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PARIS IS NOW FOR KIDS!

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Who Uses PARIS?

43 Jurisdictions have joined PARIS

Alaska  Maine  Oklahoma
Arizona  Maryland  Oregon
Arkansas  Massachusetts  Pennsylvania
Colorado  Michigan  Puerto Rico
Connecticut  Minnesota  Rhode Island
Delaware  Mississippi  South Carolina
Florida  Missouri  South Dakota
Georgia  Montana  Tennessee
Idaho  Nebraska  Utah
Illinois  Nevada  Virginia
Indiana  New Jersey  Washington
Kansas  New Mexico  Washington, DC
Kentucky  New York  West Virginia
Louisiana  North Carolina  Wisconsin

Wyoming
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Over 4 Million matches from August 1999 thru May 2007 and still going strong!
WHAT IS PARIS?

PARIS is a computer matching process by which the Social Security Numbers of public assistance recipients are matched against various Federal databases and participating States.

PARIS is operated under the auspices of the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
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PARIS History

- **1993 - 1997**
  - Various one-time tests prove State interest in process. ACF provides computer support.

- **1999**
  - First Interstate match; Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) joins.

- **2002-2004**
  - Access to a new Federal databases.
  - Counties allowed to participate.
  - Surviving Spouse match added to VA match.

- **2005**
  - Congress provided $2M in funding for the PARIS Project in January.
  - Grant Announcement issued in April 25 funding partnership agreements.
  - Evaluation Contract awarded in September.
  - PARIS all State Conference held in December.
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PARIS History (continued)

• 2006
  – Congress provided $2M in funding for the PARIS Project in January.
  – Second Grant Announcement issued in March providing additional funding for partnership agreements. Awards made by September.
  – Grant Announcement issued for IT Format Changes to all Member States.
PARIS History (continued)

• 2007
  – PARIS is authorized another $2M in funding.
  – PARIS 2\textsuperscript{nd} all State Conference held in March.
  – PARIS IT Format Grants awarded in March.
  – PARIS IT Format upgraded including new programs effective in August.
  – PARIS family grows to 43 Member States.
  – PARIS Evaluation is complete as of June 30.
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The Basics

- PARIS provides 3 matches in one...Federal, Veterans Affairs (VA) and Interstate focusing on 5 Programs: TANF, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Care and “Workers Compensation”.
- Matches offered quarterly - Feb, May, August and November.
- Match by SSN.
- Aid program integrity.
- Raises a “red flag.”
The Federal Role (ACF)

- ACF Central point of contact.

- PARIS Board of Directors - UT*, WA, CT, DE, NY, OK.

- Manage website.

- Promote usage/Encourage State enrollment.
The Legal Stuff

- ACF obtains OMB Computer Matching Act Clearance every 30 months.

- Memorandum of Agreement legalizes State participation in PARIS (Model Agreement).

- States decide on PARIS participation based on voluntary involvement (No unfunded mandates).
Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC)

• Receives encrypted data electronically via Connect:Direct.
• Requires only one State data file to match against VA, Interstate, and Federal matches.
• Not a national welfare database.
• All privacy concerns apply.
What’s the Cost?

• Data transmission and matching report are provided at no cost to participating jurisdictions.

• DMDC assumes all computer facility costs.

• State programming, data preparation, and resulting match analysis costs are the only costs that are assumed by State.
What’s the Cost?

- **Oklahoma**
  
  Internal Preparation/Consultation (265 hours) = $9,925  
  External Programming/technical specs (80.7 hrs.) = 10,895  
  **TOTAL COST** = $20,820

- **Oregon**
  
  80 hours x $50 = $4,000  
  12 hours x $50 = 600  
  *60 hours x $54 = 3,240 Administrative Expenses/Overhead  
  **TOTAL COST** = $7,840 (includes benefits)
The Increased Workload

- Matched cases need review.
- Added time investment of 0.5 to 2.5 hours/case.
- Contact client for confirmation/verification.
- Overpayment/sanction processing.
- Correction or collection process.
Using Filters

