

Information Sharing Tool Kit

Improving outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system through responsible information sharing

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The Tool Kit website is designed to assist jurisdictions in creating and implementing information and data sharing initiatives to achieve better outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

The Tool Kit guides users to undertake three distinct levels of information and data sharing:

Category One: Information sharing for purposes of individual case planning and decision-making. This involves the collection and sharing of personally identifiable information to better coordinate case planning on behalf of individual children and their families.

Category Two: Data collection and sharing for law, policy and program development. The goal in Category Two is to develop aggregated data on the characteristics of specific case populations to improve policies and practices and better coordinate responses involving multiple agencies.

Category Three: Data collection and sharing for program evaluation and performance measurement. The goal of Category Three is to develop aggregated data to measure performance and the effectiveness of programs and practices designed to improve child and family outcomes.

Each category contains:

- A comprehensive federal law overview
- Interactive scenarios based on real-life situations to test your knowledge of the law
- Multiple **tools** including templates for interagency agreements and sample release forms
- **Principles** or positive values for responsible information sharing
- Step-by-step **guidelines** to develop and implement an information/data collection and sharing project
- Case studies from various jurisdictions



How can I collect data to determine if our diversion program is working?



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