



CWS-CARES Environments

(as of July 2025)

Overview

In order to build, test, and safely launch changes to CWS-CARES, we use different **environments**.

These environments are essentially different **versions of the system** that allow us to develop, test, train, and eventually deploy new features with confidence. Each one serves a different purpose in the development lifecycle, or a different audience.

Some of these environments will help users gain early, hands-on exposure to and familiarity with CWS-CARES, and support CWS-CARES go-live readiness activities without impacting live data.

We have made several of these environments available to county users. The slide that follows includes more details about each one, including:

- Activity Name,
- Environment name,
- Intended Purpose/Usage,
- Intended Users/Audience,
- Access & Duration, and
- Associated Teams Channel or Contact.



Available Environments

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Activity Name	Environment Name	Purpose/Usage	Users/Audience	Access & Duration	Teams Channel or Contact
Sandbox	V1Readiness	County sandbox activities	Implementation team, County Child Welfare Staff, Probation, County Admins	Access is provided in cohorts (groups). Counties will have continued access once provisioned.	CARES Implementation Team mailbox: CARES Implementation
Data Conversion & Validation	V1DCVAL	Data Conversion Validation activities	County Child Welfare Staff, State users	Access provided during planned Data Conversion Validation Cycles for a limited time.	CARES Data Conversion: CWDS Data Conversion
County Forms, Reports, and Data Extracts	CARES102 (County Development)	County forms development and validation, County reports development and validation, Data Extracts testing and validation	County Developers, State users	Access is provided in cohorts (groups). Counties will have continued access once provisioned.	CARES Forms Workgroup: OTSI CWDS CARES Forms CARES Analytics Transition Workgroup (CAT): CWDS Analytics Transition CARES Data Extracts: CWDS CARES Data Extracts



Additional Environments (Future Use)

These environments will be made available & counties will be given access when the planned activities begin. More information will be made available as details are confirmed.

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EUST3 & beyond	V1EUST	Extended User Scenario Testing (EUST)	County Child Welfare Staff, Probation, Admins, State users	Access provided during planned EUST Testing for a limited time.	CWS-CARES EUST 3 Feedback Channel – More details will be provided closer to EUST 3 start date.
Process Simulation	CARES100 (V1DCQA)	Process simulation – testing against converted data	County Child Welfare Staff, Probation, County Admins, County Developers, State users	Timeline: TBD. Counties will have continued access once provisioned.	TBD
Milestone User Feedback, Potential Future Use TBD	V1Staging	Historically , this was used for EUST1 testing and milestone user feedback. This may be used for future testing.	TBD	Access may be provided during planned activities for a limited time (TBD)	More details will be provided closer to activity start date.