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National Juvenile Information Sharing Initiative

Managing and Sharing Data

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- **NJISI** innovated juvenile information sharing as an approach to share ‘**need to know**’ information across juvenile justice, child welfare, foster care, mental health, substance abuse treatment and other youth service agencies; designed and developed **Guidelines for Juvenile Information Sharing**.
- The Guidelines provide research based standards and methods for achieving juvenile information sharing; and created a data model for **juvenile justice information exchanges** – Juvenile XML Data Model - **JJXDM**.

What is Information Sharing?

Information Sharing: Information sharing is the ability to conduct multijurisdictional, multidisciplinary exchange of information. This capability includes the *routine sharing* of information.

Juvenile Information Sharing: The sharing of essential information between multiple agencies and across systems using ‘structured processes’ and procedures to improve outcomes for youth and families.

Information Sharing

Consists of the ability to perform the following functions:

- Identify stakeholders to be incorporated into information flow. *(multiple agencies)*
- Identify and develop purpose, rules, procedures and data elements for sharing. *(structure)*
- Exchange information to determine a common operating picture or set of needs. *(improve outcomes)*



National JIS Initiative - NJISI

- The purpose of the ***National JIS Initiative (NJISI)*** is to
 - improve procedures and policies of information sharing across state and local agencies, and with youth and juvenile services within communities.
 - Assist state and local agencies through its technical assistance capacity in the implementation of improved strategies, processes and proven technology standards that will improve services, coordination and outcomes for children youth and families in their jurisdictions.
- In FY 2009 & 2010, CND piloted ***OJJDP's Guidelines for Juvenile Information Sharing (2006)*** in two sites, a local juvenile justice assessment center and a state level collaboration in the State of Colorado.
- In 2011, the revised Governance Guidelines for JIS were published based on findings from the pilot sites. CND will utilize the modified **NJISI Governance Guidelines** as part of the implementation strategies with **NJISI sites through technical assistance.**



Juvenile Information Sharing National Guidelines & Standards

National JIS Guidelines

- Provides national standards for information sharing to juvenile and at risk youth serving agencies and organizations
- Common ground for procedures and policies
- Understanding of tasks and responsibilities
- Encourages collaboration
- Unifies efforts for improving services for children, youth and families
- Builds on successes of jurisdictions by sharing methodologies; MOU's; privacy and confidentiality strategies

Pilot Site – Local Jurisdiction

Jefferson County Juvenile Assessment Center

- Local pilot for JIS Guideline implementation
- Tested juvenile data model using the National Information Exchange Model – NIEM
 - Used information from JCJAC to develop Children Youth and Family Services domain data
- Implemented proof of concept data exchange
 - mental health screening instrument
- Developing education, health related exchanges & treatment exchanges for implementation – using CYFS model

Accomplishments

- Better understanding of information sharing process because of long standing collaborative.
- Local site has advanced quickly in all areas of JIS.
- Identified training needs during the pilot project along with critical information exchanges needed by all agencies within the multiple agency collaboration.
- Working towards implementation of other data exchanges between local agency and state human services department.

Pilot Site - State Jurisdiction

Colorado Children Youth Information Sharing Initiative – CCYIS

- State pilot for NJIS Guideline implementation
- Developing state standards on policy and procedures for information sharing
- Coordination between Governor's office and partnering agencies:
 - Human Services
 - Mental Health Providers
 - Substance Abuse Providers
 - Department of Public Safety
 - Judicial
 - Court
 - Probation
 - Department of Education
 - State
 - District
 - Department of Public Health & Environment

Accomplishments

- State has adopted NJIS Guidelines
- Multiple agency collaborative has created a **de facto** juvenile and youth state governance structure and communication strategy
- Designing privacy and confidentiality protocols at the state level
 - Partnering with Attorney General Office & Privacy Officer
 - Identified Local & National resource – Kempe Center
 - Working through HIPAA & FERPA with schools and treatment providers
 - Developed legal analysis using state statutes and federal regulations for identification of privacy and consent issues.
- Working with State Agencies on priority data exchanges
- Level of complexity is greater at state level - which equals more time & resources



National JIS Development

National Juvenile Information Sharing model includes:

