

AI Matching Engine Database Fix

Issue Summary

The AI Matching Engine feature was failing with a 500 error because the required database tables (`MatchRequest`, `MatchResult`, `MatchFeedback`) were never created. While the Prisma schema defined these models, no migration was generated to create the actual database tables.

Root Cause Analysis

1. Database Tables Missing

- **Error:** The table 'public.MatchRequest' does not exist in the current database
- **Cause:** No migration was created for the AI matching engine tables
- **Impact:** The entire matching feature was non-functional

2. Field Name Consistency

VERIFIED: Code is already consistent across frontend and backend

- Frontend (`/src/app/dashboard/find-care/page.tsx`): Uses `moveInTimeline`
- Backend API (`/src/app/api/family/match/route.ts`): Expects `moveInTimeline`
- Prisma Schema: Defines `moveInTimeline`
- **No field name mismatch exists in the current code**

Solution Implemented

1. Created Migration for AI Matching Tables

Location: `prisma/migrations/20251216000000_add_ai_matching_engine_tables/migration.sql`

What it creates:

-  `MatchStatus` enum (PENDING, COMPLETED, FAILED)
-  `FeedbackType` enum (THUMBS_UP, THUMBS_DOWN, PLACEMENT_CONFIRMED)
-  `MatchRequest` table with all required fields:
 - Budget preferences (`budgetMin`, `budgetMax`)
 - Medical conditions array
 - Care level
 - Preferences (gender, religion, dietary needs, hobbies, pets)
 - Location (`zipCode`, `maxDistance`)
 - Timeline (`moveInTimeline`)
-  `MatchResult` table:
 - Stores individual match results
 - Fit score (0-100)
 - Match factors breakdown (JSON)
 - AI-generated explanation
 - Ranking
-  `MatchFeedback` table:
 - User feedback on matches
 - Feedback type

- Notes
- All foreign key constraints with CASCADE delete
- All required indexes for performance

Safety Features:

- Idempotent design using `IF NOT EXISTS` patterns
- Can be run multiple times without errors
- Handles edge cases gracefully

2. Verified Deployment Configuration

Checked: `package.json` scripts

```
"start": "npm run migrate:deploy && next start"
"migrate:deploy": "prisma migrate deploy"
```

- Migrations will run automatically on Render deployment

3. Verified Schema Relationships

Checked: All Prisma model relationships

- `Family.matchRequests` → `MatchRequest[]`
- `AssistedLivingHome.matchResults` → `MatchResult[]`
- `AssistedLivingHome.matchFeedback` → `MatchFeedback[]`
- `User.matchFeedback` → `MatchFeedback[]`

Files Modified

New Files Created

1. Migration SQL:

- `prisma/migrations/20251216000000_add_ai_matching_engine_tables/migration.sql`
- Comprehensive idempotent migration
- 200+ lines with proper error handling

2. Documentation:

- `AI_MATCHING_ENGINE_FIX.md` (this file)

Deployment Steps

Pre-Deployment Checklist

- [x] Migration SQL created and reviewed
- [x] Prisma schema verified
- [x] Field names consistent across codebase
- [x] Foreign key relationships verified
- [x] Indexes added for performance
- [x] Idempotent design implemented
- [x] `package.json` scripts verified

Deployment Process

1. Commit Changes:

```
```bash
```

```
git add prisma/migrations/20251216000000_add_ai_matching_engine_tables/
git add AI_MATCHING_ENGINE_FIX.md
git commit -m "fix: add database migration for AI matching engine tables

• Create MatchRequest, MatchResult, MatchFeedback tables
• Add MatchStatus and FeedbackType enums
• Add all required foreign keys and indexes
• Idempotent design for safe deployment
```

Fixes database error: 'MatchRequest table does not exist'

Resolves #[issue-number] if applicable"

```

1. Push to GitHub:

```
bash
git push origin main
```

2. Render Auto-Deploy:

- Render will automatically detect the push
- Build process will run `npm run build` (includes `prisma generate`)
- Start process will run `npm run migrate:deploy` (applies migrations)
- Application will start with new tables available