- To decrease match analysis:
  - Demographics (date of birth, sex).
  - Sixty day overlap.
  - Minimum benefit (ex. $50).
  - Skip previous matches.
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The Utah Story
The Utah Story

- First match was August 2001.
  - 15 states participating at the time, none contiguous to Utah.
- Utah has participated continually since joining PARIS.
- As of November 2006 all our contiguous states are PARIS members.
- As a result, interstate matches have increased.
The Utah Story
Finding Our Way

• Initially matches were manually ‘worked’ by one person.
  – New information found was passed on to the worker to act on.
• In November 2005 the process was automated and disseminated to line staff.
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Fine-tuning the process

• System alerts are now generated when a match is received.

• Workers have received additional information/training on how to act on PARIS matches.

• Adding additional filters next year.
The Utah Story

Workload

• Receive approximately 2,600 total matches per quarter (approximately 265,000 submitted).
  – Average of 4 matches per worker, per quarter to ‘work.’

• Average of 20-25% contain unknown information resulting in investigation and/or overpayment.
The Utah Story
Annual Cost Savings- 2006

• **Benefit**
  – $960,000

• **State Operational Costs**
  – $117,500

• **Net Savings**
  – $842,500
The Pennsylvania Story
The Pennsylvania Story
Pennsylvania Statistics

• With PARIS since the beginning
• Through February 2007, have completed:
  – 28 Interstate Matches
  – 8 VA Matches
• Total Savings:
  – Interstate: $48.5 million
  – VA: $24.8 million
  Total: $73.3 million
Cost/Benefit of PARIS

The Pennsylvania Story

2005 Pennsylvania PARIS Results

- 4 Interstate Matches
- 1 VA Match

13,172 matches “worked”
- 2,218 cases closed or grants reduced
- 17% Case closure rate

$13.6 million savings
- 88% ($12.0 million) Medicaid savings
Cost/Benefit of PARIS

• Costs
  – Headquarters Staff costs $33,879
  – Local Office Staff 345,765
  – IT-Report generation 1,500
  – Employee benefits (40% of salaries) 151,858
  – Miscellaneous ($1.00/match) 13,172

  TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS $546,174
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Cost/Benefit of PARIS

- **Analysis**
  - **Benefit**
    - $13,667,366 Savings/13,172 Matches $1037.61
  - **Cost**
    - $546,174 Costs/13,172 Matches $41.46

Net Savings Per Match Worked = $996.15/Match
NET SAVINGS TO PENNSYLVANIA FOR 2005
$13,121,192
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STATE REPORTED SAVINGS/COST AVOIDANCE AS A RESULT OF PARIS

- **New York**: $192.1M
- **DC**: $4.2M
- **Oklahoma**: $1.2M
- **Rhode Island**: $631,353
EIGHT STATES’ REPORTED SAVINGS AS A RESULT OF PARIS and documented on the PARIS website!

$282,186,913
Why Should You Use PARIS?

One match does it all (one-stop shopping)

- Incorporates 5 matches for 1 submission.
- Utilizes same labor for numerous matches.
- Establishes contact/communication with other participating States.
- Includes States you would normally not “match” with.
Child Care Participation Issues

Child Care SSNs submitted will be matched in the Interstate Match to determine if that SSN is receiving benefits in any other State:

- A Child Care Indicator in the new format provides additional information with regard to whether the SSN is a Parent, Child or Provider

- Since all PARIS data must be submitted through a single State contact, CC Departments must coordinate their submissions with their respective PARIS State authorized contacts.

- No additional legal approval is required; a memorandum of agreement within your State may be required for those CC Departments outside of the PARIS Authorized Agency.

- DOD/VA Matches – Restrictions on using match information
Endorsements

GAO Report No. 01-935 (Government Accountability Office) entitled “PARIS Project Can Help States Reduce Improper Payments” dated 9/6/2001 and is on our website cited:

- More States participating can maximize potential savings.
- Medicaid accounted for over 50% of matches.
- Contiguous States provided a majority of the matches.
- Non-contiguous States provided a significant number of matches due to “snowbird effect.”
Official PARIS Website
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/paris

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