**Wisconsin & National Student Clearinghouse**

Wisconsin DWD signed its contract on May 3,2017. At the advice of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), the National Student Clearinghouse (NSCH) provides an automated method to collect enrollment and credential data from approximately 3,600 colleges and universities nationwide. The service allows agencies to verify FERPA directory level data against the Clearinghouse's nationwide central repository. This repository has student data for postsecondary educational institutions that have appointed the Clearinghouse as their agent for purposes of reporting of the enrollment and educational achievements of their students to authorized recipients. DWD received permission to use NSCH data to satisfy WIOA's federal mandated individual participant reports specifically, the ETA Only Participant Individual Record Layout (PIRL) and the RSA 911.

The contract may be renewed annually. The first year, the department is piloting the system to determine whether the service provides adequate return on investment to Wisconsin's workforce development system. The Outreach Program service, purchased by DWD in 2017, includes the following:

Large Program: $2,500 per year

* Data File Limit: 20 submissions
* Annual Record Limit: 20,000 records
* Maximum Single Look-up Web User Accounts: 15 users. These users may conduct an unlimited number of individual student record searches.

**RSA Data elements for VR Program that are potentially satisfied by NSCH:**

* 83: Enrolled in Postsecondary or Graduate Education
* 84: Enrolled in Postsecondary Education
* 87: Date attained Associate degree
* 88: Date attained Bachelor's degree
* 89: Date attained Master's degree
* 90: Date attained Graduate degree
* 92: Enrolled in a Career or Technical program leading to recognized postsecondary credential
* 93: Date attained Vocational/Technical certificate
* 343: Date of Most Recent Measurable Skill Gain: Educational Functioning Level
* 376: Date Enrolled in Post-Exit Education or Training Program Leading to Recognized Postsecondary Credential
* 377: Date of Attainment of Post-Exit Recognized Credential
* 378: Type of Recognized Credential Attained Post Exit

**WIOA Performance Impact**

Credential Attainment Rate

The Student Tracker can assist in the collection of credentials, type of credential and the date the credential was earned. When past participants do not report their credential to the career planner or counselor following exit, the credential may be found through the Student Tracker service.

Measurable Skill Gains

The Student Tracker can assist in the collection of MSGs. The most recent EFL gain can be demonstrated by showing a participant who exits from a program below the postsecondary level becomes enrolled in postsecondary education or training during the program year.

**Items DWD is now considering:**

* Are there other PIRL/RSA 911 elements that can be satisfied through the NSCH?
* Are the MSG, EFL gain, verifications practical due to the lack of time available between the end of the program year and when the annual reports are due?
* How will DWD programs coordinate batch processes to ensure the 20,000 record limit is not exceeded?
* The programs will need to filter to only submit records that "require" verification.
* How often will the state submit batch files to Student Tracker?