## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 17-04

## Access to Juvenile Justice Data

WHEREAS, the District's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative ("JDAI") is an interagency initiative to track and analyze juvenile justice data for the purpose of identifying trends and to support prevention, coordination, and intervention. The JDAI Data Committee is the body that examines and exchanges juvenile justice data and consists of the following partnering agencies: Family Court of the DC Superior Court, Family Court's Court Social Services Division, Child and Family Services Agency, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, Metropolitan Police Department, Office of the Attorney General, Public Defender Service, Department of Human Services and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Juvenile Justice Committee, which identifies, adopts, and implements juvenile justice policies and practices based upon the JDAI data; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Superior Court of the District of Columbia Administrative Orders 02-30 and 08-22, the partnering agencies have agreed to share, solely among the JDAI Data Committee participants, confidential juvenile information in order to conduct comprehensive analyses of juvenile justice data; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council ("CJCC") is tasked with coordinating and facilitating the information sharing process for this initiative among the partnering agencies and will gather, inspect, copy, compile and analyze including, but not limited to, juvenile case records, juvenile social records, and police/other law enforcement records of juveniles;

## **NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**ORDERED**, that the Executive Director of CJCC shall provide the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia a written list of the CJCC employees authorized to access juvenile case records pursuant to this order and shall update the list as necessary; and

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the partnering agencies' authorized personnel provide data pertinent to the JDAI Data Committee including, but not limited to, juvenile case records, juvenile social records, and police and law enforcement records of juveniles in the delinquency system charged with gun offenses so that the CJCC may compile and analyze, pursuant to Administrative Order 02-30, D.C. Code §§4-1405 (c), 16-2331, 16-2332 and 16-2334 (a)(2); and

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that authorized employees of the CJCC be permitted to gather, inspect, copy, and analyze all information including, but not limited to, juvenile case records, juvenile social records, and law enforcement records, pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 4-1405 (c), 16-2331, 16-2332 and 16-2334 (a)(2), of juveniles in the delinquency system, in order to conduct research and evaluate the juvenile justice reform efforts of the JDAI initiative; and

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that no final analyses or reports prepared by CJCC staff shall contain any information from which it would be possible to identify any party, witness, social worker, judicial officer, or other person contained or mentioned in the juvenile records and, once pertinent analyses and reports have been prepared, CJCC staff shall delete any such identifying information from all of its records and shall retain no copies thereof, paper or electronic; and

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the compiled information may be viewed by the partnering agencies during JDAI meetings; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that data and information compiled by the authorized employees of CJCC pursuant to this order may be shared with the Juvenile Justice Committee to accomplish JDAI juvenile justice reforms but shall not be distributed otherwise or disclosed to other persons or organizations without further order of the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, see D.C. Code §§ 16-2331 (g) and 16-2332 (e); and

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any request to distribute or disclose such data and information to other persons for purposes other than JDAI shall be made by the CJCC to the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SO ORDERED.

Date: February 6, 2017

Robert E. Morin, Chief Judge

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