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Christina:

As you requested, I have provided a short summary of the juvenile information sharing work that has been ongoing under the National Juvenile Information Sharing Initiative (NJISI) for the NIEM PMO's presentation.

As you may recall from our discussions, the National Juvenile Information Sharing Initiative (NJISI) is a cooperative grant agreement with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (**OJJDP**) to help state and local level jurisdictions improve information sharing practices. NJISI innovated juvenile information sharing as an approach to share 'need to know' information across juvenile justice, child welfare and other youth service agencies; designed and developed the **Governance Guidelines for Juvenile Information Sharing**, which provides research based and field tested standards and methods for achieving juvenile information sharing; and created a data model for juvenile justice information exchange and uses the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) as the protocol for its data exchanges between multiple youth serving agencies. The purpose of the **National JIS Initiative (NJISI)** is to improve procedures and policies of information sharing across state and local agencies, and with youth and juvenile services within communities. NJISI utilizes these models, standards and strategies with **NJISI test sites**, two located in the state of Colorado. The two sites in Colorado have been working through privacy, consent and information sharing procedures that will serve as standards in the state of Colorado for juvenile information sharing.

The State of Colorado has been very active with information sharing between multiple agencies that work with children and youth. There are several efforts such as the Colorado Children Youth Information Sharing (CCYIS) collaboration, Child Support and Judicial Collaboration Project and the Child Welfare SACWIS Data Sharing Initiative with the State Judicial department. All of these efforts utilize the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) for data sharing. The Colorado Data Information Sharing is a project that allows courts and the Colorado Department of Human Services' Child Support Enforcement Units to exchange data in administrative process cases. This project is for families who depend on timely execution of administrative process action child support orders. The DISH project is an electronic case filing and information exchange program allowing child support enforcement and the courts to exchange data electronically. This solution expedites child support orders, reduces redundant data entry, reduces dependencies on paper, and improves data accuracy.

Additional information about our program can be found on our website at: www.juvenileis.org.

Thank you Christina, and let me know if you require any further information.

Regards,

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