

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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ACCESS TO RECORDS AND) Administrative Order
INFORMATION CONCERNING) No. 2016 - 17
DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT)
MINORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF)
RESEARCH BY AMERICAN)
INSTITUTES FOR RESEARCH)
_____)

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) has submitted a formal proposal for research entitled *Examination of Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice Processing in Arizona, 2013-2014*. This research is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has accepted this proposal and entered into an agreement with AIR entitled *Research Data Sharing Agreement* (Agreement). Under the Agreement, data for the study shall be extracted from the Juvenile On-Line Tracking System (JOLTS), specifically JOLTS, JOLTSaz and iCIS, including data derived from dependency records along with juvenile status and delinquency offenses closed to the public or protected as confidential.

It is anticipated that the Court will benefit from this study by gaining empirical knowledge on Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) across Arizona. This knowledge will assist policymakers in determining the extent of disproportionality at various decision points, possible factors contributing to that disproportionality, and appropriate strategies and interventions. The proposed project builds on the DMC Assessment Study for the State of Arizona conducted by researchers at Arizona State University and completed in 2014.

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

IT IS ORDERED that the Juvenile Justice Services Division of the AOC is authorized to extract data identified in the Agreement from the JOLTS system and provide the data to AIR.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that AIR shall secure all JOLTS data from public access and shall not copy the data or use the JOLTS data for research not authorized by the Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all confidential information provided under this Administrative Order shall be maintained by AIR in strict compliance with all applicable confidentiality requirements including A.R.S. § 8-807, Rule 19, Rules of Procedure of the Juvenile Court, and Rule 123, Rules of the Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that AIR shall return the data extract provided by the AOC to the Court for destruction upon completion of the agreement within thirty (30) days of the study completion.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2016.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice