

Public Assistance Reporting Information System

**PARIS IS NOW FOR
KIDS!**

**SAMI-CCPRC Institute
July 31, 2007**



Who Uses PARIS?

43 Jurisdictions have joined PARIS

Alaska

Arizona

Arkansas

Colorado

Connecticut

Delaware

Florida

Georgia

Idaho

Illinois

Indiana

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

Mississippi

Missouri

Montana

Nebraska

Nevada

New Jersey

New Mexico

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North Carolina

Oklahoma

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Puerto Rico

Rhode Island

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

Utah

Virginia

Washington

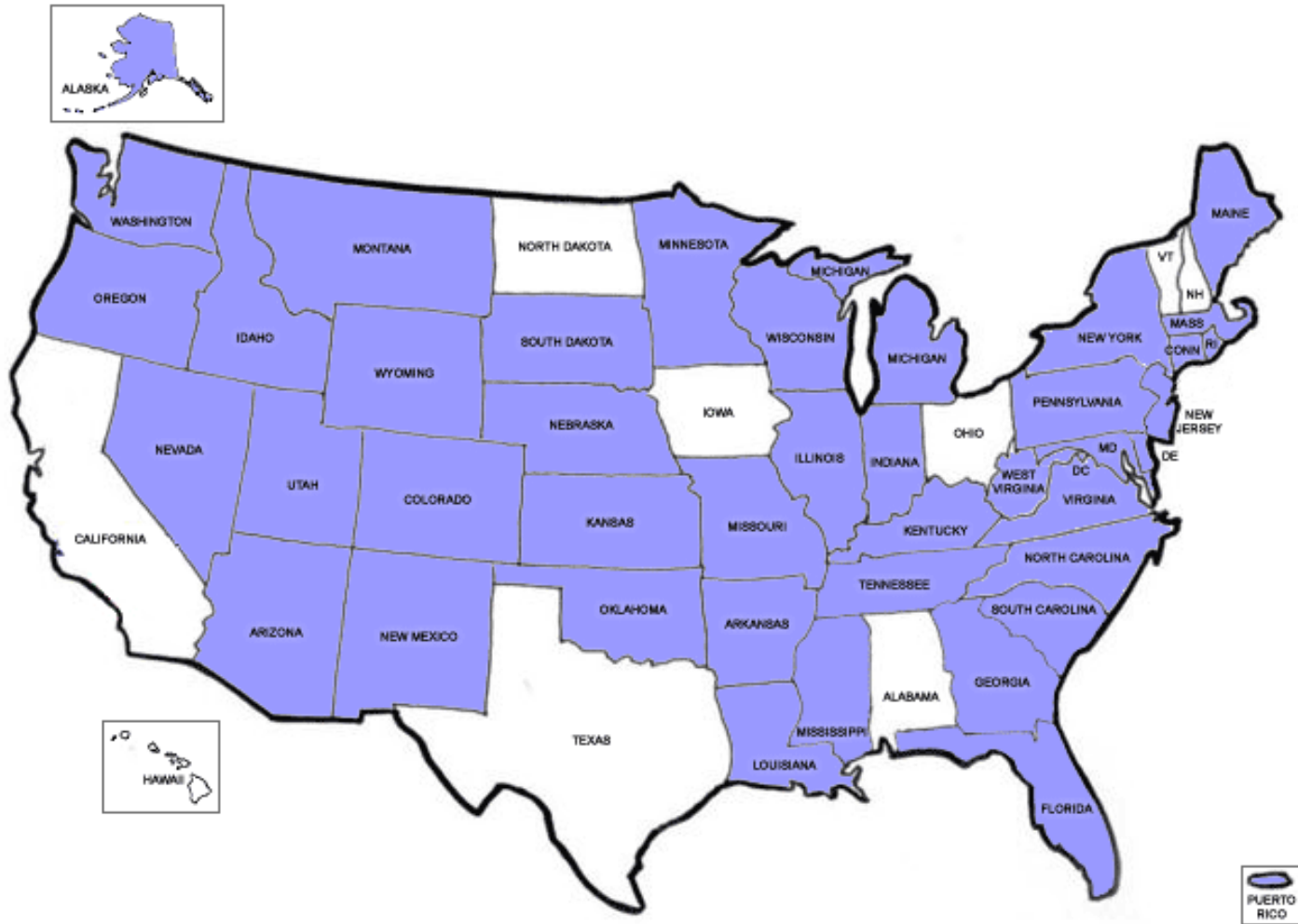
Washington, DC

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

PARIS Members States



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**Over 4 Million matches from
August 1999 thru May 2007
and still going strong!**



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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.
 - New URL for website - - www.acf.hhs.gov/paris.
 - 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.

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 2nd 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.**

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.”**

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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.**

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.**

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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

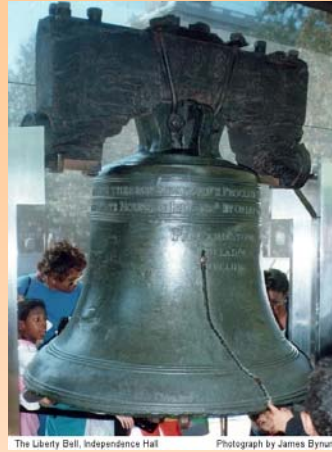
- **Receive approximately 2,600 total matches per quarter (approximately 265,000 submitted).**
 - **Average of 4 matches per worker, per quarter to 'work.'**
- **Average of 20-25% contain unknown information resulting in investigation and/or overpayment.**

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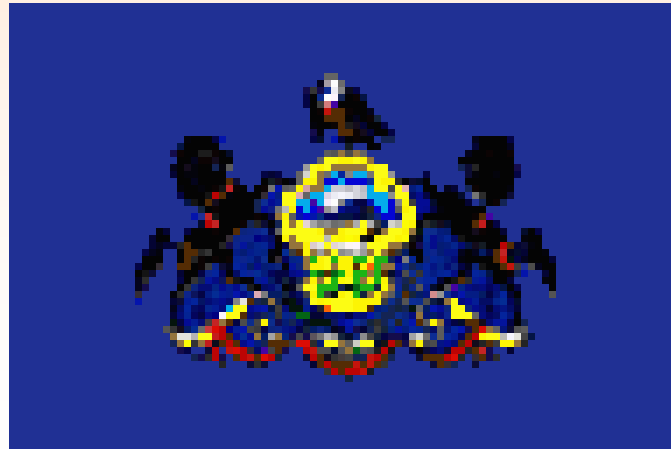
Annual Cost Savings- 2006

- **Benefit**
 - **\$960,000**
- **State Operational Costs**
 - **\$117,500**
- **Net Savings**
 - **\$842,500**

The Pennsylvania Story



The Liberty Bell, Independence Hall Photograph by James Bynum



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**

The Pennsylvania Story Cost/Benefit of PARIS

- **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

The Pennsylvania Story 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)	<u>13,172</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$546,174

The Pennsylvania Story 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

Pennsylvania

\$73.3M

North Carolina

\$246,699

Washington

\$8.3M

Tennessee

\$2M

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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.”**

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Official PARIS Website

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/paris>



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