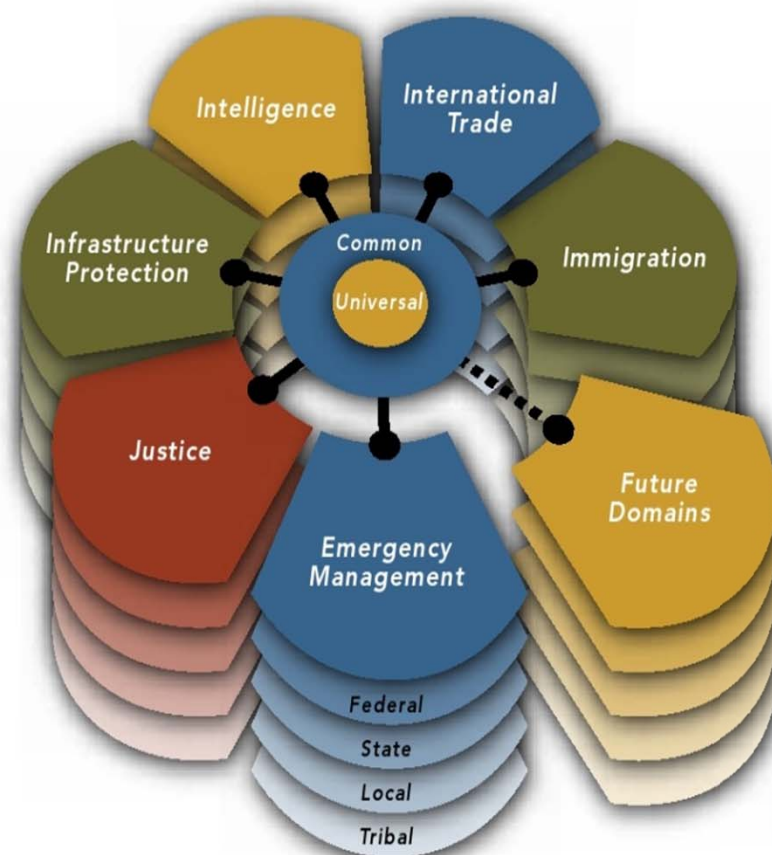
- ✓ Mental Health
- ✓ Human Services / Child Welfare
 - ✓ Child Protection, Domestic Violence
- ✓ Treatment Services
- ✓ Foster Care
- ✓ Parent / Guardian
- ✓ Education
 - ✓ Includes Special Education
 - ✓ IEP
- ✓ Law Enforcement
- ✓ Dependency / Neglect
- ✓ Child in Need of Care
- ✓ Diversion
- ✓ Detention/Corrections
- ✓ Probation
- ✓ Juvenile / Family Court

NIEM

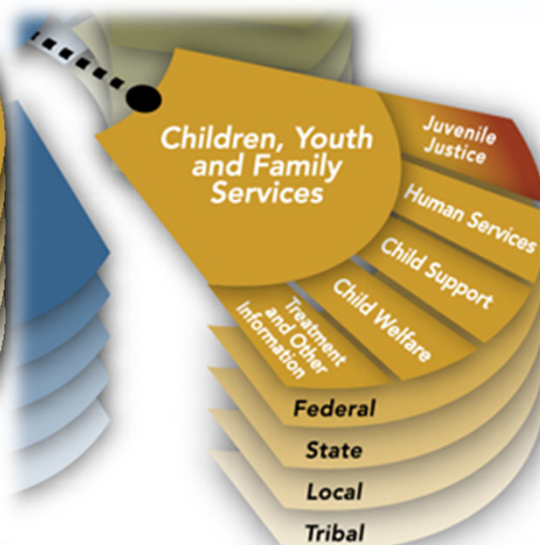
National Information Exchange Model – NIEM

- Partnership between DHS and DOJ
- Enables information sharing as part of current business practices
- Stakeholders from relevant communities work together to define necessary information exchanges
- Supports information exchange/information sharing standards throughout the nation

National Information Exchange Model



- Incorporated other domains outside of justice
 - Immigration
 - Intelligence – FBI
 - **Children Youth and Family Services – New Domain**



Why Should We Care?

- Juvenile and Youth Agencies are at the table at the Federal, State and Local levels
 - Adds insight to the needs of children and youth
- Information sharing **is key** to effective decision making
- Standards have been repeatedly requested by juvenile and youth agencies – now there is a specific domain for children, youth and families for the PURPOSE of sharing information efficiently and effectively
- The youth model is based on **actual information** exchanges that support day-to-day information sharing needs/processes across all levels and jurisdictions/organizations
- Working with families and youth for their voice in the process

States & Jurisdictions Adopting NJIS

Hawaii – State of Hawaii Attorney General’s office – JJIS project

- Implementing NIEM with prosecutor’s and law enforcement
- Received TTA and NJIS training
- Legislation developed for information sharing – working with *Wrap Around Service Model* and *Justice and Public Safety* to better share information
- NJISI working with Hawaii on privacy, consent issues

States & Jurisdictions Adopting NJIS

California – Interagency Council for Children and Families

- Combined two efforts – ICCF & Office of Education
 - Attempting a county wide information sharing system including education
- Legislation passed to govern information sharing across agencies
- Requesting TA on introduction to XML, NIEM and JJXDM
- Requesting privacy and confidentiality feedback

States & Jurisdictions Adopting NJIS

Missouri Juvenile Justice Information System

- Adopted JIS Guidelines and NIEM protocol
- Established Juvenile Information Governance Commission
- Collaboration successful
- Mental Health Services
 - Confidentiality and Privacy

States & Jurisdictions Adopting NJIS

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

- Service Provider Alliance
 - Collaboration
 - Information sharing around services for homeless, health, housing/shelter for underserved population in Northern New Mexico
- Worked with NJIS to develop a solid governance structure for information sharing

States & Jurisdictions Adopting NJIS

Loudoun County, VA

- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
 - Data Collection – aggregate data
- Contacted NJIS for information sharing and privacy concerns
- NJIS working with collaboration to identify updates in state statutes and federal regulations on privacy and consent



Resources and Information

- NJISI's Field Kit for Information Sharing and Governance Guidelines for Information Sharing
<http://www.juvenileis.org/>
 - New training programs: Privacy and JIS, Re-Disclosure, FERPA and HIPAA; Revising FERPA and Juvenile Justice publication – includes issues that cross systems when sharing information about children, youth and families

- Participating as faculty with Georgetown University's Information Sharing Certificate Program
<http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/certprogs/informationsharing/certificateinformationsharing.html>

- *What do Youth and Parents Think About Information Sharing?*
Publication on www.juvenileis.org

Questions?

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