Record* if that information has been entered.

You may notice other, more subtle, enhancements to the *Person Area*. If you have any questions about the SACWIS enhancements, please contact the SACWIS Help Desk at 1-800-686-1580 or

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