

**3.9 Sharing of Court Records Among Juvenile Courts.** There is established a statewide system for providing juvenile court legal case information on individuals to juvenile courts for the sole purpose of ensuring effective rehabilitation, disposition, supervision and treatment of juveniles. The Council of Juvenile Court Judges, through its presiding judge and executive director, shall ensure that information disseminated on individuals is used solely for these purposes. It is the express intent of the Council that individuals' prior juvenile court histories shall not be used for investigative purposes.

For purposes of this rule the term "legal case information" means information contained in petitions, complaints and allegations related to cases within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. "Legal case information" shall also mean demographic data on the subject child or children in whose interest a complaint or petition has been filed.

The Council may receive legal case information from juvenile courts for the purpose of compiling and maintaining a statewide database on children referred to juvenile court. Juvenile courts shall submit through their clerks case information to the Council, in a timely fashion and in a manner and form prescribed by the Council of Juvenile Court Judges.

Upon request, the Council may provide data from any or all juvenile courts on a child's prior juvenile court cases to individual juvenile courts in which a complaint or petition has been filed. Such data shall only be used for the purposes of making intake and detention decisions and appropriate dispositions of current cases. Such statewide information shall only be:

- Child's I.D.#
- Case #
- File #
- County #
- Child's Name and AKA's
- Child's Age, DOB, Sex, Race
- With Whom The Child Lives (parents, relatives, etc.)
- Child's Phone Number (residence and business)
- Child's Address
- Mother's Name
- Mother's Address (if different from child)
- Mother's Phone Number (residence and business)
- Father's Name
- Father's Address (if different from Child)
- Father's Phone Number (residence and business)
- Legal Custodian's Name (if different from parent)
- Legal Custodian's Address, Phone Number
- Complaint(s)
- Complaint(s) Types
- Date Offense Committed
- Date Complaint Filed

Referral Source  
Detained or Placed (location, date, time)  
If Released: Date, Time  
Date Petition Filed  
Complaint or Petition Amended  
Date of Adjudicatory Hearing  
Results of Adjudicatory Hearing; Offense and Type  
Disposition Date  
Disposition(s)  
Person Who Made Disposition  
Whether Case is Appealed  
Findings on Appeal

Such statewide information shall be requested from the Council only by officers of the court designated by the chief judge and approved by the Council's executive director. Each officer, thus approved, shall be given a unique identifier which shall be registered in a log kept by the Council and which must be used in requesting information. Officers of the court who may be approved to request such information are limited to the judge, the clerk of the court or employees of the clerk of court, a court-employed intake or probation officer, or a court service worker assigned to provide probation or intake services to the court. Unique identifiers shall be changed periodically and whenever designated court officers or employees of the Council authorized to release statewide information are terminated. Information from cases in which the child has been acquitted shall not be released to any court other than the reporting court. This shall also apply to an adjudicated offense overturned by an appeals court.

Legal case information transmitted to the court shall be filed with the clerk of the juvenile court, who shall be ordered to maintain a record of such information. Such information shall not be open to public inspection; but inspection of the record shall only be permitted to the judge, intake officer, probation officer, or court service worker assigned to the case. Dissemination of such information to unauthorized parties or use of such information for purposes other than authorized in this rule shall be grounds for termination of employment with the Council, user agency, or the court. Intentional dissemination or receipt of legal case information for purposes not authorized in this rule shall be punishable by the civil contempt power of the court.

When it appears to the Council that any court has not instituted sufficient procedural safeguards to ensure the privacy and security of juvenile court histories, the Council, through its presiding judge and executive director, shall not release any further information until that court demonstrates that adequate safeguards have been instituted.

After a child has been committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice, a copy of the legal case information of the person committed may be furnished to the agency receiving custody of the person for the sole purpose of establishing treatment or rehabilitation plans. Such information shall remain confidential.

The Council may permit authorized representatives of recognized organizations compiling statistics for appropriate purposes to inspect and make abstracts from prior juvenile court histories under conditions to be determined by the Council. Statistical information thus released shall not include a child's name nor the names of the child's parents or legal custodian.

All juvenile prior histories shall be destroyed within six months after a child reaches age 25.