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Taking the Quality Analysis Tool for a Test Drive (Hands On Session)

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Objective

- Experience what the Quality Analysis Tool can do for your verification process.



During this session

1. List the reasons why using the software may be of benefit to your school.
2. Identify the characteristics of 2 reports and successfully print 2 reports.
3. Review Tool Enhancements for 2003-04.
4. Identify resources to provide help and guidance.



What is the Quality Analysis Tool?

- A verification Tool
- Part of the EDE Suite Software
- Available free to all schools:
 - Download from sfadownload.ed.gov
- Analyzes FAFSA data:
 - Compares two transactions
 - Reports on frequency and impact of corrections



The Design of the Quality Analysis Tool

- What are the most frequently changed ISIR fields?
- What is their impact on EFC and Pell Eligibility?
- Who should be verified?
- Who could be left alone?
- How could the institutional process be more efficient?



Your President requests...

A school's dilemma...

☞ Let's imagine that ...



Getting Started with the Tool

- Using the tool involves 4 required steps:
 1. Download the Software from
(sfadownload.ed.gov)
 2. Set up the Software
 - Set-up the Field Increment – Parent's AGI
 - Set-up Query – Grade Level
 3. Import ISIR's – EDEExpress or Mainframe
 4. Validate Data



ANALYSIS

Let the Fun Begin

- Participant Exercise 1 - Run the Field Change Report.
- Review the Report
- Identify ISIR fields that warrant further analysis.



Let the Fun Continue

- Participant Exercise # 2 – Run the Field RANGE Report.
- Identify income ranges where EFC changes are concentrated.
- Run the Field Range Report by Grade Level.
- Discuss Verification Outcomes.



Your President also requested...

- Consumer Information recommendations
Discuss the List-EFC Change by Student Report for Worksheets A,B and C.
- Discuss verification outcomes.



Tool Enhancements for 2003-04

- Name change from Quality Analysis Tool to ISIR Analysis Tool.
- Incorporate the use of the Verification Tracking Flag into reports and query function.
- Allow prior year setup, user defined queries, and custom formats to be carried forward from 02-03.



Tool Enhancements Continued

- Include summary data on verification reports that provides detail on the verification tracking flags applied to the records in the database.
- Names of existing reports have been changed to make them intuitive to the user.
- New release date – May 2003



Resources

- <http://qaprogram.air.org> or
<http://sfa4schools.sfa.ed.gov>
- 1. Web Videos
- 2. ISIR Guidance
- 3. The Guide to Attain, Sustain and Advance Quality
- 4. sfadownload.ed.gov



Related Sessions

- Related Sessions at the EAC
 1. Session 9 – CPS Edits, Verification selection and FSA Quality Analysis Tool
 2. Session 12 – Which, Who, How and So What: Using the Quality Analysis Tool
 3. PC Lab



Questions

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