



**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**  
**AND**  
**THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this agreement is to outline data sharing guidelines between the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to allow for the mutual sharing of research data to promote enhanced decision support, data quality, and services to Florida's youth and families.

**Background:**


With ever increasing demands and limited resources, it is critical that we continue to improve our ability to assess the changing landscape of Florida's juvenile delinquent population more quickly and with greater precision. This requires the development of comprehensive data structures and continuous improvement in data quality. This cooperative agreement will allow both agencies to augment existing data structures thereby providing a more complete picture of our at-risk population.

DJJ and DCF each collect valuable data relating to Florida's juvenile delinquency population. The DJJ Office of Research and Data Integrity currently maintains research extracts in IBM/SPSS datasets and flat-file formats representing a wide array of delinquency information. DCF maintains Florida Safe Families Network. Individually, these data are invaluable for providing management decision support, intelligence gathering, outcome evaluation and policy research within each agency. However, through data sharing and cooperative research projects, new data structures and intelligence can be acquired that would otherwise not be possible.

**Security, Public Access and Dissemination:**

The parties acknowledge their separate obligation to perform this agreement in compliance with the requirements of the Florida Statutes, including the Public Records Law, Chapter 119, F.S., statutes relating to delinquency records, Section 985.04 *et seq.*, F.S., statutes relating to criminal history records, Section 943.05 *et seq.*, F.S., and with other applicable statutes that govern a specific subject or constitute express exceptions to the requirements of Section 119.07(1), F.S., by making certain categories of records confidential, exempt from disclosure, or accessible as prescribed by statute. The DCF agrees to share Child Protective Investigation and Child Welfare service data collected by the agency, including individually-identifiable records, with the Department of Juvenile Justice for the purpose of official research and in compliance with the above cited statutes. The Florida DJJ agrees to share state, county, local, and individual level data collected by the agency with the DCF for the purpose of official research and in compliance with the above cited statutes. The parties acknowledge that the data exchanged between agencies has been provided for official purposes and that public access to such data is limited to the purposes stated in the request and prescribed by statute. The parties therefore agree, to the extent permitted by the Public Records Law, to refer third parties requesting limited-access data to the originating agency for the purposes of ensuring the most complete, accurate and timely delivery of information to the

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DCF Initial 

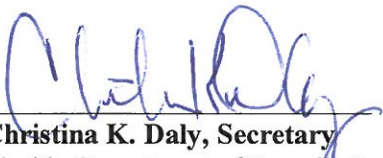
requesting party. Both parties further agree to disseminate data only in compliance with the restrictions on disclosure imposed by reason of the confidential or exempt status, and in recognition of the method of access, provided by law. Unless otherwise required by law, the parties agree to never disclose client identifying information, to publish data only in aggregate form, and to provide advance copies of publications involving another agency's data for review by that agency.

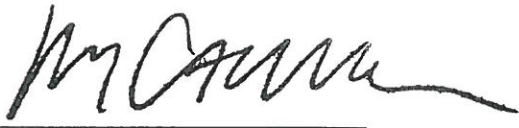
The parties agree to work cooperatively toward research data development and agree to share those data as authorized by and between the two agencies. The State of Florida will benefit from this agreement by obtaining extensive system-wide data describing an offender's experience with law enforcement, the courts and the juvenile justice system. In addition, it is expected that these cooperative efforts will stimulate new ideas that will lead to improvements to current transactional systems. This new understanding between the DCF and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice shall be in the interests of both parties and the citizens of the State of Florida.

**Term of Agreement:**

This Agreement shall begin on September 1, 2015, or the date on which it is signed by both parties, whichever is later, and shall end at midnight on September 1, 2018. In the event this Agreement is signed by the different dates, the latter date shall control.

This Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by either agency by providing written notice to the Secretary of the other agency.

  
Christina K. Daly, Secretary  
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

  
Mike Carroll, Secretary  
Florida Department of Children and Families

Date: 9/3/15

Date: 9/11/15