Global JXDM for Juvenile Justice

 In early 2004, as a result of grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice, the Integration Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute formed the Juvenile Extensible Markup Language (XML) Committee to review the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) Justice XML Data Model (Global JXDM) for application to the juvenile justice domain. The Committee's work originated from an existing Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) endeavor, the Juvenile Integrated Information Sharing to Prevent Delinquency project. This project initiated a review of the Global JXDM for juvenile and at risk youth jurisdictions. The Committee's objective was to identify specific extensions that should be made to the Global JXDM to facilitate the exchange of information related to juvenile justice.

The Committee began researching and gathering information on other jurisdictions' and organizations' efforts to develop XML tags for the juvenile and at-risk youth community. Through this process, the Committee discovered that other projects had been implemented specific to juvenile justice and these would provide excellent opportunities for collaboration. As a result, the Committee has developed a collaborative agreement for the purpose of sharing project information between agencies and foster participation. One such implementation is the Child Welfare XML Working Group, Administration of Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, who has agreed to share information and to allow mutual committee participation between Child Welfare and the Juvenile XML Committee.

Through their research, the Committee has also identified jurisdictions that are in the initial planning and development stage of defining juvenile XML data tags and schemas. These include local and state agencies.

Committee membership includes Committee Chair Stephanie Rondenell, ACG, Inc.; Greg Pierce, NETdelivery; and Terrie Bousquin, Greacen Associates, LLC.

Future plans include the coordination of the development of reference documents that can be shared as a model of specific and critical exchanges of information between agencies and organizations engaged in juvenile justice.

Once completed, the Justice XML standards and schemas will be registered and available through the Justice Standards Clearinghouse for Information Sharing (JSC), located at the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice, Information Technology Initiatives Web site.

On August 16-18, 2004, the Committee will be sponsoring a workshop for both industry and government participants in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This session will bring together industry and subject-matter experts from jurisdictions that are interested in implementing XML-based information exchanges using the Global JXDM.

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