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Records Exchange Advice, Communication, and Technical Support Newsletter

Kentucky Annual Conference Showcases MSIX Benefits

The Kentucky Migrant Education Program (KY MEP) held its annual conference on Sept. 6-8, 2011. As Kentucky continues to input relevant information into the Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX), the state decided that it was important to make its staff aware of MSIX and its benefits. Using knowledge gleaned from the REACTS Team site visit in late February 2011, the state conducted an MSIX hands-on training session at the MEP conference.

Each participant in the training had computer access and received an overview of MSIX and its benefits – based on job title – along with a user manual with information for primary users. The MEP staff was led through the Primary User Online Training found in the Trainers' Corner on the MSIX website. Then staff, using their individual usernames and passwords, practiced looking up students in their districts. The training was one hour long, and plans exist for expanding it. The intent of the training was to allow staff to navigate and use the website while trainers were available to help. The KY MEP wants this training and support to result in regular usage of MSIX to assist migrant students in Kentucky.

The KY MEP also used this time together to train recruiters on informing parents about MSIX – teaching them how to fill out the Certificate of Eligibility, explaining FERPA to them, and creating a script about the benefits of MSIX and how parents can access their students' information recorded in MSIX. Overall, the MSIX training was a success and the staff is excited about the doors MSIX can open.

We thank Amy Edwards, assistant director at the Kentucky Migrant Education Department, Southeast Regional Office, for this month's contribution.



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MSIX Website

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Office of Migrant Education Website

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This Quarter's New MSIX Feature – General Mobility and Potential Duplicates Reports

In September 2011, the Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) implemented new reports and reporting features. Their purpose is to provide users with an aggregate view of the migrant students in their states along with the activity of students between states, and also improve the quality of student data in MSIX.

General Mobility Reports

Description: Two reports that provide counts of students who have moved from one state to another and to one state from other states. These counts are based on either qualifying move data or enrollment data filtered by user-selected filter criteria.

Purpose: Displays an aggregate view of the migrant students who are moving in and out of one state and where they are moving to or from.

Permissions: All MSIX users can access these reports, including primary users, secondary users, and data administrators of all levels.

Potential Duplicates Report

Description: There are two views in this report. One view identifies potential duplicate student records in MSIX based on instances of the same state student ID being assigned to multiple students with different MSIX IDs. The other view identifies potential duplicate student records based upon instances of a single MSIX ID being linked to multiple different state student IDs from the same state.

Purpose: Instances of the same state student ID being associated with multiple MSIX IDs should be resolved by reviewing the student records and initiating a merge in MSIX for the students. Instances of multiple state student IDs from the same state being associated with a single MSIX ID should be reviewed in the state MEP system to determine whether the records are duplicates within the state. If they are duplicates, they should be merged in the state MEP system. If they are not duplicates, the user should initiate a split in MSIX.

Permissions: Data administrators of all levels.

Summary

Since MSIX users cannot edit data directly in MSIX, these reports serve as a means for state representatives to identify the areas where their state can improve data quality. Data issues should be resolved in state MEP systems, so the updated data can automatically be transmitted to MSIX during the states' next data upload.

A document describing the specific details associated with these changes is available in the Release Notes section of the MSIX Trainer's Corner website at <https://msix.ed.gov/msix/training.html>.



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Louisiana's MSIX Hands-on Training

The Louisiana Department of Education's Migrant Education Program (MEP) state-level staff, local MEP coordinators, recruiters, data specialists, and several observers participated in two days of MSIX hands-on training provided by John Carden and Mary Schumake of the Deloitte Consulting Firm on Sept. 13-14, 2011, at the Louisiana State Library in Baton Rouge, La.

The training provided attendees a firsthand look at the unique benefits of using the MSIX data system in their work of delivering high-quality services to migrant children and their families in the state. Topics covered in the training sessions included the retrieval and review of student records, the identification and resolution of student record conflicts (validation and splitting of student

records), the notification of student movements to other jurisdictions, and the specific user roles associated with MSIX to allow appropriate access to MSIX functions and student data.

Attendees agreed that using MSIX technology, in conjunction with their daily work with migrant children and their families, will allow more rapid sharing of educational and health information for students who make interstate moves, which will in turn help ensure the appropriate enrollment, placement, and accrual of credits for migrant children nationwide.

We thank Janice Abbott, educational assistant for the Division of Student and School Learning Support, Migrant Education Program/MSIX Initiative, Louisiana Department of Education, for this month's contribution.

Future Newsletters

You are on the Office of Migrant Education distribution list to receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis. We would love to hear your MSIX stories.

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REACTS Update - New Subject Matter Expert

The REACTS Team would like to introduce a new subject matter expert who has joined the team – Andrea Carter. Carter began her career in education as a Spanish teacher in Louisville, Ky. After eight years of cultural exploration with her students, she transitioned to the Kentucky Department of Education as the identification and recruitment coordinator for the Kentucky Migrant Education Program and a

Title I consultant. Carter then stepped into the position of state director of the Kentucky Migrant Program. While at the Department, she revitalized recruitment efforts, improved programming for students, and spearheaded a data consolidation initiative, as she was also the state MSIX data administrator. Carter has a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a master's degree in foreign language education, both from the University of Louisville.



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