Data Use and Confidentiality Agreement

This agreement is between the Administrative Office of the Juvenile Court (AOJC), the Massachusetts Probation Service (MPS) and the Department of Youth Services (DYS).

The AOJC, with the assistance of the MPS, will provide confidential juvenile delinquent case information as specified in an email request dated March 14, 2019, by David Chandler, Ph.D, to the DYS for purposes of a Detention Utilization Study. The study’s objective is to look at key descriptive and geographical differences of youth held at DYS detention at the time of arraignment compared to those youth who did not enter detention.

The DYS may use confidential consultants to analyze and document the data. The DYS will take appropriate measures for all of the confidential juvenile delinquent case information to be securely transferred and stored and for said information to remain confidential and not further disseminated by any person at DYS or any consultant employed by DYS to analyze and document data for the Detention Utilization Study. The DYS will save the data on the DYS secure server and will only use it for the purposes of the Detention Utilization Study. The final report to be produced through this study will not contain any identifiable, confidential client specific information, but will only report aggregate data. The DYS agrees to share a final draft of this report with the AOJC and MPS prior to its release, and agrees to include clarifying language or caveats at the request of the AOJC or MPS, which may be documented as coming from the AOJC or MPS if contrary to the opinions of the DYS.

Signed and agreed to this 13th day of January, 2020.

Department of Youth Services
Juvenile Court

Peter J. Forbes
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