

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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PERMITTING THE EXCHANGE OF) Administrative Order
CONFIDENTIAL JOLTSAZ AND ICIS) No. 2019 - 146
DATA CONCERNING DEPENDENT)
MINORS BETWEEN THE ARIZONA)
SUPREME COURT, ADMINISTRATIVE)
OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND THE)
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD)
SAFETY)
_____)

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) maintains the Juvenile On-line Tracking System (JOLTSaz). JOLTSaz is the statewide juvenile probation case management system for records kept during the time a juvenile is on probation. Additionally, JOLTSaz is the dependency court data system. Fourteen of the Arizona Juvenile Courts use JOLTSaz. iCIS is the case management system used for probation and dependency data tracking in Maricopa County. AGAVE is the case management system used by Pima County. These records are closed from public inspection. [See Rule 123(d)(1), Rules of the Supreme Court, and Rule 47, Rules of Procedure of the Juvenile Court.]

Rule 123 “govern[s] public access to the records of all courts and administrative offices of the judicial department of the State of Arizona.” [See Rule 123(a).]. This rule also contains specific authorization for employees of government agencies and private organizations serving a public purpose to be granted “such access to court records as required to serve that purpose according to this rule or as provided by any supplemental supreme court policies or court order.” [See Rule 123(c)(6).] Rule 19, Rules of Procedure of the Juvenile Court, governs information kept in the legal and social files in delinquency cases, and Rule 47 governs release of information in dependency cases.

The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) provides that custodians of court or probation records may provide case records or data to federal, state, tribal, and local government agencies and private organizations, the objective of which is to serve a public purpose, such as criminal justice, child welfare, licensing, mental health treatment, or research for scholarly or governmental purposes. [See ACJA § 1-606: *Providing Case Record Access to Public Agencies or to Serve a Public Purpose.*]

The Arizona Department of Child Safety (ADCS) desires to enter into an information sharing agreement that would automatically provide ADCS with court data related to their dependency cases.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution, Rule 19 and 47, Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court, and Rule 123, Rules of the Supreme Court.

IT IS ORDERED that the AOC is authorized to exchange data with ADCS pursuant to an Information Sharing Agreement. AOC will provide data from JOLTSaz, iCIS, and AGAVE which contains juvenile justice and dependency information as described in the agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as a condition of receiving JOLTSaz data under this Order, ADCS shall secure from public access all data provided by the AOC. ADCS shall use this data only as described in the Agreement.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2019.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice