



MTS History

2000: Interim final rule for tribal child support programs published

2002-2005: Tribal Systems Workgroup studied feasibility of automating tribal child support programs, developed essential system requirements, and created the general system design

2004: Final rule for tribal child support programs published (45 CFR Part 309)

2006: Feasibility study, market study and cost-benefit analysis for MTS completed

2007: Concurrence of ACF Assistant Secretary to build MTS; software development begins

2009: Forest County Potawatomi Community selected to pilot test the MTS

2010: Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma joins pilot testing; tribal system regulations published (45 CFR Part 310)

2012: MTS Pilot ended

2013: EBCI begins installation as the first OCSE-supported tribe

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Springtime, Finally!

A rather famous analogy about the month of March is that it comes “in like a lion and out like a lamb,” referring to the fact that, usually, the first part of March is dedicated to wrapping up the colder winter months, while late March heralds the beginning of warmer, more enjoyable temperatures and the anticipation of outdoor activities.

This year of course, Mother Nature decided to extend winter even beyond the groundhog’s original prediction! She even presented the east coast with the first snowy St. Patrick’s Day in most residents’ memory!

Similar to the way many people view springtime as a reward for making it through the winter, Model Tribal System (MTS) users can look forward to significant rewards when MTS is implemented and becomes fully operational at each tribal installation site. As you will see in the At-A-Glance chart update in this issue, the process of implementing the MTS has advanced for several tribes with final approval of a necessary Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and revisions to two different Advance Planning Documents (APDs).

One of the most anticipated and beautiful indications of the arrival of Spring in Washington, DC is the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. The trees, planted in Potomac Park and on the grounds of the Washington Monument, currently number over 3,700 and are descendants of the 3,200 trees given to the United States by Japan in 1912. The first two trees planted are still thriving today on the northern bank of the Tidal Basin.

Even after more than 100 years, visitors come to DC from all over the world to see the symbol of international friendship between two very different countries. Similarly, MTS, being a system “Designed by Tribes, for Tribes” could be seen as a symbol of successful integration of technology meant to serve the needs of many different cultures while maintaining and respecting those differences through customization.





Status of MTS Nationwide Installations – *At-A-Glance*

As of March 31, 2014

Tribes	Status	Implementation Path
Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC)	Operational	OCSE Supported
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (FCPC Consortium)	Installing	Tribal Organization Supported
Lac Courte Oreilles (FCPC Consortium)	Installing	Tribal Organization Supported
Winnebago Tribe of NE (FCPC Consortium)	APD Review In-Process	Tribal Organization Supported
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of NC (EBCI)	Operational	OCSE Supported
Modoc Tribe of OK (EBCI Consortium)	Operational	OCSE Supported
The Suquamish Tribe (EBCI Consortium)	Installing	Tribal Organization Supported
Cherokee Nation of OK (CNO)	Revised APD Submitted	OCSE Supported

Note: Tribe names in **BOLD** denote current or pending MTS Change Control Board members.



Paternity Establishment Methods

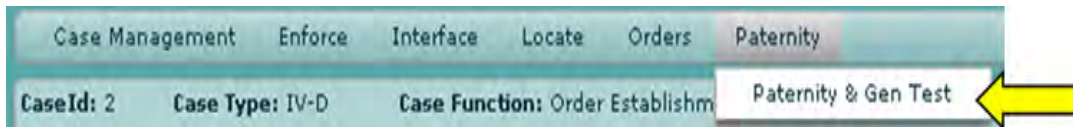
This month's MTS Flash highlights another key functionality of the MTS: Paternity Documentation.

Paternity can be recorded in the MTS either by denoting voluntary admission or by documenting concluded paternity results based upon evidence and scientific testing. The MTS tracks the steps along the way to paternity establishment and keeps a record of actions and conclusions leading to paternity determination.



Getting to the Paternity Data Screen

On the Major Function navigation bar, select the Paternity menu, and then select Paternity & Gen Test from the drop-down.



Selecting a Case

This screen allows the user to enter data about the paternity for each child on a selected case. If a case has not been selected when the screen is opened, the Case Search popup will open. The 'Select Case' button also opens the Case Search popup to let the user change the selected case.

Selecting a Child

The Children on Case list displays all the children on the selected case. The user selects a child by clicking on his or her name to highlight the appropriate row on the list. The Putative Father(s) and Mother list shows all combinations of potential parents for the selected child based on case information.

Clicking the [View] button opens the Paternity Details screen for that child.

The screenshot shows the Paternity Data screen with the following information:

Case Information:

- CaseId: 5
- Case Type: IV-D
- Case Function: Locate
- CP Part ID: 12
- CP Name: Nicole Holt
- Num. of Children: 1
- Case Worker: TMAHONY
- Status: Open
- Family Violence: No
- Address Suppression: No
- NCP Part ID: 13
- NCP Name: Ethan Mitchell
- Current Date: 12/28/2010

Paternity Data

Children on Case

ID	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Date of Birth	SSN	Pat Estab
14	Rachel		Holt		03/15/2006		No

Putative Father(s) and Mother

Putative Father Name	Relationship to Child	Status on Case	Father on BC	Mother's Name	Relationship to Child	Case ID	Status on Case	Birth Parents
Ethan Mitchell	Putative Father	Active	No	Nicole Holt	Mother	5	Active	No
Samuel Taylor	Putative Father	Inactive	No	Nicole Holt	Mother	5	Active	No

Buttons: View, Select Case, Cancel



Children on Case Fields

ID – The unique identifying number of the child

First Name – The first or given name of the child

Middle Name – The middle name of the child

Last Name – The last or family name of the child

Suffix – A suffix to the name of the child

Date of Birth – The date the child was born

SSN – The Social Security number of the child

Pat Estab – The paternity status of the child. Set to 'Yes' if paternity has been established

Children on Case Buttons

View – Opens the Paternity Details screen

Select Case – Opens the Case Search popup to change the selected case

Putative Father(s) and Mother Fields

Putative Father Name – The full name of a participant identified as Father, Minor Father, Putative Father, or Biological Father on a case where the selected child has a Child role

Relationship to Child – Father's relationship to the selected child (Father, Minor Father, Putative Father, or Biological Father)

Status on Case – The Active or Inactive status of the father on the case

Father on BC – Set to 'Yes' if the father has Father on Birth Certificate checked in Paternity Details

Mother's Name – The full name of a participant identified as Mother, Minor Mother, or Biological Mother on a case where the selected child has a Child role

Relationship to Child – Mother's relationship to the selected child (Mother, Minor Mother, or Biological Mother)

Case ID – The case number where the displayed mother/father pair are members

Status on Case – The Active or Inactive status of the mother on the case

Birth Parents – Set to 'Yes' if paternity has been established for the displayed mother/father pair

Paternity Data Buttons

Cancel – Close and return to Worklist

Once the field of putative fathers has been narrowed down to one, specific details about that father as it relates to that child and that case can be entered into the MTS.



Paternity Details Screen

The Paternity Data tab allows the user to enter data related to the child's paternity and the relationship of the custodial parent (CP) and the noncustodial parent (NCP). This data is updated with the Paternity screen update button.

Paternity Details

Putative Father(s) for Rachel Holt

Putative Father Name	Relationship to Child	Status on Case	Father on BC	Mother's Name	Relationship to Child	Case ID	Status on Case	Birth Parents
Ethan Mitchell	Putative Father	Active	No	Nicole Holt	Mother	5	Active	No
Samuel Taylor	Putative Father	Inactive	No	Nicole Holt	Mother	5	Active	No

Paternity Data **Genetic Test Data**

Child: Rachel Holt Status: Active

Paternity Establishment

Mother: Nicole Holt

Father: Ethan Mitchell

Established: ☐

Date Established:

Method:

County:

City:

State:

Conceive Range:

Born Premature: ☐

Due Date:

Legal Relationship

Status at Birth:

Father on Birth Certificate: ☐

Marital status of mother at the time of conception:

Sexual Relationship Data

Begin Date:

End Date:

Begin County:

End County:

Begin City:

End City:

Begin State:

End State:

Paternity Affidavit Signature Place

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

County:

City:

State:

Reservation:

Putative Father(s) for {Child}

The screen lists the existing children and their paternity status. The Paternity Data tab and the Genetic Test data tab show data for the selected child in this list.

Putative Father Name – The full name of a participant identified as Father, Minor Father, Putative Father, or Biological Father on a case where the selected child has a Child role

Relationship to Child – Father's relationship to the selected child (Father, Minor Father, Putative Father, or Biological Father)

Status on Case – The Active or Inactive status of the father on the case

Father on BC – Set to 'Yes' if the father has Father on Birth Certificate checked in Paternity Details

Mother's Name – The full name of a participant identified as Mother, Minor Mother, or Biological Mother on a case where the selected child has a Child role

Relationship to Child – Mother's relationship to the selected child (Mother, Minor Mother, or Biological Mother)

Case ID – The case number where the displayed mother/father pair are members

Status on Case – The Active or Inactive status of the mother on the case

Birth Parents – Set to 'Yes' if paternity has been established for the displayed mother/father pair



Paternity Data Buttons

[Update] – Save the data entered on the tabs and close the screen

[Cancel] – Close the screen without saving the data entered on the tabs

Paternity Data Tab

The Paternity Data tab allows the user to enter data related to the child's paternity and the relationship of the CP and the NCP. This data is updated with the Paternity screen update button

Paternity Details

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Putative Father Name	Relationship to Child	Status on Case	Father on BC	Mother's Name	Relationship to Child	Case ID	Status on Case	Birth Parents
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Paternity Data **Genetic Test Data**

Child: Rachel Holt Status: Active

Paternity Establishment

Mother: Nicole Holt
Father: Ethan Mitchell

Established: ☐

Date Established: Method:
County: City: State:

Conceptive Range: Born Premature: ☐ Due Date:

Legal Relationship

Status at Birth: Father on Birth Certificate: ☐
Marital status of mother at the time of conception:

Sexual Relationship Data

Begin Date: End Date:
Begin County: End County:
Begin City: End City:
Begin State: End State:

Paternity Affidavit Signature Place

Address Line 1: Address Line 2:
County: City:
State: Reservation:

Update **Cancel**

Paternity Data Tab Fields

Child – The full name of the selected child

Status – The active or inactive status of the child

Paternity Establishment

Mother – The full name of the participant that is potentially the mother of the child

Father – The full name of the participant that is potentially the father of the child

Established – A checkbox that is checked if paternity has been established for the current father/mother combination

Date Established – A date popup to select the date on which paternity was established

Method – A drop-down list to select the method by which paternity was established



County – The county in which paternity was established

City – The city in which paternity was established

Conceptive Range – The beginning and end dates of the period of time in which the child was conceived

Born Premature – A checkbox that is checked if the selected child's birth was premature

Due Date – The date at which the child's birth is expected

Legal Relationship

Status at Birth – The marital status of the current father/mother combination when the child was born

Father on Birth Certificate – A checkbox that is checked if the selected child's currently selected potential father is on the child's birth certificate

Marital status of mother at the time of conception – The marital status of the mother when the child was conceived

CP and NCP Sexual Relationship Data

Begin Date – The date on which the current father/mother combination began their sexual relationship

Begin County – The county in which the current father/mother combination began their sexual relationship

Begin City – The city in which the current father/mother combination began their sexual relationship

Begin State – A drop-down list to select the state in which the current father/mother combination began their sexual relationship

End Date – The date on which the current father/mother combination ended their sexual relationship

End County – The county in which the current father/mother combination ended their sexual relationship, if different from the beginning county

End City – The city in which the current father/mother combination ended their sexual relationship, if different from the beginning city

End State – A drop-down list to select the state in which the current father/mother combination ended their sexual relationship, if different from the beginning state

Paternity Affidavit Signature Place

Address Line 1 – Building number and street of the place where the paternity affidavit was signed

Address Line 2 – Additional address data for the place where the paternity affidavit was signed

County – County where the paternity affidavit was signed

City – City where the paternity affidavit was signed

State – State where the paternity affidavit was signed

Reservation – Reservation where the paternity affidavit was signed



Paternity Data Tab Buttons

[Update] – Save the data entered on the tabs and display Paternity Data Updated message on successful update

[Cancel] – Returns to Paternity Data screen

Meet the MTS Team: Sheila Drake



We are pleased to introduce Sheila Drake. Sheila is the Senior Advisor to the Office of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). She is certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP) and as a Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) and has received a Certification in Meeting Management (CMM) as well. Sheila has over 12 years of experience in various roles in the child support community. Currently, Sheila works closely with OCSE's Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to provide continuous attention to major reports, plans of action, program direction, and program accomplishments, including the Model Tribal System. In addition to the Model Tribal System, Sheila has been actively involved in the tribal child support community since 2002 by filling several integral roles in OCSE's Division of Regional Operations (2009-2012), the Tribal Medical Support Conversations (2011), the Tribal Reporting Conversations (2012), and many other special projects. Prior to joining the child support community, Sheila spent six years in the energy and financial services industries, holding progressive positions in financial planning, marketing management, and product management. Sheila earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Business Management, as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from Virginia Tech.

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