



Resources for Navigating Data Systems

1. Within Your Agency

First, find out what data collection/reporting system supports your agency. Your agency's SACWIS system is likely already tracking a lot of data. Check with your supervisor or local SACWIS specialist to see how you can access and understand reports that are already being prepared. Many agencies have a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) specialist who can help you with data questions.

2. Child Welfare Information Gateway

The Gateway offers many resources to help you learn to understand and use data in your work. Also, look for a variety of customized data resources that may support your work.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/management/info-systems/>

3. Capacity Building Center for Tribes (CBCT)

New resources for child welfare data systems specific to Tribal Child Welfare systems have recently been developed by the Capacity Building Center for Tribes.

http://ncwwi.org/files/DataDriven_Decision_Making_CQI/ImprovingtheWelfareoNativeChildrenUsingData.pdf

4. North Carolina Website for Data Tracking Templates

In North Carolina, the Children's Services Division developed a template to help its supervisors track data over time. You can modify these generic templates to meet your specific data needs.

http://www.practicenotes.org/vol9_no1/tools.htm