



Interstate Data Exchange Consortium

A Letter from the Director

Dear Colleague:

Welcome Mississippi!

IDEC is very excited to welcome Mississippi to the Consortium! The Mississippi Department of Human Services joined the Interstate Data Exchange Consortium (IDEC) in October 2014, and since that time, MS MDHS has taken advantage of IDEC's FIDM, Outreach Services and Transition Services which include:

- ◆ Transition Currently Participating Financial Institutions (FIs) to Informatix
- ◆ Agreement Outreach to FIs
- ◆ Agreement Monitoring
- ◆ Weekly reporting of Outreach progress
- ◆ Annual Sweeps to Locate new FIs
- ◆ Data Matching/Sharing
 - Mississippi In-state FIs
 - Within the Consortium
 - Outside the Consortium
- ◆ User Friendly Interactive Management Website
- ◆ Comprehensive Management Reporting
- ◆ Technical support to FIs

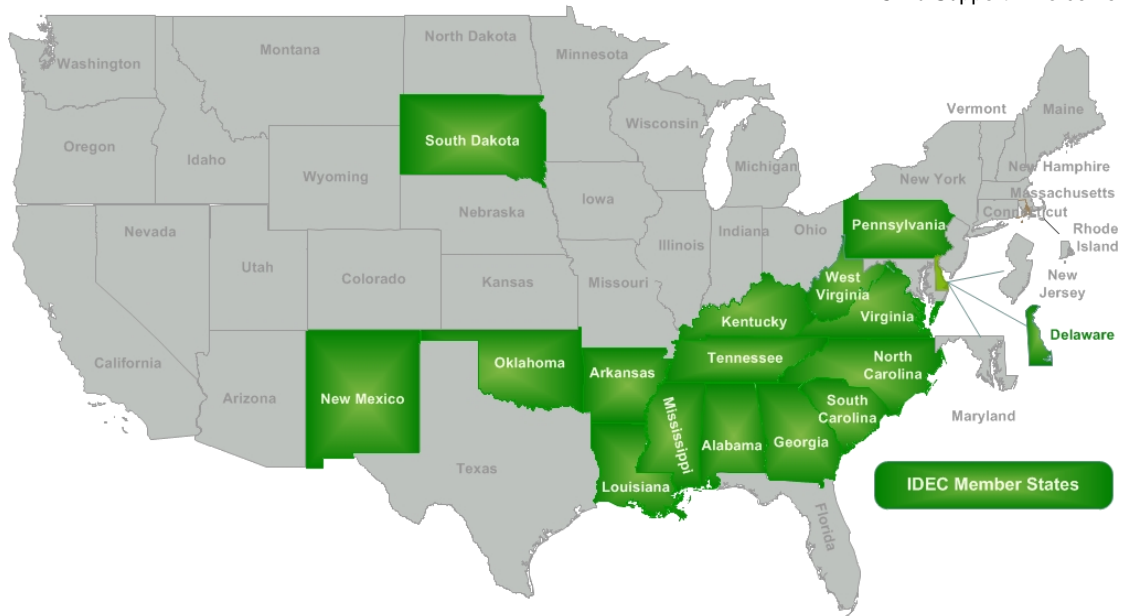


Implementation went very smoothly and was completed within 45 days of Mississippi joining IDEC. The State worked closely with Informatix to test file formats, establish a file transfer method, finalize the transition letter for the FIs and finalize the outreach packet. Mississippi transitioned 57 FIs in November for matching and Informatix identified and reached out to 127 additional FIs who were not currently participating in the state's program. To date, Informatix has received 114 agreements on behalf of Mississippi, bringing their total number of participating FIs to 126. After three months of successful and intensive outreach efforts, 68% of Mississippi FIs are now participating in their FIDM program! Not only has the outreach process been successful, but in the first full quarter of operation, Informatix located more than \$21.6 million in assets in over 25,000 matches. These numbers are only expected to grow exponentially as more FIs join the State's FIDM program. We are thrilled to have Mississippi on the IDEC team!

Sincerely,

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◆ IDEC Consortium Full Member States: ◆

Alabama ◆ Arkansas ◆ Delaware ◆ Georgia ◆ Kentucky ◆ Louisiana ◆ Mississippi ◆ New Mexico ◆ North Carolina ◆ Oklahoma ◆ Pennsylvania ◆ South Carolina ◆ South Dakota ◆ Tennessee ◆ Virginia ◆ West Virginia

Fast Levy Pilot Kentucky

The following are the states that plan to participate in the initial implementation phase of FAST LEVY:

- ◆ Washington
- ◆ Pennsylvania
- ◆ California
- ◆ Washington D.C.
- ◆ Tennessee
- ◆ New Jersey
- ◆ Kentucky

Kentucky will begin their initial pilot in May. U.S. Bank will be ready at that time, and so far, is the only bank that is ready to participate in the program.

Kentucky and other states will report statistics and success stories after their pilot phase begins, and IDEC will be watching closely and reporting on these successes.

FAST Levy*

The Federally Assisted State Transmitted (FAST) Levy system implementation will allow states and multi-state financial institutions to exchange information electronically about levy actions through a single, centralized location.

*<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/css/resource/fast-levy-system-release-13-02-minor-specifications>
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IDEC Works for Pennsylvania Pennsylvania

As a IV-D Director new to the child support community, I find the services offered by the Interstate Data Exchange Consortium (IDEC) valuable for accomplishing Child Support Program goals in collecting support. IDEC consists of 16 full member states to provide cost-effective solutions for child support issues. In addition, there are Limited Partner states that already perform in-state Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) matching, but utilize IDEC on a limited basis to obtain more interstate matches. Pennsylvania has been a member of IDEC since 2004, participating as a full member state with the FIDM services provided by IDEC. The cost has been well worth the investment, and the web-based reports, file transfer formats, and case match analyses are user friendly and accurate.

I am especially impressed with the outreach IDEC provides to Pennsylvania's in-state financial institutions for compliance and technical issues. Smaller credit unions are often reluctant to meet FIDM reporting requirements. Yet IDEC has made it easy and manageable for all our banking partners to meet and comply with the FIDM federal mandate. Pennsylvania frequently receives feedback from our financial institutions about how easy IDEC is to work with, the outstanding customer service provided to

answer questions, and an always eager willingness to work with even the smallest financial institutions that are not yet automated. IDEC is an asset in the day-to-day approaches for providing child support services.

If you are interested in obtaining more information or becoming a full member or limited partner state with IDEC, please contact Mr. Tom Christmus at 803-898-7342 or Tom.Christmus@dss.sc.gov, or visit the IDEC website at www.IDEConsortium.com. I highly recommend you consider all that IDEC has to provide to help your state collections and performance.

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