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Information and Data Sharing Reform

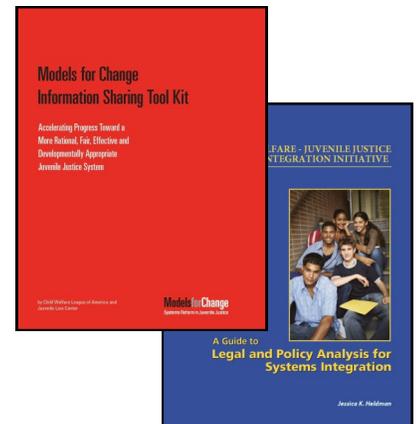
There are a myriad of local, state, and national laws and policies governing the exchange and sharing of data, information, and records for youth and families involved in juvenile justice and related youth-serving systems. Through the support of the MacArthur Foundation, and in close partnership with the Juvenile Law Center (JLC), Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice staff developed a model framework to address this complex issue. This work has resulted in the development of publications, resources, webinars, a certificate program, and on-site training and technical assistance. The RFK National Resource Center, led by Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, advances this work through the continued development of resources and educational offerings.

The utilization of the following publications and tools has resulted in federal and state statutory reform, state and county information sharing resource guides, and a cadre of tools, resources and instructional curricula that support development of important information sharing agreements, data sharing agreements, and new policies, practices, and protocols.

Information Sharing Tool Kit

By Janet K. Wiig, John, A. Tuell, Lourdes Rosado, and Riya Shah
(Child Welfare League of America and Juvenile Law Center, 2008)

A Guide to Legal and Policy Analysis for Systems Integration By
Jessica Heldman (Child Welfare League of America, 2006)



“With assistance from RFK Children's Action Corps, we set out to improve communication by providing a better understanding of what information should be and may be shared among service providers and agencies... the overall process has enhanced the level of collaboration and improved access to and quality of services for youth and families.”

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In addition to the guidance provided by these resources, the RFK National Resource Center is developing, with the support of an expert Advisory Group, an online curriculum for lawyers (guardians ad litem, prosecutors and public defenders) and agency legal counsel. This curriculum, available in 2015, will broaden and increase participants' knowledge and understanding of relevant federal laws, regulations, and constitutional protections, and will provide guidance on researching and interpreting state statutes specifically in the resolution of permissions and restrictions pertaining to information sharing for juveniles experiencing involvement in multiple youth-serving systems.

Also in 2015, the Juvenile Law Center and the RFK National Resource Center are releasing an updated, online version of the Models for Change Information Sharing Tool Kit to capture the most current techniques, laws and policies (e.g., Uninterrupted Scholars Act) that impact this area of work.

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