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Highlights of recent accomplishments:

- Over the past year OJJDP has elevated Information Sharing related issues and activities to heretofore unprecedented degrees of attention and senior-level oversight.
- It has taken a number of steps to both reinvigorate and strengthen its relationships with the federal government's NIEM (National Information Exchange Model) and Global Information Sharing initiatives, although OJJDP has partnered and provided resources in furtherance of these Initiatives since their inceptions.
- Our recent activities have included: workshop presentation at the NIEM National Training Event last summer in Philadelphia, PA; organizing at our National Conference last October several highly-publicized Information Sharing workshops and a practitioner-focused Listening Session addressing barriers, accomplishments, concerns and current decision-making; and instituting OJJDP representation on the Global Standards Council (GSC).
- Through our National Juvenile Information Sharing Initiative, OJJDP activities have included:
 - Joining with federal partners (BJA and HHS) to 'harmonize' data from OJJDP's juvenile justice, at-risk youth data model with the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) data —thus establishing a new Children, Youth, and Family Services (**CYFS**) domain in the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM);
 - Design and revision of OJJDP's ***Governance Guidelines for Juvenile Information Sharing*** to ensure decision-makers and multi-agency collaborations have access to proven information sharing protocols when developing cross system information sharing collaborations that are involved with children, youth and families;
 - Addressing the needs of the juvenile justice and at risk youth community in the areas of privacy and consent through the development of online legal search tools, legal matrices that cross reference state laws and federal regulations and online training on Privacy Concerns and Juvenile Information Sharing;

- Conducted ten (10) focus groups with youth and families involved with multiple systems to discuss outcomes around privacy and confidentiality and information sharing. A focus group report was published containing recommendations from these groups on how to improve the sharing of information;
- Developing new and needed information exchanges and documentation for distribution to the juvenile and child welfare community;
- Working with two statewide initiatives (Colorado, Hawaii) on juvenile information sharing between multiple agencies that work with children and youth involved with multiple systems; and,
- Responding to technical assistance requests from over 10 states related to governance structure, privacy, consent, HIPAA, FERPA, information exchanges, sustainability planning and pilot site development.

Items of Interest, Grant Announcements, etc.

- The DOJ-chaired Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention this past year established a new Committee on Information Sharing with the mandate to examine and address information sharing barriers across juvenile justice, child welfare and education at the federal level, reduce ambiguity about real and perceived confidentiality barriers, and help tribal governments, state and local systems exchange appropriate information regarding at-risk youth while ensuring privacy protections.

Co-Chaired by senior-level DOJ OJJDP and recently-named Department of Education Privacy Office leadership, the Committee has begun identifying information sharing issues from the juvenile justice field for submission to the CCJJD for discussion and review.

An update will be provided on May 11th at the next quarterly CCJJD meeting on initial steps being taken to address needed revision of Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines for juvenile justice activities, programs and facilities.

- Online tools and webinars have been developed to assist juvenile justice and at-risk youth communities with understanding and using the National Information Exchange Model, privacy and consent webinars when working with FERPA and HIPAA;
- A National Field Kit with reusable templates, sample governance structures, strategic plans, use cases and legal analysis tools will be released by OJJDP's national juvenile information sharing initiative within the next 30 days;

Recent Publications:

Governance Guidelines for Juvenile Information Sharing, December, 2011.

http://www.juvenileis.org/guidelines_flash.html

What Do Youth and Parents/Guardians Think About Information Sharing?, December, 2011.

<http://www.juvenileis.org/publications.html>

The Important-But- Risky Business of Information Sharing. October, 2011.

http://www.juvenileis.org/documents/JIS_Update.pdf

NJISI Readiness Assessment Results: NJISI Project Advances Locally, Regionally & Nationally. October, 2011.

http://www.juvenileis.org/documents/NJISI_Readiness_Assessment_Report.pdf

Upcoming Events:

- Statewide Training – State of Hawaii, April 16th and 17th, 2012.
- Re-disclosure of HIPAA, FERPA Information and Juvenile Justice, a Webinar: June, 2012.
- Privacy Concerns and Juvenile Information Sharing, an online training event: June, 2012.
- On May 11th, 2012 the next meeting of the CCJJD will feature an update from its new Information Sharing Committee.

Other:

- OJJDP is gathering input from the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) — supported by OJJDP and composed of appointed representatives of the nation’s State Advisory Groups (SAGs) — regarding juvenile justice system-related FERPA revision issues for its April 20, 2012 webinar-based meeting.
- Current plans are to revise the 1997 OJJDP publication, ‘Sharing Information: A Guide to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and Participation in Juvenile Justice Programs’ over the Summer months with release scheduled before fiscal year end.