

Colorado Statewide Information Sharing Initiative

What you need to know about information sharing

“to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of State government, citizen service delivery and policy-making by providing guidance and recommendations on how the State should govern and manage data and data management systems.”

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CCYIS Showcased at Three National Conferences

The **National Juvenile Information Sharing Initiative** (NJISI) presented at three conferences this quarter – the American Probation and Parole Association in Chicago, IL, National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) Training Event in Philadelphia, PA and, the National OJJDP Conference in National Harbor, MD. The [Colorado Children Youth Information Sharing \(CCYIS\)](#) initiative was showcased at all three conferences, discussing the development of the statewide collaboration, its diverse membership, its local and state leadership and its most recent achievements of developing a governance structure and strategic plan, implementation of its communication plan, the analysis of local, state and federal information sharing rules through its Privacy Committee, the identification of consent as a key issue and role in the responsible and appropriate sharing of information for Colorado’s children, youth and families and the identification and creation of priority data exchanges using NIEM protocols.

Juvenile Information Sharing is getting a lot of national attention – with the newly released [Governance Guidelines for Juvenile Information Sharing](#) by the Center for Network Development (CND) through the NJISI and with the assistance of the CCYIS. The state of Colorado was a pilot site for the implementation of the 2006 version of the *Guidelines for Juvenile Information Sharing*. Through the pilot project with the CCYIS modifications and enhancement of the initial guidelines were identified and implemented. This provided CND with a vetting process for the guidelines that was not available before. The new guidelines were tested and revised to reflect the lessons learned from its Colorado pilot project. The *Governance Guidelines for Juvenile Information Sharing* have useful tools linked to the guidelines that will also be available in a downloadable format and a JIS Readiness Assessment that will provide users of the instrument an assessment of their level of readiness along with suggestions of where [training and technical assistance](#) may be needed and provided by CND. For more information go to www.juvenileis.org

A Note from the CCYIS Chair

The CCYIS Collaborative is wrapping up a strategic plan reflecting priority activities for the upcoming nine to twelve months. The strategic priorities are: 1) Identify and create the elements of a core record of information collected on children and youth; 2) Determine the top ten data exchanges between various public systems that serve children, youth and families; 3) Identify inconsistent information sharing policies and prepare recommendations for achieving consistency; and 4) Plan for a stakeholder summit on children and youth information sharing in 2012. Integrated into each priority is strategic change management and managing for sustainability.

Through the Governor’s Office of Information Technology, the CCYIS Collaborative is coordinating with related efforts, such as the work on the unique identifier for early childhood and the universal application across state departments.

The Privacy Committee of the CCYIS Collaborative is examining data exchanges through “use case” scenarios and has already identified gaps and inconsistencies with regard to informed consent. In particular, there is no consistent guidance in state statute regarding informed consent. The CCYIS Privacy Committee is identifying best-practice principles for informed consent and ways to help streamline the use of informed consent across various disciplines in Colorado.

A series of focus groups were conducted with parents and youth with regard to sharing of information. A summary of results will appear in an upcoming issue of this newsletter. Also, a review was completed of Colorado state statute on information sharing and applicable federal laws with an emphasis on information sharing relative to serving children and youth (HIPAA, FERPA, 42 CFR). The results of this review are being utilized as part of the work of the CCYIS Privacy Committee.

It is exciting that the CCYIS initiative continues to garner attention at the national level and among federal agencies. In August, the work of the CCYIS Collaborative was highlighted as part of a national Webinar sponsored by the Forum for Youth Investment (www.forumfyi.org). The Webinar is archived online at <http://forumfyi.org/content/webinar-archive-art-ef>.

José Esquibel, Chair
CCYIS Collaborative



Update from OIT
Colorado Information Marketplace (CIM)
By Sherri Hammons, CTO, State of Colorado

The Chief Technology Office of the Governor's Office of Information Technology has begun a pilot project around the concept of a Colorado Information Marketplace (CIM). The goal of the project is to take advantage of the great work in progress in various pockets within the state around information exchanges. The CIM will offer a centralized repository for cataloging available data, to increase reuse of existing information exchanges and provide a place for new information to be shared. In addition, the CIM provides the framework for data sharing initiatives, including an enterprise framework from the Government Data Advisory Board, as well as outlining a framework for data stewards and data custodians.

Information availability will improve the state's decision making by leveraging information across agencies that were previously not available. It will also ensure security and privacy, by standardizing compliance frameworks across the state. Agencies or entities interested in participating in a pilot are asked to contact [Sherri Hammons](#), Chief Technology Officer at OIT.

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Morgan County Crossover Youth Practice Model

By Allie Miller, 1451 Coordinator, Morgan County

Morgan County has established a team to carry out the Crossover Youth Practice Model. The team consists of representatives from SB94, Mental Health, Department of Human Services, School District, Probation, Judicial, and House Bill 1451/Collaborative Management Program. One main area of focus is evaluating a memorandum of understanding between agencies in order to effectively communicate with each other, as well as a common informed consent to release information. While the HB 1451 collaboration already has these documents in place, the team is charged with revising and streamlining the sharing of information to best serve high risk youth and families. We are excited to take this project on and explore how we can help improve the lives of youth who find themselves in multiple systems!

Quick Links

Upcoming CCYIS Meetings

11/16/2011 @ JCJAC
9:00 to 11:00 AM

12/21/2011 @ JCJAC
9:00 to 11:00 AM

1/18/2012 @ JCJAC
9:00 to 11:00 AM

Resources

[National Juvenile Information Sharing Initiative](#)

[Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\)](#)

[Bureau of Justice](#)

National Agency News

[Texas Counties Launch First Common Juvenile Justice Database](#)

[Partnerships Between Massachusetts Schools and Probation Officer are Key in Juvenile Cases](#)

[Zero Tolerance Misses The Mark](#)

[New York Judge Calls for Major Reforms in State's Juvenile Justice System](#)

Publications

[Juvenile Information Sharing Guidelines](#)