

5 steps to ensure your data is ready for CCWIS

Agencies striving to comply with new CCWIS regulation might opt to undergo a data conversion. While these projects are seemingly straightforward, the reality is that a majority of data conversion projects exceed their original timelines and budgets. Why? Nearly 1 in 3 agencies cite data quality issues as a primary cause of delays. The following tips will help you streamline your data conversion project, and help you make sure the systems you put in place are in lock-step with CCWIS rules.

1. Make sure addresses are verified

CCWIS requirements emphasize address verification so that agencies can find children and citizens that fall under their jurisdiction. With the right tool, you should be able to validate addresses instantly upon collection.

2. Fix bad data with data cleansing methods

Data cleansing can easily verify the data that you have against a definitive source of record to determine the accuracy and timeliness of the information. This is particularly useful for data sets that you already knew were flawed. To find errors that are more hidden, data profiling is best.

3. Spot mistakes and incompletes with data profiling

Data profiling will easily spot incomplete entries, null values, and statistical anomalies. It can also identify inconsistent formats within the data, helping you to standardize records and correct errors.

4. Get rid of duplicates

Duplicate data can distort your Golden Record, makes your reporting inaccurate and unreliable, and negatively affect decision-making. Also factor in opportunity costs for the time it might take employees to identify and fix dupes. Removing duplicates will go a long way in making your data viable for CCWIS.

5. Monitor data in real-time

Use technology with customizable dashboards that help you keep a continuous eye on the quality of your data. This will help you be proactive in analyzing your data and solving issues on the spot. In addition, by generating reports to measure data quality improvements over time, you can demonstrate the effectiveness of your efforts the next time regulators come knocking.

Poor-quality data can hamper your agency's best efforts to serve children and individuals in need. Taking a proactive approach to resolving errors and making sure data is CCWIS-compliant can help your organization achieve its goals.

Need a solution that helps keep your data accurate and CCWIS compliant? We've got the answer.

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