Post-Deployment Verification

1. Monitor Render Logs

Check for migration success:

```
Running Prisma migrations...
Applying migration '20251216000000_add_ai_matching_engine_tables'
Migration applied successfully
```

2. Test AI Matching Feature

1. Navigate to: <https://carelinkai.onrender.com/dashboard/find-care>
2. Fill out the 4-step form:
 - Step 1: Budget & Care Level
 - Step 2: Medical Conditions
 - Step 3: Preferences
 - Step 4: Location & Timeline
3. Submit form
4. **Expected:** No 500 error, redirect to results page
5. **Expected:** See matching homes with AI-generated explanations

3. Verify Database Tables

If you have access to database console:

```
-- Verify tables exist
SELECT table_name
FROM information_schema.tables
WHERE table_schema = 'public'
AND table_name IN ('MatchRequest', 'MatchResult', 'MatchFeedback');

-- Verify enums exist
SELECT typename
FROM pg_type
WHERE typename IN ('MatchStatus', 'FeedbackType');

-- Check indexes
SELECT indexname
FROM pg_indexes
WHERE tablename IN ('MatchRequest', 'MatchResult', 'MatchFeedback');
```

Rollback Plan

If deployment fails:

Option 1: Revert Migration (If Applied)

```
# Connect to Render PostgreSQL
# Run SQL to drop tables
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS "MatchFeedback" CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS "MatchResult" CASCADE;
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS "MatchRequest" CASCADE;
DROP TYPE IF EXISTS "FeedbackType";
DROP TYPE IF EXISTS "MatchStatus";

# Mark migration as rolled back in _prisma_migrations table
DELETE FROM _prisma_migrations
WHERE migration_name = '20251216000000_add_ai_matching_engine_tables';
```

Option 2: Revert Code

```
git revert HEAD
git push origin main
```

Technical Details

Migration Timestamp

- **Format:** 20251216000000 = 2025-12-16 00:00:00
- **Naming:** add_ai_matching_engine_tables

Database Schema Changes

```
-- Tables Created: 3
MatchRequest      -- Stores user preferences and match requests
MatchResult       -- Stores individual home matches with scores
MatchFeedback     -- Stores user feedback on matches

-- Enums Created: 2
MatchStatus        -- PENDING, COMPLETED, FAILED
FeedbackType       -- THUMBS_UP, THUMBS_DOWN, PLACEMENT_CONFIRMED

-- Indexes Created: 13
-- Foreign Keys Created: 6
```

Field Types

- **String fields:** TEXT for IDs (CUID format)
- **Decimals:** Precise decimal types (10,2 for money, 5,2 for scores)
- **Arrays:** PostgreSQL TEXT[] for string arrays
- **JSON:** JSONB for match factors (faster querying)
- **Timestamps:** TIMESTAMP(3) for millisecond precision

Confidence Assessment

High Confidence Areas

1. **Migration Creation:** Comprehensive SQL with error handling
2. **Schema Consistency:** All models and relationships verified
3. **Field Names:** Confirmed `moveInTimeline` used consistently
4. **Deployment Process:** Automatic migration execution configured
5. **Safety:** Idempotent design prevents duplicate table errors

Medium Confidence Areas

1. **Testing:** Cannot test locally due to no database connection
2. **Production Data:** Unknown if any existing partial data needs cleanup

Recommendations

1. **Monitor First Deployment:** Watch Render logs closely during migration
2. **Test Immediately:** Run full AI matching flow after deployment
3. **Check Foreign Keys:** Verify Family and AssistedLivingHome tables have data
4. **Performance:** Monitor query performance with new indexes

Success Criteria

-  Migration applies without errors
-  Tables created successfully
-  AI matching form submits successfully
-  Match results displayed to users
-  No 500 errors in production
-  OpenAI explanations generated correctly

Next Steps

1. Commit changes to git
 2. Push to GitHub
 3. Monitor Render deployment
 4. Test AI matching feature
 5. Verify database tables exist
 6. Document any additional issues found
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