



Utah Data Alliance Partners with Choice Solutions to Implement a P-20W Statewide Longitudinal Data System

A technical and organizational synergy that provides Utah's educational stakeholders with the data needed to effectively analyze and improve their education system.

Salt Lake City – February 15, 2012 – The Utah Education Network (UEN) working as a key partner of the Utah Data Alliance (UDA) has selected Choice Solutions to deliver a secure data warehouse of de-identified early childhood, K-12, post-secondary, and workforce data provided by multiple state agencies that will use this warehouse for analysis and research in support of data driven decision making.

Statewide longitudinal data systems (SLDS's) are a single solution to manage, disaggregate, analyze, and leverage education information within a state. In recent years, the scope of these systems has broadened from the K-12 spectrum to now encompass pre-kindergarten through higher education and workforce training (P-20W). This project requires information technology and education research expertise from all stakeholders involved to insure its success.

The challenge is in the linking, in determining how best to forge the organizational and technical bonds, and to build the data system needed to make informed decisions. Choice Solutions, the leader in P-20W SLDS's, has worked with 15 states across the nation to customize, integrate, and implement edFusion™, their enterprise grade P-20W SLDS. Choice's level of P-20W data linking experience, in concert with the edFusion™ product stack, will serve Utah's system requirements.

The P-20W SLDS project won't be a cold start to the partnership; the Utah State Office of Education and Choice (in partnership with Pearson Data Solutions) have been working together for the past year to implement the Utah e-Transcript and Record Exchange system (UTREx). UTREx is being phased into production with the core (collection, validation, reporting) functions having been implemented statewide in August 2011. In addition, UTREx allows individual, detailed student records to be exchanged electronically between any two Utah local education agencies (LEAs). UTREx is currently piloting submission of official student transcripts to any institution of higher education in the country from any Utah high school.

When complete, the P-20W SLDS project will produce accurate and timely data for education policy and decision makers and will yield improved student outcomes for the State of Utah.

About Choice Solutions

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